



**Return to Rugby**

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**RFU Council vote in favour of Covid Recovery Plan and temporary pause on relegation**

The RFU Council has today voted in favour of a range of structural changes to improve the financial stability and sustainability of professional rugby during the next three seasons while also providing benefits for England Rugby and the community game.

The Covid Recovery Plan, with a temporary pause on relegation, follows a detailed consultation that was announced in February after the RFU Council voted in favour of no relegation from Gallagher Premiership Rugby or the Greene King IPA Championship for the 2020/21 season. The extensive consultation included Premiership Rugby and their clubs, Championship clubs, The RPA, RFU Board and RFU Council

[**Read More**](http://links.emails.rfumail.com/els/v2/9eeGtKedLLSw/VEVyclVRaUdzaUJEMUhHSXFkYTZWSDV4RUFQS2lKblYzNTdwQlVnbzdJTVF3dmRxdU05WnNXUnFXS1lNRFNDc1RibXJIQi8zSk1QVGovUmlJL1NEMnlFVHdnWjNnNmtsdGE4OFJRVCtsZlU9S0/)



**Travel Funding and 2021/2022 season**

Further to announcements within the Community Game Updates on 15th and 22nd June, more information can be found below on travel funding support available for season 2021/22.

The document provides information on:

• Clubs travelling to play teams on Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey – women and men

• Mainland clubs travelling to the Isle of Wight - men

• Needs based travel funding.

It also contains the Needs Based Travel Fund criteria, how to apply and the application form.

**RFU Competitions 2021/22 Season**

Both adult and age grade competitions are on track to begin in September. We do, however, need to be mindful of Government’s announcement scheduled for Monday 19th July regarding the provisional lifting of all Covid-19 restrictions. The situation is being closely monitored and we are ready to react if there is a change to that date.

[**Application Form**](http://links.emails.rfumail.com/els/v2/zggkBZjzxxt~/VEVyclVRaUdzaUJEMUhHSXFkYTZWSDV4RUFQS2lKblYzNTdwQlVnbzdJTVF3dmRxdU05WnNXUnFXS1lNRFNDc1RibXJIQi8zSk1QVGovUmlJL1NEMnlFVHdnWjNnNmtsdGE4OFJRVCtsZlU9S0/)

[**Travel Document**](http://links.emails.rfumail.com/els/v2/3jj-cr0-mmFv/VEVyclVRaUdzaUJEMUhHSXFkYTZWSDV4RUFQS2lKblYzNTdwQlVnbzdJTVF3dmRxdU05WnNXUnFXS1lNRFNDc1RibXJIQi8zSk1QVGovUmlJL1NEMnlFVHdnWjNnNmtsdGE4OFJRVCtsZlU9S0/)

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**Age Grade Summer Activity**

A reminder that on Thursday, age grade rugby activity moves to the July phase of the Summer Activity Guide. This extends the format, intensity, type and amount of activity permitted across age grade clubs, schools and colleges. It also means XRugby, without scrums and mauls, can now be played in fixtures for U14s and above.

Please visit the Summer Activity page to see the guide and supporting information. Remember that this covers all age grade activity.

Specific guidance to support rugby camps is also available on the page below.

[**Summer Guide**](http://links.emails.rfumail.com/els/v2/ZNNaMbrqmmfb/VEVyclVRaUdzaUJEMUhHSXFkYTZWSDV4RUFQS2lKblYzNTdwQlVnbzdJTVF3dmRxdU05WnNXUnFXS1lNRFNDc1RibXJIQi8zSk1QVGovUmlJL1NEMnlFVHdnWjNnNmtsdGE4OFJRVCtsZlU9S0/)

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**Allianz Inner Warrior**

With 162 events and more than 3,500 participants taking part in Warrior camps in May, the appetite for rugby is back. We are now planning the next phase of camps.

**August**

Aligned to the Summer Activity Framework, clubs will be encouraged to host Warrior Camps for the girls’ age groups. They will focus on helping to transition players into their new age groups, bringing girls back together and welcoming new players.

**September**

This month will see clubs hosting Warrior Camps to kick off the new season, focusing on women and recruiting new players into the game.

To find out more and to register, click below.

[**FAQs**](http://links.emails.rfumail.com/els/v2/YwwAC~dxvvQw/VEVyclVRaUdzaUJEMUhHSXFkYTZWSDV4RUFQS2lKblYzNTdwQlVnbzdJTVF3dmRxdU05WnNXUnFXS1lNRFNDc1RibXJIQi8zSk1QVGovUmlJL1NEMnlFVHdnWjNnNmtsdGE4OFJRVCtsZlU9S0/)

[**Register Now**](http://links.emails.rfumail.com/els/v2/dkkLBjXLVVt4/VEVyclVRaUdzaUJEMUhHSXFkYTZWSDV4RUFQS2lKblYzNTdwQlVnbzdJTVF3dmRxdU05WnNXUnFXS1lNRFNDc1RibXJIQi8zSk1QVGovUmlJL1NEMnlFVHdnWjNnNmtsdGE4OFJRVCtsZlU9S0/)



**Pitch Up For Rugby**

Thank you to all clubs that have already registered their interest in Pitch up for Rugby via the link below. All interest needs to be registered by Friday 9 July. This doesn’t commit you to anything, it just gives us an indication of the number of clubs who will be getting involved to celebrate rugby being back.

[**Register Interest**](http://links.emails.rfumail.com/els/v2/KPPxFPV-XXs~/VEVyclVRaUdzaUJEMUhHSXFkYTZWSDV4RUFQS2lKblYzNTdwQlVnbzdJTVF3dmRxdU05WnNXUnFXS1lNRFNDc1RibXJIQi8zSk1QVGovUmlJL1NEMnlFVHdnWjNnNmtsdGE4OFJRVCtsZlU9S0/)



**Club Support**

**VAT Recovery**

Clubs who are VAT registered are encouraged to take action to protect their ability to continue recovering all VAT incurred.

An unintended consequence of clubhouse closures due to Covid has been a material drop in taxable incomes generated by clubs. This in turn has reduced VAT recovery rates as this is calculated to reflect taxable incomes. HMRC has recognised this issue and is encouraging clubs to seek approval to adopt the year end 2020 recovery rates for 2021. Formal approval for this procedure must be obtained from HMRC and further information can viewed [here](http://links.emails.rfumail.com/els/v2/8YYXM63jGGfd/VEVyclVRaUdzaUJEMUhHSXFkYTZWSDV4RUFQS2lKblYzNTdwQlVnbzdJTVF3dmRxdU05WnNXUnFXS1lNRFNDc1RibXJIQi8zSk1QVGovUmlJL1NEMnlFVHdnWjNnNmtsdGE4OFJRVCtsZlU9S0/).

Any club having not yet actioned this matter is able to contact Russell Moore on the RFU VAT helpline to assist with this 07710 329317 or via [russellmoore@sportsvat.co.uk](mailto:russellmoore@sportsvat.co.uk)

**Lease Review Offer**

Irwin Mitchell, Official Legal Partner of England Rugby, has developed a fixed-fee lease review exclusively for our rugby clubs. The review will help your club understand its current lease, identifying any issues or pitfalls. This is especially important for clubs looking to improve their club facilities or to potentially make changes to their operations.

See below to find out more about the RFU Lease Review and costs.

This was developed following a successful ‘know your lease’ webinar that was hosted by Irwin Mitchell and can be viewed below.

[**Review and Costs**](http://links.emails.rfumail.com/els/v2/q443F2AmYYCv/VEVyclVRaUdzaUJEMUhHSXFkYTZWSDV4RUFQS2lKblYzNTdwQlVnbzdJTVF3dmRxdU05WnNXUnFXS1lNRFNDc1RibXJIQi8zSk1QVGovUmlJL1NEMnlFVHdnWjNnNmtsdGE4OFJRVCtsZlU9S0/) [**Webinar**](http://links.emails.rfumail.com/els/v2/wkkDB67KWWfe/VEVyclVRaUdzaUJEMUhHSXFkYTZWSDV4RUFQS2lKblYzNTdwQlVnbzdJTVF3dmRxdU05WnNXUnFXS1lNRFNDc1RibXJIQi8zSk1QVGovUmlJL1NEMnlFVHdnWjNnNmtsdGE4OFJRVCtsZlU9S0/)

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**News round up**

**Vaccination centres need our help**

Local communities across the country will already appreciate the inspirational support provided by members of the rugby family during the pandemic. Would you like to go one step further to help the NHS #TackleCovid by volunteering at local vaccination centres? More information is available below. Hopefully, with the vaccination programme in full swing, we will see restrictions lift in the coming months and rugby can get back to normal.

[**Apply**](http://links.emails.rfumail.com/els/v2/gmmqt2V4XXCV/VEVyclVRaUdzaUJEMUhHSXFkYTZWSDV4RUFQS2lKblYzNTdwQlVnbzdJTVF3dmRxdU05WnNXUnFXS1lNRFNDc1RibXJIQi8zSk1QVGovUmlJL1NEMnlFVHdnWjNnNmtsdGE4OFJRVCtsZlU9S0/)

**Pride in Brighton**

As part of Pride month, we are bringing you the great story of how Brighton Sea Serpents were set up by two former Kings Cross Steelers members.

[**Read more**](http://links.emails.rfumail.com/els/v2/0EE7JNE844cP/VEVyclVRaUdzaUJEMUhHSXFkYTZWSDV4RUFQS2lKblYzNTdwQlVnbzdJTVF3dmRxdU05WnNXUnFXS1lNRFNDc1RibXJIQi8zSk1QVGovUmlJL1NEMnlFVHdnWjNnNmtsdGE4OFJRVCtsZlU9S0/)

**Entries for the Under 15s & Under 18s National Girls’ Cup & National Under 18s Boys’ Cup**

Entries for both competitions will be opened and sent out to the relevant contacts on GMS in the week commencing Monday 12 July. If you have any queries please contact [WomensCompetitions@RFU.com](mailto:WomensCompetitions@RFU.com)(Girls Cup) or [Competitions-Development@RFU.com](mailto:Competitions-Development@RFU.com) (National U18 Boys Cup). As there are limited spaces for both competitions, please ensure your entries are completed promptly.



**Webinars & videos on demand**

As we build up to the Summer Series you can watch the first of episode of The Next Level where Eddie Jones welcomes the new faces to the England Squad.

[**Watch Video**](http://links.emails.rfumail.com/els/v2/400PsP8dWWs~/VEVyclVRaUdzaUJEMUhHSXFkYTZWSDV4RUFQS2lKblYzNTdwQlVnbzdJTVF3dmRxdU05WnNXUnFXS1lNRFNDc1RibXJIQi8zSk1QVGovUmlJL1NEMnlFVHdnWjNnNmtsdGE4OFJRVCtsZlU9S0/)

**Data Tidy up**

Following the communications in recent weeks we have put together an on demand webinar following some questions we have had. We hope this helps and we will be providing more information for clubs, players and CBs in the coming weeks.

[**Watch Video**](http://links.emails.rfumail.com/els/v2/GPPmFG4Keet2/VEVyclVRaUdzaUJEMUhHSXFkYTZWSDV4RUFQS2lKblYzNTdwQlVnbzdJTVF3dmRxdU05WnNXUnFXS1lNRFNDc1RibXJIQi8zSk1QVGovUmlJL1NEMnlFVHdnWjNnNmtsdGE4OFJRVCtsZlU9S0/)

