



22 August 2016

**To:** Honorary Treasurers of Clubs participating in National Leagues 1 and 2 North & South

**Cc:** Honorary Secretaries of Clubs participating in National Leagues 1 and 2 North & South

Dear Colleague

## **RFU FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SEASON 2016/17**

### **Introduction**

I am writing to confirm the level of funding which has been approved by the RFU for season 2016/17 for clubs participating in National Leagues 1 and 2 North & South (hereinafter referred to as 'Clubs') and to provide information on insurance and other funding sources.

### **Insurance scheme**

As for last season, the RFU will provide and fund for all Clubs a comprehensive personal accident and liability insurance scheme. Clubs are therefore not required to declare their number of teams or pay insurance premiums in respect of these risks. In summary, the cover provided is as follows:

- Player accident benefits, in accordance with the RFU's current compulsory scheme
- Clubs' referees and coaches liability
- Clubs' public liability
- Clubs' employer liability
- Legal liability for clubs and officials for player-to-player incidents
- Directors and Officers liability for clubs

Following requests from a number of clubs, the RFU's insurance advisors, Marsh, have researched the availability of a number of third party products for clubs which may wish to supplement the personal accident cover provided centrally by the RFU. Please note that certain of these providers will only make available their

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own products and consequently we would always recommend that the advice of an Independent Financial Advisor is sought in order to ensure that the correct product and level of protection is offered.

Further cover details including policy wordings, certificates and FAQ's are located under the Governance section of the [englandrugby.com](http://www.englandrugby.com) website and can be accessed at <http://www.englandrugby.com/governance/insurance/>.

### **Long distance travel allowance**

Travel allowance payments are available for RFU league competitions. Travel allowance payments will be made for round trip travel distances in excess of 150 miles, according to the following table.

<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Amount</u>
150 +	£330	450 +	£990
200 +	£413	500 +	£1,100
250 +	£495	600 +	£1,155
300 +	£578	700 +	£1,210
350 +	£660	800 +	£1,265
400 +	£880	900 +	£1,320

Payments for squad accommodation costs are made for journeys in excess of 450 miles return at a rate of £25 per person for a squad of 23 (a squad is defined as 15 players, five replacements and three management). For return trips of over 700 miles the club is entitled to two nights' accommodation at the same rate. Accommodation and travel payments will be paid upfront at the start of the season.

### **National 1**

NCA Clubs at Level 3 will be required to pay for their Referees at the same rate this season as in 2015/2016. The amount due for the Referee Team of Three is £2,000, which was negotiated some time ago as the RFU recognise the element of training that their Referees and Touch Judges receive when officiating at this level. **This will be deducted at source together with any outstanding costs from the previous season out of your Travel and Accommodation funding.**

### **National 2 (North and South)**

NCA Clubs at Level 4 will be required to pay for their Referees at the same rate this season as in 2015/2016. The amount due for the Referee Team of Three is £1,000 which was negotiated some time ago as the RFU recognise the element of training that their Referees and Touch Judges receive when officiating at this level. **This will be deducted at source together with any outstanding costs from the previous season out of your Travel and Accommodation funding.**

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## **VAT**

The RFU has confirmed that the payments in support of long distance travel are outside the scope of VAT. Please note that referee expenses paid by the RFU on behalf of NCA member clubs are also outside the scope of VAT.

## **Contact details**

For any travel queries please contact [competitionfunding@rfu.com](mailto:competitionfunding@rfu.com) or telephone: 020 8831 6689.

For any other queries relating to this letter please contact Richard Daniel at Rugby Football Union, Rugby House, Twickenham Stadium, 200 Whitton Road, Twickenham, TW2 7BA or by email at [richarddaniel@rfu.com](mailto:richarddaniel@rfu.com).

Regards

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