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The President's XV Recognition Awards 2013 has launched with brand new categories and online application.

Put yourself forward for selection at **rfu.co/presidentsxv** 

Entries close on 1st February 2013

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TEAMWORK - RESPECT - ENJOYMENT - DISCIPLINE - SPORTSMANSHIP

## 1 PLAYER SAFETY & WELFARE

We're looking for the team of volunteers that has done the most to care for the rugby family. The winners of this award will have made outstanding efforts to prevent injury; provide quality pitch side care; help player's recovery; raise awareness of, or funds for, the RFU Injured Players Foundation; and/or support players and families affected by serious injuries. Thanks to them, more players will be retained in the game.

- 2. THIS IS RUGBY Embodies the core values of our sport; Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. We're looking for a group of volunteers that has gone above and beyond to ensure our core value are appreciated, applied and attract new recruits.
- PLAYER RECRUITMENT The team of volunteers receiving this award will have used Touch Rugby to recruit new players. Their innovative methods will have attracted a new audience with different ages, backgrounds and/or
- 4. PLAYER RETENTION Playing rugby in is what we are about! This award will be won by a team of volunteers that kept players enjoying rugby on the pitch at all stages of the rugby journey. They will have provided a variety of playing opportunities using all formats of the game: leagues, festivals, merit tables, touch, tag, 7's and 10's.
- GIRL POWER We're seeking a project that has significantly improved women and girl's rugby over the last 12 months. The winning volunteers will have adopted an innovative approach to recruiting and retaining female players in their club or local area

## C VALUING VOLUNTEERS

The grassroots game exists thanks to people who give their time freely to run rugby. This award will recognise a group of volunteers that have used innovative ways to recruit, retain and recognise helpers in their 'off the pitch' team.

- 7. vRUGBY This award recognises projects that innovatively encourage 14-24 year-olds to become rugby volunteers. We want to find a group of volunteers who invest in young volunteers, helping them find quality opportunities, develop their skills and make a difference.
- 8. QUALITY COACHING High quality coaching leads to more enjoyable rugby for players and helps retain them in the game. This award will recognise a team of volunteers that encourages and supports people of all ages to attend coaching qualifications or continuous persona development courses.
- 9. BETTER REFEREES Matches need quality referees. The winner of this award will be a group of volunteers that encourages people of all ages to take up the whistle and supports them to attend qualification and CPD 14.
- that matters, it's how you use it!
  This award will be won by a team of volunteers who develop and manage their playing and clubhouse facilities effectively and efficiently. Thanks to their efforts everyone who visits the club, especially players, will have a better quality of experience.

## 1 1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We're looking for a volunteer led project that puts rugby at the heart of the community. Everyone in the neighbourhood will know about the sport. The winning team will have forged links with businesses, community groups and/or people that traditionally have had little contact with the game. This may be in areas of urban or rural deprivation or involve people with disabilities.

- Most young people get their first taste of rugby at school. We want to recognise an exceptional programme that provides quality opportunities for boys and girls to experience our great game. The winning volunteers will have supported pupils, teachers, young leaders and school staff to link players from schools to local clubs.
- development courses.

  BETTER REFEREES Matches need quality referees. The winner of this award will be a group of volunteers

  COLLEGE RUGBY Colleges are a vital stage of the rugby journey. The volunteers who win this award will have done the most to help ensure 16-24 year olds keep playing rugby whilst at College and link players to local clubs.
  - 14. UNIVERSITY RUGBY Retaining every player interested in rugby whilst at university is a massive challenge. The volunteers who win this award will have done the most to help ensure 18-24 year olds keep playing rugby whilst at University and link players to local clubs.
- effectively and efficiently. Thanks to their efforts everyone who visits the club, especially players, will have a better quality of experience.

  15 FUNDRAISING

  All teams need good supporters. We want to recognise a team of volunteers that have created financial stability through creative and original fundraising using technology, communication and best practices.

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