



**September 2019**

**2019 / 2020 Season**

**Application for block approval: U6's - U18's Age Grade cross-border fixtures**

At its discretion, North Midlands RFU is prepared to grant block approval to its member clubs to play Age Grade (i.e. under 6 to under 18 inclusive) cross border fixtures without the requirement for further specific authorisation.

Applicants should please note that Tours, Festivals & Tournaments lie outside the scope of this block approval, and that a separate application on the appropriate form is required for each and any such event.

Written approval to play cross border fixtures is issued by the Honorary Secretary of the North Midlands RFU by way of a letter addressed to the applicant club.

When required, this letter may be used as proof of approval to the host union of the cross-border club. Given the geography of the North Midlands Constituent Body it is anticipated that in the majority of cases this will be the Welsh Rugby Union.

Before any approval is granted a declaration of agreement to respect the conditions of approval must be signed and dated by both the applicant club's Chairman and the Chair of its Mini & Junior Section.

There are 6 conditions of approval:

1. That the fixture(s) to be played is/are in all aspects compliant with RFU Regulation 15 – Age Grade Rugby and guidelines made thereunder
2. That all aspects of Safeguarding be considered and implemented, including fixture arrangement, travel and play.
3. Evidence of approval by the hosting club's Union is received by the club before the fixture is played.
4. Team coaches to identify and agree appropriate Age Grade Rules of Play (see RFU Regulation 15) and/or applicable variations to World Rugby Laws in advance of play commencing.
5. Circumstances of any breach of discipline, or matter giving rise to a safeguarding concern in such cross-border fixtures are to be reported to the Honorary Secretary as soon as reasonably possible, and in any case no later than 48 hours following such an occurrence.
6. A list of all fixtures played in cross border matches must be maintained and a copy forwarded to the Honorary Secretary at the end of the season

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert Bray'.

Robert Bray  
**Honorary Secretary**

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**1. Name of applicant club:**

**2. Identity of person submitting application:**

**Name:**

**Role within club:**

**Contact Details:** (phone)  
(email)

**3. Age group(s) to which this application applies:**

**4. Relevant host union:** Wales / Scotland / Ireland *(delete as appropriate)*

**5. Declaration:**

*“On behalf of the applicant club, I confirm that on each occasion a cross-border match is played by a team within the scope of this application that there will be adherence with conditions 1-6 detailed in the explanatory letter above. I understand that failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in any block approval being withdrawn”.*

*“The club undertakes to ensure that a separate application is made to the North Midlands RFU Honorary Secretary in respect fixtures played outside the scope of this application; and notes that authorisation to participate in cross-border Age Grade Tours, Festivals and Tournaments must be sought by way of a separate application”.*

Signatures:

Person submitting application:.....

Club Chairman: .....

Club Mini & Junior Section Chair:.....

Date of application: .....

**Please scan & email completed form to Robert Bray, Honorary Secretary, North Midlands RFU**

**[northmidsrfu@gmail.com](mailto:northmidsrfu@gmail.com)**

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