



Cheshire Rugby Football Union

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AGE GRADE INFORMATION BULLETIN September 2018

Age Grade Calendar

Please click on the link below for the Age Grade Calendar that has been agreed by all parties (RFU, Cheshire RFU, & Cheshire Schools) Please ensure your club keeps to the calendar when arranging fixtures. You will need to enlarge it to view it.

<https://cheshireru.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Cheshire-RFU-Age-Grade-Master-Calendar20182019.pdf>

National Club Festival Permissions:

If your club is planning a festival where the participants are drawn from more than just neighbouring CB's and there are more than six entrants then the club will need to apply for permission to hold the Festival. – Guidance and the application form are attached to the email.

In accordance with the RFU guidelines – all applications will be approved by a Cheshire RFU sub-committee comprising of John Downham, Paula Bradbury, Hugo Corbett and Andrew Soutar

Regulation 15 / Tours & Codes of Practice

- “The RFU Regulation for the 2018/19 season, describing the requirements and limitations on mini and juniors playing rugby, including playing up/down and in/out of season activity, is available here: [RFURegulation15 English](#)
- The RFU Code of Practice for the 2018/19 season, describing the Player Centred approach, is available here: [codesofpractice English](#)
- Outgoing Tours, note that the RFU have changed their guidance on outgoing tours for the younger age groups – outgoing tours are allowed for all age groups as long as they are within the defined season (with appropriate permissions). Only U14s and above are allowed an outgoing tour out of season.
- Clubs who are organising festivals or other competitions, please note the requirements to obtain permission from the CB (ie. Cheshire) contained in Regulation 15.”

Half a Game – Has your club considered this proposal?

The RFU are this year asking clubs, schools and colleges to ensure that every Age Grade player gets at least half a game, in all games.

“We think this is a really positive step and something which sets us apart from other sports. Most importantly it's what the players tell us they want – to play rugby, with their friends, not being sat on the bench.”

Click on the link below for FAQs and downloadable resources about Half A Game

<https://www.englandrugby.com/my-rugby/players/age-grade-rugby/half-game/>



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Cross-Union fixtures

Just a reminder that if any of your teams are either receiving or visiting teams from another Union – permission will need to be sought from the Hon Secretary John Downham. (johndownham57@sky.com)

<https://cheshirerfu.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Cross-Union-approval-guidelines.pdf>

Age Grade Discipline

When a junior player playing in an Under 18 match sent off by a Society Referee, Association Referee or Club Referee the following information must be sent to the CB Age Grade Secretary John Downham.

Player's Full Name

Date of Birth

RFU No

What the player was sent off for (if known)

Please note the player is immediately suspended from all rugby until the club have held their hearing and the suspension has been acknowledged.

Citings

The RFU has this year issued Citing charts (click on link below) to assist clubs with both the process and appeals both are attached to this bulletin. If you require any guidance, then please contact the Disciplinary Secretary John Downham (johndownham57@sky.com)

<https://cheshirerfu.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Club-Citing-flow-chart-and-appealprocess.pdf>

John Downham

Hon Sec

Cheshire RFU

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