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U19 GAME MANAGEMENT GROUP GUIDE TO MINI, JUNIOR & YOUTH RUGBY



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A. Terms of Reference

1. Name

1.1 The organisation shall be called the District ... U19 Game Management Group (“The U19 Game Management Group”).

2. Affiliation

2.1 The U19 Game Management Group is part of the Welsh Rugby Unions administrative structure to support the pathway for players in Wales and shall be affiliated to the Welsh Rugby Union Limited (“The WRU”).

3. Objectives

3.1 The U19 Game Management Group shall promote, foster, encourage and control the development of rugby for boys aged 6 to 19 years and girls aged 6 to 18 years who play for Clubs/Cluster Centres in the geographic area of their U19 Game Management Group.

4. Membership

4.1 The U19 Game Management Group shall be composed of the Clubs/Clusters in membership of it.

4.2 Clubs/Clusters in the geographic area of the U19 Game Management Group must become a member of the U19 Game Management Group before their mini, junior or youth teams start to play rugby.

4.3 To become a member of a U19 Game Management Group a Club/Cluster must be:

4.3.1	Within the geographic area of the U19 Game Management Group.
4.3.2	Able to register at one age group sufficient players to make a team at that age group and those players must not be registered with other Clubs.
4.3.3	Proposed and seconded to be a member by Clubs which are existing members of the U19 Game Management Group.
4.3.4	The minimum number needed to register a new team is 15 players for a youth team (U19), 15 players for a junior team (U12 – U16) and 10 for a mini team (U7 – U11) *This can be across 2 age groups (other than U8/9 due to the tag/contact split)**Game can be played at reduced numbers from the pathway recommendations

4.4 When a Club/Cluster has been admitted by the U19 Game Management Group as a member, the Guidance Officer of the U19 Game Management Group shall inform the WRU’s Regional Rugby Manager (regional specific) within 14 days of that admission.

4.5 Member Clubs of the U19 Game Management Group agree to abide by these Terms of Reference, the memorandum and Articles of the WRU, the rules, regulations and resolutions of the WRU, the Laws of the Games and the Bye Laws, Regulations and Resolutions of World Rugby.

5. U19 Game Management Group Structure

5.1 The U19 Game Management Group shall consist of:

5.1.1	A Co-Lead
5.1.2	A Participation Group
5.1.3	A Funding Co-ordinators Group
5.1.4	A Communication Group
5.1.5	A Guidance Group



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- 5.2 The Officers of the U19 Game Management Group shall serve a minimum two-year term.
- 5.3 The Groups described in 5 (above) shall make up the U19 Game Management Group.
- 5.4 The U19 Game Management Group shall conduct full member meetings at least twice per year to a maximum of four times per year. The U19 GMG Co-Lead Officer and WRU Regional Manager will call these meetings.
- 5.5 The U19 Game Management Group shall be indemnified by the member Clubs of the U19 Game Management Group against liabilities, debts or claims that may result from decisions that were taken in good faith by the U19 GMG for the benefit of the member Clubs.

6. U19 Game Management Group Annual Forum/Expo

- 6.1 The U19 Game Management Group must hold an Annual Forum and/or Expo each year. That Forum/Expo should normally be held in the month of June, July or August.
- 6.2 Notice of the Annual Forum/Expo shall be communicated by the Guidance Representative to member Clubs via email.
- 6.3 The Guidance Representative shall give at least one month's notice of the Annual Forum/Expo to member Clubs. The notice of Forum/Expo must set out the day, time, venue and include details of items to be conducted.
- 6.4 The items to be conducted at the Annual Forum/Expo shall include:

6.4.1	Receipt and discussion of the annual report of The U19 GMG.
6.4.2	Q&A
6.4.3	Receipt and discussion of the annual statement of accounts (if applicable)
6.4.4	The election of Officers (if applicable)
6.4.5	Actions & Recommendations

- 6.5 Existing GMG Officers are expected to serve a minimum of 2 year role coverage. Nominations and/or applications for role positions will remain open throughout the above stated period. At the conclusion of the 2 years, Officers positions will be appointed/reappointed via interview process involving WRU Rugby Manager, WRU District Board Member, U19 GMG Co Lead (if applicable). Roles will be openly advertised via a full transparent process and communications.
- 6.6 Member Clubs represented at the Annual Forum/Expo shall be entitled to cast one vote each on matters for which a vote is called.
- 6.7 The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be the presence of 50% of the Member Clubs of the U19 Game Management Group at the time of the Meeting.
- 6.8 The Annual Forum/Expo should be chaired by the Co-Lead of the U19 Game Management Group or in his/her absence the nominated & suitable Representative of the U19 Game Management Group. The U19 GMG Co-Lead will need to be present in order to have a casting vote if required.



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6.9 A motion of the Annual Forum/Expo shall be carried by a simple majority of those member Clubs present except when the motion is in respect of an amendment to the Terms of Reference of the U19 Game Management Group, in which case a National U19 GMG Meeting will be required and whereby U19 GMG District Representatives present and vote shall be required for the motion to be passed.

7. Extraordinary General Meeting

7.1 If the U19 GMG Guidance Group receives a notice signed on behalf of at least two thirds of the Member Clubs requesting on Extraordinary General Meeting they shall call such a meeting.

7.2 Additionally The U19 GMG shall be empowered to call an Extraordinary General Meeting.

7.3 When calling an Extraordinary General Meeting of the U19 Game Management Group of the Guidance Officer must give member Clubs 28 days' notice of that meeting.

7.4 The Guidance Representative may serve notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting on the appointed Secretary of the member Clubs by email. That notice must set out the day, time and place of the Extraordinary General Meeting and detail the business for which the meeting has been called.

8. Amendments to the Terms of Reference

8.1 This form of Terms of Reference has been discussed and agreed by representatives of each U19 Game Management Group in Wales and approved by the WRU.

8.2 The Terms of Reference cannot be amended by one U19 Game Management Group without the agreement of two thirds majority of U19 Game Management Groups and the written agreement of the WRU's Participation & Retention Manager & WRU's Head of Rugby Participation.

8.3 If any U19 Game Management Group wishes to amend this Terms of Reference. It must submit its proposal for amendment to the WRU's Participation & Retention Manager within 14 days of the date of meeting that proposed the amendment. Within 28 days of receipt of such notice the WRU's Participation & Retention Manager & WRU Head of Rugby Participation must call a meeting of all U19 Game Management Groups giving notice of the proposal to amend this Terms of Reference.

8.4 If two thirds of those U19 Game Management Groups present at a meeting called to consider a proposal to amend this Terms of Reference agree that amend the WRU's Participation and Retention Manager will report the proposal to amend to the WRU's Community Rugby Committee. If that Committee agrees the amendment it will make a recommendation to the WRU's Community Rugby Sub Board that this Terms of Reference shall be appropriately amended. If the WRU's Community Sub Board accepts that recommendation the WRU's Participation and Retention Manager shall email all WRU member Clubs and each U19 Game Management Group to confirm that amendment. If the Rugby Committee or the WRU Community Sub Board rejects the proposed amendment the WRU's Participation and Retention



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Manager shall advise the U19 Game Management Group which proposed the amendment of its rejection and the reasons for that rejection.

9. Finance and Property

- 9.1 The Funding Co-ordinators shall keep a full record of all sums of money received and paid out by the U19 Game Management Group.
- 9.2 The accounts kept by the Funding Co-ordinators shall be passed annually to the WRU's Regional Rugby Manager who shall arrange for them to be audited and presented to the Member Clubs at the Annual Forum/Expo of the U19 Game Management Group.
- 9.3 The financial year of the U19 Game Management Group shall end on 31st May each year.
- 9.4 The money held by the U19 Game Management Group shall be logged at a Bank or Building Society in an account in the name of the U19 Game Management Group. Cheques and drafts drawn on this account shall be signed by two from the Funding Co-ordinators, the Co-Lead Officer and witnessed by the WRU Regional Rugby Manager.
- 9.5 The U19 Game Management Group shall be responsible for the care of the property owned, hired, loaned or leased by the U19 Game Management Group but subject to the indemnity for individual officers offered in paragraph 5.6 above.
- 9.6 In the event of the U19 Game Management Group being dissolved, the distribution of potential held funds will follow the protocols as outlined in paragraph section 11.

10. Discipline

- 10.1 The U19 Game Management Group has powers to deal with in conjunction with the WRU:

10.1.1	Issues that arise from player registration and transfer in accordance with the regulation set out in this Guide.
10.1.2	Disputes that may arise between member Clubs/Clusters other than in matches which relate to match discipline.
10.1.3	Disputes that may arise out of any competition, tournament or festival run by the U19 Game Management Group.
10.1.4	Actions of member Clubs/Clusters that have been deemed to bring rugby into disrepute.

- 10.2 Cases involving players who are sent off or Coaches, Officers, Supporters or Spectators of Club at matches reported by the Match referee shall be dealt with by the WRU's Disciplinary Department. For the avoidance of doubt the U19 Game Management Group has no powers to deal with match discipline and all reports of indiscipline relating to matches must be referred to the WRU Disciplinary Department.
- 10.3 When dealing with the type of case detailed in paragraph 10.1. The U19 Game Management Group must operate in an equitable fashion. Clubs involved in a dispute or individuals subject to investigation by the U19 Game Management Group must be given at least 7 days' notice of any meeting that may be held to discuss any charge or dispute. The Club or individual shall have the right to be present or represented at the meeting in which their charge or dispute shall be discussed.



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10.4 If following investigation, the U19 Game Management Group decided to impose a penalty upon a Club or individual deemed to have acted improperly, the U19 Game Management Group may punish that Club or individual by.

10.4.1	Issuing a warning or reprimand to the Club or individual.
10.4.2	Reporting the Club or individuals to the Welsh Rugby Union
10.4.3	Expelling the Club from the U19 Game Management Group

If the Group decides to punish a Club or individual the U19 Game Management Group Co-lead or Guidance Officer must confirm that punishment in writing to the Club within 7 days of the decision being made.

10.5 Clubs or individuals punished shall have the right to appeal against that decision. In the cases of individuals, they shall be supported by their Clubs and the appeal must be channelled through the Club. The right of appeal contained herein is to the WRU.

10.6 For an appeal to be considered it must be submitted by a Club/Cluster, on its own behalf or on behalf of an individual and must follow the protocols as outlined below:

10.6.1	Submitted to the WRU Regional Rugby Manager (Region of coverage) Contacts Details provided P21
10.6.2	Made within 14 days of receipt of notice of the penalty imposed by the Designated WRU Committee.
10.6.3	The appeal shall take the form that the WRU determines.

10.7 The decision of the WRU in such appeal shall be final and binding on both appellant and the U19 Game Management Group.

11. Dissolution Procedures

11.1 In the event of the U19 Game Management Group ceasing to exist and following the discharge of any debts and the liabilities the assets of the U19 Game Management Group at the time of the dissolution shall be disposed of in accordance to the decision of the Group.

11.2 If the Group fails to agree how the assets of the U19 Game Management Group shall be disposed of on a dissolution or disbandment the assets shall be sold and the proceeds of this sale together with any cash deposited with a Bank or Building Society shall be distributed in equal parts to the member Clubs of the U19 Game Management Group at the time that U19 Game Management Group was dissolved or disbanded.



B. Registration and Transfer Regulations of Mini and Junior Players

1. Registration of Mini and Junior Players

1.1 For a player to be eligible to play for a Mini or Junior team of a Club/Cluster in membership of a U19 Game Management Group that player must be registered by the Club/Cluster with the Registration Officer of the U19 Game Management Group before he or she plays. Players are eligible to register from the age of 6.

1.2 The Club registering the player must:

1.2.1	Use the player registration form for Mini and Junior players prescribed by the WRU at the time of the registration.
1.2.2	Follow the registration and transfer procedures set out by the WRU at the time of the players' registration.

1.3 In the case of a dispute with regard to the registration of Mini and Junior players, the U19 Game Management Group or a group nominated by the U19 Game Management Group has the power to deal with such a dispute in accordance with the WRU Regulation in place at the time.

1.4 Clubs in membership of the U19 Game Management Group may register up to 25 players in each age group at Junior Level.

1.5 If a Club wishes to register more than 25 players in an age group it shall make a prior application to do so to the Guidance Officer of the U19 Game Management Group. That application should be decided by the Guidance Group of the U19 Game Management Group after consultation with the U19 GMG Co-Lead. When considering such applications, the U19 GMG Guidance Group shall consider the following matters before making a decision on the matter:

1.5.1	Whether other Clubs in the locality of the applicant Club run a team at the same age group and the number of players registered with each of these teams. If other local teams are at the limit of 25 players in this age group there will be a strong case for allowing the Clubs application to extend the 25 player limit.
1.5.2	If the Club is in a location where there are no other Clubs with teams in the age group in question which would result in the "additional" player travelling some distance to play with a Club that could accommodate them within the 25 player limit there shall be a strong case for allowing the Clubs application to extend the 25 player limit.
1.5.3	The applicant Club must be able to show that it has de-registered all those players who are no longer playing at this age group ensuring that the players of this age group who are registered are all current and active players.
1.5.4	That players are not transferring to the Club from other Clubs whose team would be weakened by the transfer.
1.5.5	The applicant Club must show that it has sufficient fully qualified coaches to coach the players in the age group on the basis of the WRU's good practise recommendation which is 1 coach per 12 players.
1.5.6	The Guidance Group of the U19 GMG may impose appropriate caveats to any approval they grant. These caveats will be deemed accepted and binding if the requesting club follow through their request.



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1.6 Players registered with a Club do not have to be re-registered each season. Players will remain registered with a Club until:

1.6.1	They transfer to another Club.
1.6.2	They are de-registered by the Club.
1.6.3	They are determined to be free agents. A free agent is a player who has not played for a Club for at least one year (i.e. 12 months) and can prove that to be the case. A free agent may register with another Club and will not be counted as a transfer into that Club in the current season.

1.7 When a player has been registered by a Club/Cluster with the U19 Game Management Group, the GMG Registration Officer shall produce an ID card for that player. That ID card shall be passed to the Club/Cluster and shall be produced by the Club on each occasion that the player plays for the Club/Cluster. The ID card is intended to prove that a player is eligible to play in the age group team fielded by the Club/Cluster with which he or she is registered.

1.8 The U19 Game Management Group shall advise that the photo should be renewed on the completion of new a registration i.e. Mini to Junior renewal. Above this the U19 Game Management Group may decide the frequency with which the photographs on the ID card is updated but every effort should be made to ensure that the player can be easily identified from the photograph that appears on the ID card.

1.9 If a player is no longer available to play for a Club/Cluster or he/she decides to stop playing it is important that the Club/Cluster shall de-register the player. To de-register a player the Club/Cluster should complete the appropriate form, a copy of which is in the forms section of this guide. The Club must complete the de-registration form, this must include the reasons why the players is being de-registered. The club must then advise the player and his/her parents that he/she is being deregistered and then lodge the completed de-registration form and the players ID card with the U19 Game Management Group Registration Officer. The Registration Officer shall then complete the de-registration by taking the player from the list of players registered with the Club/Cluster. The Registration Officer shall at the end of each month forward a list of de-registered players to the WRU Regional Rugby Manager and provide for them the reasons why each player has been de-registered by the Club.

1.10 When a player has been de-registered by a Club he/she shall not be re-registered by that Club for a period of at least 2 months. By implementing this provision, the WRU shall ensure that de-registration is not used by the Club as a tool to avoid the limitations of squad numbers and the transfer regulations.



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2. The transfer of Mini and Junior Player

2.1 A player who wishes to transfer his/her registration from one Club to another must complete a transfer form, a copy of which is in the Forms section of this guide. The Club to which the player is transferring shall then certify that it is able to accept the player without exceeding the limits on the number of players in an age group squad of the number of transfers into a team in a season and it can provide at least 1 coach for every 12 players in accordance with the WRU's recommendations on good practice in this respect. If the transferring Club can provide this Certificate then when it has completed the relevant section of the transfer form it must pass the form to the Club that holds the players registration. That Club must deal with the request to transfer within 7 days. When it has completed the relevant sections of the transfer form it should be returned to the transferring Club. The transferring Club shall then lodge the complete form with the U19 Game Management Group's Registration Secretary with fully completed new registration forms for that age group. On receipt of the properly completed Transfer Form the Registration Officer shall complete the player's registration with the new Club and issue to that new Club a new player ID card.

2.2 The Club which the player is transferring from may only refuse to complete the transfer form if;

2.2.1	The transferring Club had failed to complete the certificate on the form which confirms its compliance with the WRU's regulations.
2.2.2	The player is serving a current suspension imposed by the WRU's U19 Age Grade Disciplinary Committee.
2.2.3	The player is serving a suspension imposed by the Club after an inquiry at which the player has been represented.

2.3 No more than three players shall be permitted to transfer into one age group team in a Club in a season or the period between seasons unless the U19 Game Management Group agree that transfers in excess of this three-player limit may take place.

2.4 The process of de-registration described in paragraph 1.9 above is a process for the Club/Cluster holding a player's registration to complete. It is not a process that may be instigated by a player and must not be a process used to avoid the impact of the three-player transfer rule set out in paragraph 2.3 above.

2.5 The "three" player transfer rule set out in paragraph 2.3 is a positive rule aimed to prevent the en-bloc movement of players from one Club to another. The mass movement of players can destabilise a Club and could damage its future development.

2.6 A player selected for Regional Age Grade U16s should not be allowed to transfer during the season from the club with which he was registered when selected for the Region unless that transfer is agreed by the club with which he is registered when selected and the U19 Game Management Group.

2.7 When a Club looks to set up a "new team" at an age group it must ensure that it has sufficient unregistered players (15/10). A "new team" is defined as one which the Club did not register with the U19 Game Management Group last season at the age group one year younger than the team that is now being formed.



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- 2.8 For teams in the U7 to U11 age groups (“Mini rugby”) the Club seeking to start a new team should register at least 10 players with the Registration Secretary of the U19 Game Management Group. For teams in the U12 to U16 age groups (“Junior rugby”) the Club seeking to start a new team should register at least 15 players with the U19 Game Management Group’s Registration Officer. These must either be new players to the game not registered at another club previously, or be free agents.
- 2.9 When a Club has registered the number of players required in paragraph 2.7 it must then make application to the U19 Game Management Group to register a new team. The U19 Game Management Group must confirm the registration of this new team to the Club before the new team may start to play.
- 2.10 When a new team has been registered by a Club with the U19 Game Management Group it must then serve a three month probationary period. During this probationary period no transfers shall be allowed into the new team. After the probationary period no more than three players may transfer from other Clubs to the new team unless the transferor and the transferee Clubs agree mutually that the three player limit may be extended and the U19 Game Management Group confirm this agreement.

3. Disputes and Appeals

- 3.1 If a dispute on the registration or transfer of a Mini and/or Junior players arise either Club/Cluster involved in that dispute may refer the matter to the U19 Game Management Group. At first instance the Guidance Group of the U19 Game Management Group or another group nominated by the Game Management Group shall consider the issue.
- 3.2 When a dispute arises and is referred to the U19 Game Management Group, the Guidance Group must ensure that the matter is dealt with equitably. To this end, on receipt of a request from a Club to deal with a dispute the Guidance Group shall require both Clubs to set out their cases in writing and to submit those written cases to them no later than 7 days after their request. The Guidance Group shall ensure that these written submissions are disclosed to both Clubs and then given notice of the meeting at which the matter will be dealt with. Both Clubs shall be given at least 7 days’ notice of the matter to be considered, the date, time and place of this meeting.
- 3.3 The decision taken by the U19 Game Management Group shall be conveyed by email to both Clubs involved in the dispute within 48 hours of the decision having been made.
- 3.4 If a Club/Cluster is dissatisfied with the decision taken by the U19 Game Management Group on a player registration or player transfer matter it will have the right to appeal against the decision.
- 3.5 The right of appeal for a Club/Cluster, or an individual whose case must be presented through the Club with which they are associated, is to the Welsh Rugby Union.
- 3.6 The Club appealing, or acting on behalf of an individual, must lodge the appeal within 7 days of receipt of the decision from the U19 Game Management Group.



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3.7 To be valid the appeal must be:

3.7.1	In writing/email on Club letterhead sent as an attachment to an email message.
3.7.2	WRU Regional Rugby Manager (Region of coverage) Contacts Details provided Page 21
3.7.3	It must be accompanied by a Club cheque for £100. This cheque will not be banked if the appeal succeeds.
3.7.4	The WRU will set up a panel to hear the appeal. The decision of this panel will be final and binding on all parties.



**Regulations relating to Player Eligibility
and Registration of Youth Players**

A. Youth Players (16 years to 19 years old)

A1 To be eligible to play for a Club's Youth Team a Player must be:-

A1.i At least 16 years old but no older than 19 years of age on 1st September 2017, that is a player must be born on or after 1st September 1998.

A1.ii Registered with the WRU as a playing member of that team, or

A1.iii Granted a permit by the Club for which he is registered as a Youth player

A2 To register a youth player a Club must complete the prescribed registration form. This form must be lodged with the Welsh Rugby Union by post, fax or email at least 48 hours before the player becomes eligible to play for the Club.

A3 If a player has been registered previously as a Junior, Youth or Senior player with:-

A3.i A Club in Wales, the Club wishing to register the player must obtain the approval of the Club from which the player is transferring and lodge a completed transfer form with the WRU. The completed transfer form must be lodged before the WRU is able to finalise the player's registration with this new Club.

A3.ii A Club in another Union, the Club wishing to register the player must obtain the approval of the Union from which the player is moving in accordance with World Rugby Regulation 4.6 and lodge this approval with the WRU before the registration of the player is finalised.

A4 If a player transfers after 31st January 2017 he will not be eligible to play for his new Club in National Youth League, National Youth Play Off matches or District/U19 Game Management Group Competitions after that date.

A5 A youth player who is registered by a Club after 31st January 2017, but is not transferring from another Club, will be eligible to play for that Club in National Youth League, National Youth League Play Off matches or U19 Game Management/District Cup Competitions.

A6 When registered by a Club as a Youth player the player will not be eligible to play for a Senior team of that Club when he attains the age of 18 years unless he is registered by that Club as a senior player.

A7 If a Club wishes a player who is registered with another Club to appear for it on permit it must obtain a permit from the player's Club, signed by duly authorised representatives of both Clubs and lodged with the WRU before the match in which the player appears. If a player is registered with one Youth team in a Club he may only play in a competitive fixture for the other Youth team in a Club if he is granted a permit. This permit must be lodged with the WRU before the match in which the player plays.



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A8 No more than 2 players, including those players who are registered by WRU Regional Academies as “tracked players” and another Youth team in the same Club may appear on permit for a team in the National Youth League or National Youth League Play Off match. A player who is registered only as a Senior player with a Club will not be eligible to play on permit for that Club’s Youth team, or the Youth team of another Club. A player will not be eligible to play on permit in the National Youth League for one Club on more than 5 occasions.

A9 WRU Regional Performance Manager will register players who designated as tracked players and these players will not be eligible to play for a Club in a National Youth League match or a National Youth League play off match unless the Regional Performance Manager grants that Club a permit using the prescribed permit form and that form is lodged with the WRU is compliant with regulation A7 above. A tracked player will NOT be limited to playing on no more than 5 occasions for a Club in National Youth League matches.

A10 Before a Club is accepted as a member of a U19 Game Management Group it must register with the WRU a minimum of 15 players. None of the players being so registered may transfer from another Club in Wales other than by mutual agreement. When a Club is accepted as a new member of the U19 Game Management Group it will serve a probationary period of three months before enjoying the rights and benefits of full membership of the U19 Game Management Group. During this three month probationary period no players may transfer into the probationary Club unless by mutual agreement of the two Clubs. The period of three months will be calculated from the date that a Club is accepted into membership of the appropriate U19 Game Management Group.

A11 The maximum number of Youth players that a Club which runs one youth team may register at any time in the season is 30, except if prior permission to exceed this number is obtained from the WRU Rugby Operations Manager.

A12 The maximum number of Youth players that a Club which runs two Youth teams that are both affiliated to the appropriate U19 Game Management Group, may register is 60 players, 30 players with each team, provided that those players graduate from the Club’s Junior Teams and have not transferred into the Club. A Club that runs two teams may not transfer in players from other Clubs.

A13 A Club may transfer in from other Clubs no more than 3 players in a year, that is in the period before the start of the season and the season itself. A Club that runs 2 Youth teams may transfer more than 3 players from one team to another team in the Club but to be eligible to play in competitive matches for one team in the Club the player must be registered with that team. If a player has not played for the Club with which he is registered for at least 12 months he will be deemed to be a “free agent” and will not be counted as one of the three allowed transfers into a Club if he registers with another Club. Before he may register with a new Club the player must show to the satisfaction of the WRU’s Rugby Operations Manager that he has not played for his previous Club for at least 12 months. In cases where Clubs mutually agree that a player may transfer notwithstanding that by transferring his transfer will exceed the three player transfer limit for the Club with which he registers such a transfer will be allowed provided that the transferring Club indicates that it knows that the transfer will exceed the three player limit on the transferee Club and that the transfer has received the prior approval of the WRU’s Rugby Operations Manager. In exceptional circumstances, and after full investigation the WRU’s Competition Committee may agree that more than three players may transfer into a Club’s Youth team in a season.

A14 A player who is selected for a District or Regional squad should not be allowed to transfer during the season from the Club with which he was registered when first selected for the



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District or Regional squad to another Club unless that transfer is agreed by the Club with which he was registered when selected for the District or Regional squad and the U19 Game Management Group supports the transfer.

B. De-Registration

B1 During the course of a season a Club may de-register players if they are no longer available to play for a Club.

B2 When a player has been de-registered by a Club he will not be allowed to re-register with that Club within two months of the de-registration.



C. Frequently asked questions answered

Each season matters arise which have been discussed and decided by U19 Game Management Groups or the WRU in previous seasons. To assist Clubs which may have such queries the following questions and answers have been produced. The answers given are definitive and should avoid discussion of these matter at meetings of the U19 Game Management Group.

1. Registration

Each time a player is registered by a Club with the U19 Game Management Group that Club/Cluster must follow the process set out in this guide. If a Club wishes to register more than 25 players in one age group it must make a prior application to the U19 Game Management Group and in that application set out the reasons why it is seeking to exceed the normal limit of 25 players.

2. Transfers

No more than three players may be transferred into an age group team of a Club in a calendar year for mini and juniors. If the two Clubs involved in a transfer mutually agree to transfer players in excess of this limit they must make an application to the U19 Game Management Group which must be approved before any transfers are made in excess of the three-player limit. This is applicable to mini and junior requests. All Youth requests need to be made to WRU Rugby Operations Manager.

3. Teams that disband

If a Club decides to disband a team at any age group the Club must advise the U19 Game Management Group that the team has been disbanded. At that time the registration of the players in the disbanded team shall rest with the U19 Game Management Group. The U19 Game Management Group and the WRU's Regional Rugby Manager and their staff shall encourage players who had been registered with a team that disbanded to find another Club. The Registration Officer of the U19 Game Management Group shall be empowered to register the player with a new Club of their choice and such registration may take place at any time of the year. Once registered by Registration Officer, players formerly with a disbanded team shall be eligible to play for a new Club. The Club folding the team will not be permitted to run the next age group in the following season. For example, if an U10s team is folded, the next season that club cannot run U11s.

4. Combined team

The WRU encourages Clubs with low playing numbers in an age group to combine/merge to play as one team at the age group. If Clubs are seeking to combine/merge age group teams they must seek the prior approval of the U19 Game Management Group. The U19 GMG shall guide the Clubs to take all necessary steps to ensure that the young players in the age grade teams are offered every opportunity to play regularly.

5. MyWRU

The MyWRU system has been set up to ease the administration of the clubs Audit submission. Clubs shall appoint people to use the system. It is a Clubs responsibility to check the information that appears on the system and to ensure that it is regularly updated to accurately reflect the correct information.

Queries relating to the operation of the system should be directed to WRU Club Operations Advisor – Volunteer Support and Recruitment.



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6. Discipline

Matters relating to match day discipline must be reported by Referees/Clubs/Cluster to the WRU Disciplinary Department. That Department has the sole prerogative to deal with match related disputes. Other disputes between Clubs including registration, transfers and issues relating to local competitions are for resolution by the U19 Game Management Group.

7. School and Club Issues

If issues relating to the availability of players to play for a Club team because of school rugby activities or the availability of players to play for a school because of the activities of a Club. Those issues should be referred by the Club or school affected to the WRU Regional Rugby Manager or the WRU Regional Rugby Co-Ordinator.

8. Coaching Courses

If Clubs wish to receive information on coaching courses or coach education generally they should contact their Region's WRU Coaching Development Officer.

9. Referees courses and refereeing Issues

Information on Referee courses and referee issues may be obtained from the WRU Referee Co-Ordinator



THE WRU NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE 2017/2018

COMPETITION RULES

1. Description: The Competition shall be called The WRU National Youth League

(Hereinafter "the League")

2. Form: The Competition shall be played on a league basis.

a. The League will be formed into divisions. Within those divisions Clubs shall play each other at home and away during the season, with the exception of Clubs involved in the 2017-2018 localised trials. The schedule to these rules sets out the Clubs that comprise each division of the League in the 2017/2018 playing season. The WRU National Youth League Champion Club will be declared after a series of play off matches to be played at the end of the season.

b. The play off matches will be played between the Clubs that win Divisions BA, DA, and OA. The Champion Club in the Scarlets Region will be determined by a series of play off fixtures between SB, SC and SD. The Champion Club in the North Wales Region will be determined by a playoff fixture between the winners of the NE and NW Divisions. A draw will be held to determine which Divisional winners will play in Play Offs 1, 2 and 3

The venues for Play Offs 1, 2, 3 and 4, (the Final) shall be neutral venues and shall be decided by the WRU Competitions Management Committee.

The winner of the final shall be declared to be WRU National Youth League Champions.

The winners of each playoff match shall be:

- (i) The Club that has scored the greater number of points at the end of a match.
- (ii) In the event of an equal number of points being scored by each Club at the end of the match the winning Club shall be declared in the following priority:-
 - The Club that has scored the greater number of tries
 - The Club that has scored the greater number of goals

No extra time shall be played in play off matches in which the scores are equal at full time.

If the Clubs remain tied after applying (i) and (ii) above the winning Club will be determined by a sudden death place kick competition.

3. Eligibility

a. Clubs

The Clubs that participate in the League shall be invited to do so by the Welsh Rugby Union.

b. Players

- i) To be eligible to play in the League a player must be under 19 years old on 31st August, that is born on or after 1st September 1998 and must be at least 16 years old. No player will be eligible to play in the League unless he is a registered member of the Club for which he plays and the registration has been properly completed with the



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Welsh Rugby Union or a permit has been granted by his parent Club allowing him to play for another Club in the League or he is registered with a Regional Academy as a “tracked player” playing on permit for a Club (see iv below) or an “on the day” loan of players has been agreed between the Clubs in the manner hereinafter described.

- ii) A player who transfers from one Club to another will be eligible to play for his new Club in the League provided that:-
- The transfer and registration request is received by the WRU in accordance with the WRU Player Registration and Transfer Regulations.
 - The transfer and registration request is received by the WRU no later than midnight on 31st January 2017.

A player who transfers after the 31st January 2017 will not be eligible to play for his new Club in the League unless specific authority is granted by the Competitions Management Committee of the Welsh Rugby Union.

- iii) Players may play on permit in the League provided that a player registered with one Club does not appear in more than 5 League matches for the same other Club during the season. Each permit must be submitted in line with the Player Registration and Transfer Regulations.

A Club may play no more than two players on permit in a match with the exception of WRU “tracked” players referred to in sub clause iv the number of which may exceed two on the condition the “tracked” players are returning to their club of origin.

Permits will be allowed for a player who is registered as a Senior player with a Club to play for that Club’s Youth team providing it is the same club. However, a permit will not be allowed for a player registered only as a Senior player with one Club to play for another Club’s Youth team in a League fixture.

- iv) Players who are designated as “tracked” players shall be registered with the Rugby Operations Manager by the Regional Performance Manager. If the Regional Performance Manager so decides the tracked player may play on permit from him for a Club in the Youth League. Tracked players will not be limited to 5 appearances on permit for a Club in a season
- v) On the day of a match if one Club is short of players it may be loaned players by the opposing Club. There will be no limit on the number of “on the day” loan players allowed to play in a League fixture.

4. Entry conditions

Clubs participating in the League must conform to:-

- a. the rules contained herein
- b. the Memorandum and Articles of Association of The Welsh Rugby Union Limited and the Regulations and Resolutions of the Board of the WRU Limited
- c. the Bye Laws, Resolutions and Regulations relating to the Game of the World Rugby to include any trials as adopted by the WRU.



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- d. the Laws of the Game (the World Rugby Under 19 Laws will apply to this League).
- e. The Welsh Rugby Union Player Registrations and Transfer Regulations

5. Responsibility for Organisation

1. The League will be organised and administered by the Welsh Rugby Union.
2. The Welsh Rugby Union shall carry out the organisation and administration of the League through WRU Rugby Operations Manager.
3. The WRU's Competitions Management Committee shall consider matters of policy and settle disputes relating to the rules contained herein as they arise.
4. When cases of an urgent nature occur the Chairman of the Competitions Management Committee, in consultation with the Rugby Operations Manager, shall have absolute discretion to deal with these cases whether provided for herein or not. Decisions made by the Chairman of the Competitions Management Committee and the Rugby Operations Manager in such cases shall be binding.
5. A Club shall have the right to appeal to a Sub Committee appointed by the WRU Board of Directors against a decision of the Competitions Management Committee provided that the appeal is made in writing, addressed to the WRU Administration Manager accompanied by a cheque for £100 made payable to the WRU and received by the Administration Manager of the WRU no more than 10 days after the decision made by the Competitions Management Committee is delivered to a Club.
6. A member of the Competitions Management Committee will be entitled to attend any appeal to provide the rationale for the original decision taken. The representative of the Competitions Management Committee will not be a voting member at the appeal.

6. General Rules

a. Fixtures

- i. All League fixtures should be played and each Club should complete its programme of League fixtures.
- ii. **All Clubs must submit electronic team sheets for every match in the Competition.** Team sheets must be submitted prior to the start of a match and must identify players on permit, loan or dual registration and their parent Club/Regional Team. The Team sheets must also identify the tight head, loose head replacements. In addition, the Team sheets must identify the Head Coach of each team.
- iii. Matches in the League should be played to full time except in cases where a team gains a 50-point lead as described in rule 6 h. iii. Abandoned matches must be replayed unless the Clubs mutually agree that a result may stand and that agreement is endorsed by the Rugby Operations Manager.
- iv. League matches must be played on the designated dates unless postponed because of ground or weather conditions or postponed by mutual consent of the participating Clubs.



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- v. Postponed or abandoned matches must be rearranged and played no later than 30th April 2018 subject to point aii above. Notice of the agreed rearranged date must be sent by both Clubs to the Rugby Operations Manager in writing within 10 days of the original fixture date. If after 14 days Clubs fail to follow this procedure the Rugby Operations Manager will set a date for the new fixture and advise both Clubs accordingly.

b. Declaration of Winners

The winners of a match will be the team that has scored the greater number of points at the end of the match.

League points will be awarded as follows:-

Win - 4 points

Draw - 2 points

Additionally, a bonus point will be awarded to a team that wins a match by 10 points or more and to a team that loses a match by 10 points or fewer.

c. League Placings

Divisional placings will be decided based on League points gained in the season. Where Clubs have gained an equal number of League points the Club that has recorded the most wins shall be given preference. If the number of wins are equal the higher place will be determined by the results between the two Clubs in the League, the Club that won those two matches, or if the Clubs have won one match each then the Club with the most points scored in the two matches will take the higher place. If the Clubs are still equal then the Club with the higher points ratio will be the higher placed Club. The points ratio will be decided by dividing the points scored by a Club in the Youth League season by the points scored against that Club in that season.

If at the end of a season all matches in the Division have not been played and it is not possible to determine the Divisional Champion Club in the manner set out in the previous paragraph that Champion will be decided by dividing the League points gained by the league matches played and the team with the highest ratio will then be the Champion Club.

d. Duration of Play

Each match will be of 70 minutes playing time, which is 35 minutes each half (Laws of the Game – U19 variations). At half time, an interval of no more than 10 minutes is allowed.

e. Match results

The referee must submit electronically the result of a match within 24 hours following a match.

f. Protests and disputes

Protests and disputes arising from League fixtures or the operation of the League must be made in writing to the Rugby Operations Manager, each protest or dispute must be accompanied by a fee of £100. This fee may or may not be refunded. The Competitions Management Committee will be convened to consider such protest or dispute.

g. Penalties and Sanctions



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The Competitions Management Committee may in cases where it finds a Club in default of the rules herein have authority to impose sanctions upon a Club. The Competitions Management Committee also has the discretion to suspend any sanctions as it deems appropriate. The range of the available penalties shall be:-

The deduction of League points.

- ii. The imposition of a fine
- iii. The suspension of a Club
- iv. The relegation of a Club from the Division at the end of a season
- v. Expunging a Club's playing record for the season

h. Miscellaneous Provisions

I. If a Club elects to play with uncontested scrummages that Club will not forfeit the match. League matches may start using uncontested scrummages provided that a Club gives at least 24 hours prior notice to the opposition. The Club electing to play with uncontested scrummages must make every effort to forewarn the opposition of its intention giving at least 24 hours' notice to the opposition of this intention. If a Club elects to play with uncontested scrummages in 3 successive League matches the WRU may investigate the availability of suitably trained front row forwards in that Club and recommend ways in which the Club can in future play with contested scrummages.

The team electing to play with uncontested scrummages will be allowed to use substitutes.

ii In the event of a team being short of players and there being no "on the day loan" players available matches can be played with a minimum of 12 players per team. In circumstances where one Club is unable to raise 15 players the opposing Club's team shall comprise the same number of players at the start of a match.

iii. In the event of a Club in a Youth League fixture gaining a 50-point lead over the opponent Club of 50 points the match shall stop at that time with the Club that has a lead of 50 points being declared the winner and gaining the appropriate number of League points for that victory.

iv. The League will operate a system where all Clubs will be allowed to operate a rolling substitution system. This is conditional on the safety of teams being maintained at all times and does not contradict the provisions relating to uncontested scrums and front row requirements.



Youth, Under 17 and Under 16 Age Bands 2017-18 and Flexible Pathway

Youth Rugby

In order to register as a youth player you must have achieved your 16th birthday and be under 19 years of age on the 31st August 2017. Youth rugby will be played in a league structure interspersed with friendly fixtures; these fixtures will be played pre-dominantly on a Saturday. *In addition to encourage participation, application of Round Robins, Festivals/Tournaments, usage of the GAME ON Alternative Menu variations can be utilised.*

Under 17 Rugby

Under 17 rugby will be played under a two-year age banding. To register as an under 17 player you will need to have been born between 1st September 2000 and 31st August 2002. Under 17 rugby will be played on a friendly basis with the fixtures taking place pre-dominantly on a Sunday. *Additional opportunities for participation can be utilised as per Youth Rugby*

Under 16 Rugby

Under 16 rugby will be played under a two-year age banding. To register as an under 16 player you will need to have been born between 1st September 2001 and 31st August 2003. Under 16 rugby will be played on a friendly basis with fixtures taking place pre-dominantly on a Sunday.

WRU Advice

The WRU would advise clubs that they will need to decide with the player and their parents/guardians as to which pathway is most appropriate for them. During the playing season, several players will qualify to play in each of the 3 categories. Therefore, it is essential that the right pathway is chosen for these players and they are not overburdened by playing an excessive amount of games. Players are excluded indefinitely from playing within the other pathway routes providing they met the age banding criteria. The WRU hope that by providing this flexible pathway it will give clubs the best opportunity for retaining players in the game during this challenging period for a young player.



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Half A Game

Half A Game is our framework for a more engaging and fun rugby environment that will promote positive sporting experiences for children with the aim of keeping them involved in the game for life; and keeping our grassroots clubs alive.

More than 1000 teams across 175 clubs adopted Half A Game during season 2016-17 ensuring over 20,000 boys and girls were given the opportunity to take part in a minimum of half a game on weekends.

The feedback gathered from clubs reveals that young players are more likely to keep coming back when they are given greater opportunities to reach their playing potential in a fun and inclusive environment. We also know that players experience long-term benefits associated with rugby values such as teamwork, confidence and friendship.

Half A Game is part of Welsh Rugby's overarching remit to engage more people, more often, with more enjoyment and more success. The adoption is testament to the enthusiasm and passion of the kids, coaches and parents already involved at your club and those we hope to attract in the future.

As we embark on a new and exciting season, all U6s to U11s will be granted the opportunity to take part in a minimum of Half A Game; for U12s to U16s equal play is expected and it is recommended for U19s.

You can register your clubs for 2017-18 via google form <https://goo.gl/forms/6zRD57TUagifeb9U2>

The WRU offers all registered Half A Game clubs the resources and support listed below for clubs, coaches and parents/guardians

- The Club finder to share contacts of clubs delivering Half A Game
<http://www.wru.co.uk/eng/halfagame/half-a-game-club-finder.php>
- Coaches can continue to access information via the Coaching Locker
<https://www.wrucoachinglocker.co.uk/half-a-game.aspx> The locker also contains
 - o Club specific banner advertising for your websites to link directly to Half A Game section of the locker
 - o A range of electronic resources that enable you to brand everything from water bottles to club banners
 - o Social media engagement instructions - #HalfAGame @WRU_Community

All clubs are also urged to contact their U19 Game Management Group for more detailed discussion, feedback and support.



Mini and Junior Registration Form

(6yrs – U16’s applicable only & when completed should be forwarded to the U19 GMG Registration Officer)

Part 1.

Player Registration ID no.

Surname:

.....

First Name:

.....

Date of Birth:

.....

Postal Address:

.....

.....

.....

Parents Consent

Parents Name:

.....

Email Address:

.....

Telephone Number:

.....

Signature:

.....

Part 2.

Club seeking to Register Player RFC

Age Group team: Under.....

Certificate by Club registering player

1. Playing Squad in the Age Group does not exceed 25

Yes

(If Yes an application to exceed 25 player limit must

No



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accompany the registration form and be submitted to
the Registration Secretary of the U19 Game Management
Group)

2. The Age Group team played last season Yes
(if No an application to register "new" team must be made to GMG No

3. The Player has not been registered with another Club Yes
Club No

(if no then the Player must be transferred from the other Club which shall be required to complete Part III of this form of if the player has not played for the other Club for 12 months there is a statement from the players parents submitted with the application to evidence that he/she has not played for the Club in that time for the Club)

4. The Club has had no more than 3 players transfer Yes
Into the Club this year No

(if no the registration shall not be completed unless the Club registering the player arranges for the Club with which the player was previously registered to indicate its consent to the transfer by completing Part of this form)

On behalf ofRFC I am duly authorised to certify that the 4 conditions set out above have been met.

Signed:

.....

Name:

.....

Club:

.....

Date:

.....

If a player was previously registered with another Club the Club registering him/her by this form must arrange for the previous Club to complete Part 3 below

Part 3

To be completed when a player has been registered with another Club.

Name of Club:

On behalf ofRFC I certify that

- 1. The player may transfer with the approval of my Club **or** Yes
- 2. The Player may transfer with the approval of my Club not withstanding the Club which he/she is transferring has previously had 3 players transfer in this year for this age group **or** Yes

Name:

.....



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Position within Club:

3. The player has not played for any team of my Club for 12 months Yes

Signed:..... Date:.....



Mini and Junior Transfer Form (6yrs – U16's applicable only)

Part 1: To be completed by Player's Parents/Guardian and to be submitted to Player's proposed New Club/Cluster along with TWO PASSPORT Photographs and completed WRU ID/Registration Cards. (WRU Cards/Transfer Form to be provided by New Club)

Player's Name:Date of Birth.....
Address
Telephone Number Registration No
Present Club/Cluster Proposed Club/Cluster.....
Parent / Guardian Signature Date

Transfer Reference (Add)

Part 2: To be completed by Player's proposed New Club/Cluster (Secretary/Chairperson) (PLEASE TICK CORRECT BOX)

- We are able to accept Player Transfer request and confirm that we are fully compliant with the WRU Transfer Regulations as laid out below.
- We are not able to accept Player Transfer Request as this is not compliant with the WRU Transfer Regulations.

Maximum number of Players a Club can register in any Age Group team is 25.

- A Club may only transfer up to a total of 3 Players who are registered with other clubs in any particular season.
- No registered player may transfer to another Club after the 31st January
- District Players requesting a transfer to another club may only do so out of season as otherwise they will not be eligible to continue playing District Rugby until the following season.

SignatureNameDate
Position Held ClubRFC

Part 3: To be completed by Players old club (SECRETARY/CHAIRPERSON ONLY) and to be returned to U19 GMG Registration Officer within 3 days of receipt (subject to acceptance by proposed new club)

We agree to the above transfer request / we do not agree to the above transfer request (state reason).



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Signature Name Date
Position Held Club RFC

Part 4: To be completed by U19 GMG Registration Officer and returned to Player’s new Club/Cluster
With a copy to the Player’s Parent/Guardian.

The transfer has been approved from/...../..... Transfer Reference No.....

Signature (U19 GMG Registration Officer).....Date.....



Mini and Junior De-Registration Form (6yrs – U16’s applicable only & when completed should be forwarded to the U19 GMG Registration Officer)

1. De-registration is a process for a Club. It is not a process that can be instigated by an individual player or his/her parents/guardians.
2. To ensure that registration records accurately show the number of players active in rugby it is important that Clubs de-register players whom are no longer available to play for them.

Part I

To be completed by the Club de-registering the player

Club:

Player:

Surname:

First Name:

Registration No.

Address:

Parent/Guardians Name:

Parent/Guardians Email:

School:

Part II

Reason for De-registration



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1. Why is the Club de-registering the Player? Reason

2. When did the player last play/Train? Date.....
3. When did the Club last contact players Parent/Guardian? Date.....
4. Could the player return to the game?

Signed:

.....

Name:

.....

Position in Club

.....

Date:

.....

Part III

To be completed by the Registration Secretary of the U19 Game Management Group

De-registration carried out o

Signed:

U19 Game Management Group:

Date:

1. The U19 Game Management Group Registration Officer must advise the WRU Regional Rugby Co-Ordinator of the deregistration
2. When submitting an application to de-register the applicant Club must return to the U19 Game Management Group Registration Officer the player's registration card. The de-registration shall not take place without the registration card.



Squad Extension Request
(6yrs – U16's Eligible only)

The Criteria for initial squad selection is:

1. If the Club has a large catchment area and it is the only one within a large radius, then approval should be given.
2. If the Club has a large contingent which have been chosen for a School or Regional Squad, then approval should be given.
3. Any new/extra players must not be registered with other Clubs and must not affect the stability of any other Club Team. Confirmation of this must be given before approval is given.

Clubs wishing to apply for squad extension must complete the following information in as much detail as possible.

Club:	Age Group:
Why do you wish to extend your squad?	
Where are the additional players coming from?	
Full Names of Qualified Coaches Supporting this age group	
What is your current squad size?	
How many additional players do you require to register? Please provide names and dates of birth of those players who wish to be part of the Squad so that they can be checked by the Registration Secretary.	

This form must be completed and return to the U19 GMG Guidance Officer. A decision will be issued within seven days.



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WRU Application for Permission to Tour by Mini or Junior Club Team

Name of Club:

Name of Team:

Date of Tour:

Destination:

Opposition:

Accommodation Arranged:

Accommodation address:

Number of Players:

Number of Supervising Adults:

Tour Leader & Contact Address:

Mobile Number:

MEDICAL EXPENSES INSURANCE

Please attach a copy of policy or relevant alternative cover and **return to relevant Regional Development Manager**: - Dai Arthur – **Scarlets** darthur@wru.co.uk Ben Rose – **Blues**

brose@wru.co.uk Marc Roberts – **North Wales** mroberts@wru.co.uk

Adrian Evans – **Dragons** aevans@wru.co.uk Liam Scott - **Ospreys** LScott@wru.co.uk



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Tour FAQ's

Are you planning to go on tour this season?

Tours that cross border all need to have a tour request form completed as early as possible.

Please complete the tour request form and return to the area respective WRU Regional Rugby Manager (details within contact list) for all U7 - U16s boys & girls tours.

Tour requests for Youth Rugby and U18s girls need submitting directly to WRU Operations Manager Adam Taylor: ATaylor@wru.wales

Note: Permissions for one off fixtures against English opposition still require tour permission sanctioning

What time of year can I go on tour?

Tours can be requested at any time of year inclusive of June and July.

Do I need insurance?

Tours within the UK do not require the travel insurance to cover injuries sustained in the rugby game.

All tours overseas need to have specific cover for injuries sustained whilst playing the games.

It is the responsibility of the club to provide adequate travel or trip insurance and this is required for all tours in the UK or abroad.

Who can play on tour?

Only players registered with the club at the time of travel are eligible to play games.

There are no permits allowed for players to tour with any other club.

How long will it take to receive tour permission?

It can take up to 14 days to complete tour requests with all adequate information provided in the first instance

Incoming Tours

The tour request form should be completed by the host club on behalf of all touring teams.

With incoming teams from anywhere, we (WRU) would need to see proof of the following;

1. That National Governing Body of incoming clubs country has granted official permission for their tour.
2. That the incoming team will play in accordance with the WRU Pathway.
3. *The age of the players will co-respond with the host team.*
4. *The players are registered to their respective NGB in accordance to their administration governance.*
5. *Where the team are staying (just in case of problems)*
6. *That they will be insured by their NGB re Death and Permanent Total Disability and for Medical expenses.*

The responsibility of the above is dependent on the incoming Club to liaise with the hosting club here in Wales and in turn for the hosting club to provide the stipulated information to the WRU.



Festival, Tournaments & Events FAQs

Are you planning a festival, tournament or event this year?

Event request forms need to be completed as early as possible.

Final lists of teams can be confirmed 7 days prior to the event.

Please complete event request form and return to respective U19 Game Management Group Guidance Group for all U7 - U16s boys & girls events.

Requests for Youth Rugby and U18s girls need submitted to WRU Operations Manager:

ATaylor@wru.wales

What needs a request?

Events with more than 4 clubs participating over 1 or more days

Mini round robin events with up to 3 clubs do not need permission and is encouraged on a weekly basis

What is a festival?

Festivals are played across any age groups with equal number of games per team and no defined winner.

What is a tournament?

Tournaments are played with a defined winner at the end of the game.

Equal number of games is recommended across all junior age groups.

The WRU would encourage a tiered system to allow for multiple winners depending on the standard of teams

When can I hold an event?

Events can be held throughout the season September to May. Events can be played in August through request to Game Management Groups.

Please check with the local Game Management Group for dates of regional and district events to avoid clashes.

Non-contact events can be held at clubs throughout June and July.

Event request forms must be completed for all events.

Who can play in the event?

Any club in Wales can play in the event without need for a permission to tour. However, only players registered with the club at the time of travel are eligible to play games.

There are no permits allowed for players to play with any other club in an event.

Clubs from outside of Wales must complete tour request form



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What do I need to ensure?

Permission will be sanctioned on the following provisos:

1. All Mini Age Groups (7's-11yrs) must be titled and run as festivals only
2. The mini festival must not have any outright winners and scores kept (medals for participation are permitted but not essential).
3. Half a Game Initiative for all age groups to be introduced - go to www.wrucoachinglocker/halfagame for more info
4. Referees are fully qualified
5. All players are fully registered and registration cards evidenced on the day
6. First Aiders are provided by each team and the host club

How long will it take to receive festival permission?

It can take up to 14 days to complete events requests with all adequate information provided in the first instance



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Festival/Tournament & Event Permission Form

Name of Club/Cluster:

RFC

Proposed Festival/Tournament Date:

Proposed Venue:

Age Group:

Names of Clubs/Clusters Participating:

Please Tick

Confirm that there will be First Aid Cover throughout the day.

Confirm that only WRU Licensed Referees will officiate.

Signed: _____

Club Secretary: _____

Postal address: _____

Dated: _____

Please return to relevant WRU Regional Development Manager: David Arthur **Scarlets** darthur@wru.wales

Joe Davies **Ospreys** jdavies@wru.wales Marc Roberts **North Wales** mroberts@wru.wales

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Permission will be sanctioned on the following proviso's:

- Mini Age Groups (7's-11yrs) titled and *run as festivals only* (mandatory WRU and National U19 GMG requirement)
- Mini festivals do not have outright winners and scores kept (medals for participation permitted but not essential).
- Half a Game Initiative for Mini Age Groups applied
- Referees are fully qualified
- All players are fully registered and registration cards evidenced on the day
- First Aiders are provided.



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Coach Development

Training

In order to book WRU coaching or refereeing courses, the applicant must be registered with the MyWRU system beforehand.

Coaching Education

If Clubs wish to receive information about coaching courses or coach education (Continuous Personal Development (CPDs) they should contact their Region's WRU Coaching Co-Ordinator.

Details can also be found on the website www.wrucoachinglocker.co.uk

The following figure example summaries what coaching and CPD opportunities are available for respective age groups.



The Community Coaching Landscape

Use this guide to direct what qualifications and CPD opportunities are available to you when coaching your respective age groups.

Coach Development Courses & Events

The diagram outlines what mandatory courses and expected CPD events a coach should attend when coaching in their respective age groups.

Senior

- Course : Full Game Level 1, 2 & 3
- CPD : Effective Coaching
Attack & Defence

U7 - U8

- Course : TAG
- CPD : Developing Games
Developing Skills

Youth

- Course : Full Game Level 1 & 2
- CPD : Retain & Retain
Reload, Read & React

U9 - U10 - U11

- Course : Coaching Early Contact
- CPD : Introduction to Contact
Tackle & Carry

U12 - U16

- Course : Full Game Level 1 & 2
- CPD : Crouch, Bind & Set
Off The Top
Tackle & Turnover

Pathway Laws

The Pathway Laws are a variation of the full World Rugby laws, designed specifically to accommodate the development of the player at each stage of their rugby journey.

For more information and to download the Pathway Laws book, please visit:
www.wrucoachinglocker.co.uk

Skill Curriculum

The WRU Skills Curriculum is designed to accompany the Pathway Laws, allowing the coach to introduce the appropriate skill at the appropriate stage of development. The Skills Curriculum is a guide to help the coach deliver a progressive learning environment for the player.

CPD (continuous personal development)

The WRU Coach Development Department recommends that all coaches, irrespective of the age group they coach, attend two CPD events each season.

For a full list of CPD events available at each age group, please visit:
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U19 Participation Calendar

The following example schedule Calendar shows the National U19 Participation events scheduled for the 2017-2018 season.

E-versions or hard copy prints are available from the respective WRU Rugby Managers

		U19 Seasonal Planner 2017 - 2018																																									
Weekly	Key Events	Week 1 - Week 8								Week 10 - Week 16								Week 19 - Week 24								Half Term Sp11																	
		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14	Week 15	Week 16	Week 19	Week 20	Week 21	Week 22	Week 23	Week 24																					
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		06/09/17	13/09/17	20/09/17	27/09/17	04/10/17	11/10/17	18/10/17	25/10/17	01/11/17	08/11/17	15/11/17	22/11/17	29/11/17	06/12/17	13/12/17	20/12/17	27/12/17	03/01/18	10/01/18	17/01/18	24/01/18	31/01/18	07/02/18	14/02/18	21/02/18	28/02/18																
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		MARCH							APRIL							MAY							JUNE							JULY							AUGUST						
		06/03/18	13/03/18	20/03/18	27/03/18	03/04/18	10/04/18	17/04/18	24/04/18	01/05/18	08/05/18	15/05/18	22/05/18	29/05/18	05/06/18	12/06/18	19/06/18	26/06/18	03/07/18	10/07/18	17/07/18	24/07/18	31/07/18	07/08/18	14/08/18	21/08/18	28/08/18																
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