

TABLE 1: Age Grade 2020/21 playing and competition implementation

1. If stage F of the Return to Rugby Roadmap has not been reached by 18th October 2020, all scheduled National age grade competitions are cancelled for the 2020-21 season.
2. If stage F of the Return to Rugby Roadmap has not been reached by 13th September 2020, the end date of the 2020-21 age grade season is extended from Monday 3rd to Monday 31st May 2021.
3. The Age Grade Playing Calendar 2020-21 remains as scheduled for the season including Player Pathway (DPP, CB and Academy) activity to avoid underplaying/overplaying and to prioritise player access and balance with core rugby activity in clubs, schools and colleges.
5. Competitions guidance to be released by the RFU to local organisers with recommended formats to provide flexibility to help clubs, schools and colleges to arrange friendlies, best practice fixture exchange/pool models will be promoted to the geographical areas where there are gaps in provision.
6. An England Rugby online programme will be produced to aid engagement and preparation for players and adults in Age Grade Rugby, for the run-up to/through the pre-season and for adapted rugby when matches start, including a recommended staged technical progression from inactivity to being contact-ready.