

RFU REGULATIONS

RFU REGULATION 14 – ADULT PLAYER REGISTRATION

14.1 General

- 14.1.1 This RFU Regulation 14 applies to all Clubs and to all Players, unless women's or men's rugby is expressly referred to, seeking to be registered to play adult rugby in RFU Competitions for a Club on or after 1 August 2022.
- 14.1.2 The definitions set out in RFU Regulation 1 (RFU Definitions) shall apply to this RFU Regulation 14. For ease of reference, the definitions of 'Transfer Deadline' and 'Waiting Period' are also repeated at 14.1.3 below and unless otherwise expressly referred to in this RFU Regulation 14 "**Player**" shall include an England Academy Player.

14.2 Eligibility of Players

- 14.2.1 A Player must be resident in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands and must hold Effective Registration in accordance with these Regulations with a Club in order to play for that Club in a RFU Competition, unless otherwise permitted to play by the RFU Regulations.
- 14.2.2 A Club may only be represented in a match in any RFU Competition by Players who are Effectively Registered with that Club or who are otherwise permitted to play by the RFU Regulations save that at Counties 3 and below, two unregistered players may be selected as players or replacements without penalty provided they are eligible for registration and do not play on a second or subsequent occasion until correct papers are lodged with the Registrar or in the case of online registration the procedural obligations have been fulfilled; and such players are not Effectively Registered with another Club and are identified on the match card as not having Effective Registration and with their Date of Birth.
- 14.2.3 Effective Registration of a Player aged 17 does not mean they are automatically eligible to play adult rugby for the Club and other relevant RFU Regulations (e.g. RFU Regulation 15) must still be observed.

14.3 Effective Registration

- 14.3.1 A Player will have Effective Registration in accordance with these Regulations with a Club if:
- (a) they were Effectively Registered with that Club at the beginning of the Season; or
 - (b) their application for Registration has been accepted either by the Registrar or through the online application process and the Waiting Period has elapsed;

in each case subject to any subsequent loss or invalidity of such registration pursuant to the other provisions of these Regulations and save in the case of such registration having been made as a result of inaccurate, false or misleading information having been provided (in which case the Effective Registration will be void and invalid from the date of initial registration).

- 14.3.2 A Club may apply for a Player to become Effectively Registered by following the process
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set out in Regulation 14.5 and 14.6.

14.3.3 Other than as set out in Regulation 14.3.4 below, a Club must apply for a Player to become Effectively Registered before the Transfer Deadline.

14.3.4 A Club may only apply for a Player to become Effectively Registered after the Transfer Deadline if they are either:

- (a) a Permitted Player (as defined in RFU Regulation 1); or
- (b) an England Academy Player, and subject to RFU Regulation 14.6.7(c) and (d); or
- (c) a Loan Player seeking Effective Registration to return to the Club which loaned them or loaned pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 14.3.5(e) below (but in each case excluding players loaned to a club in any other Union); or
- (d) sixteen years old prior to the Transfer Deadline and turns seventeen after the Transfer Deadline and is entitled to register for the first time; or
- (e) a Player who the Club in exceptional circumstances needs to be Effectively Registered after the Transfer Deadline to enable the Club to comply with its Competition's requirements in relation to the provision of Front Row forwards and the RFU (or person to whom it has delegated this) is satisfied that the Player's Registration is necessary; or
- (f) Student Pass Players and Services Pass Players, provided they comply with the RFU's Student and Services Pass process in all respects and are approved by the RFU for a Student or Services pass prior to the Transfer Deadline; or
- (g) approved by the Committee to be Effectively Registered following the resolution of a dispute pursuant to Regulation 14.10.3.

The Registrar may process an application for Registration of a Player after the Transfer Deadline as long as it is supported by evidence that the Player falls within Regulation 14.3.4 (a) to (g). In such a case, the Registrar may apply the Waiting Period which would have applied if the application had been made before the Transfer Deadline.

Men's Rugby

14.3.5 A Player (but excluding an England Academy Player), may:

- (a) not hold Effective Registration with more than one Club at any one time; and
- (b) not hold Effective Registration with more than three (3) Clubs in any Season; and
- (c) in respect of Loan Players loaned between Clubs at Championship and below, not hold Effective Registration with the same Club more than three (3) times after the opening day of the Season. When counting the number of consecutive Effective Registrations a Loan Player has held, the Player's Effective Registration with that Club on the first day of the Season shall not count providing the player has not been subject of a transfer during the Season; and
- (d) in respect of Loan Players loaned between Clubs at Premiership and Championship, move freely between Clubs until the Transfer Deadline but once the Transfer Deadline has passed a Player may not hold Effective Registration with the same Club more than three (3) times. When counting the number of

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consecutive Effective Registrations a Loan Player has held, the Player's Effective Registration with that Club on the Transfer Deadline day shall not count providing the player has not been subject of a transfer during the Season.

- 14.3.6 An England Academy Player is permitted to simultaneously hold at any one time Effective Registration with up to four different clubs as follows: one Club at Premiership, two Clubs at Championship where one of the Championship Clubs is also an Academy (otherwise just one Club at Championship), one Club at National 1 League, and subject to Regulation 14.6.4(b) one Club at National 2 League, one Club at Regional 1 or one Club at Regional 2.

Women's Rugby

- 14.3.7 A Player may:

- (a) not hold Effective Registration with more than one Club at any one time; and
- (b) not hold Effective Registration with more than three (3) Clubs in any Season,

save that the above will not apply in respect of those players registered pursuant to Regulations 14.3.8, 14.3.9 and 14.3.11.

- 14.3.8 Players are permitted to simultaneously hold Effective Registration with both a Premier 15s club and another club in Championship 1 or below provided they comply with the RFU's process for the dual registration of players in all respects and any such players are defined as 'Dual Registered Players'. A club is not permitted to have more than 15 Dual Registered Players at any one time and any such players will not be included in any registration cap applicable to the Premier 15s competition.

- 14.3.9 Players who are members of the England Sevens Squad will be permitted to be registered with Premier 15s Clubs with the approval of the RFU and any such players will not be included in any registration cap applicable to the Premier 15s competition.

All Players

- 14.3.10 An Age Grade player will not automatically assume Effective Registration as an adult Player until that Player completes an Adult Registration form and serves the relevant Waiting Period.

- 14.3.11 A Student Pass Player and Service Pass Player is permitted to simultaneously hold at any one time Effective Registration with two clubs provided they comply with the RFU's Student and Service Pass process in all respects and are approved by the RFU for a Student or Service Pass prior to the Transfer Deadline.

14.4 Requirement to Register Players and Principles applicable to Registration

- 14.4.1 The Player Register shall be maintained by the RFU and is the only and conclusive evidence of a Player's Effective Registration on any particular date.

- 14.4.2 A Club may register up to the following number of Players:

- Premier 15s clubs: 45 Players plus up to 15 Dual Registered Players
- Premiership clubs: 100 Players
- Men's Championship Clubs: 100 Players
- Women's Clubs at levels 2 and below: unlimited

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- Men's Clubs at National 1 League (formerly Level 3) and below: unlimited

Where a Club has reached its limit, no further applications will be accepted until the Club has de-registered sufficient Players and those Players have completed their 24 hour de-registration period.

14.4.3 A Club must apply for Registration of all Players it wishes to represent it in RFU Competitions. A Club may not assume that any application for registration will be accepted. A Player is not Effectively Registered until the Effective Date.

14.4.4 The Player's current Club may object to the Player being Effectively Registered with another Club where:

- (a) the Player has a Contract with the current Club;
- (b) the Player is being disciplined under RFU Rule 5.12;
- (c) the Player owes money to the current Club.

Any such objection must be submitted in writing to the Registrar stating all the grounds upon which the objection is made within 7 days of being notified of the proposed transfer. In the absence of any objection, or such objections being overruled, the Player will be Effectively Registered once the Waiting Period has elapsed.

14.4.5 A Loan Player shall automatically be Effectively Registered with their loaning/parent Club at the end of the Season and shall cease to be a Loan Player.

14.4.6 A Club must ensure that the information held on the Player Register about its Effectively Registered Players is accurate and up to date. A Club which has obtained Effective Registration of a Player must notify the RFU of any changes to the information originally supplied in connection with that Player within 14 days of becoming aware of such change and, where appropriate, must apply for de-registration of Players in accordance with Regulation 14.8.

14.4.7 The RFU:

(a) shall not grant its consent to the issue of a Clearance for a Player where that Player is under suspension on disciplinary grounds (which, for the avoidance doubt, includes any offence under RFU Regulation 20), unless such suspension is for a period of five weeks or less and the new Union has confirmed in writing that a suspension for an equal period of the balance of the suspension will be imposed on the Player in the competition(s) for which the new Union is to register them; and

(b) may refuse to grant its consent to the issue of a Clearance for a Player where that Player has not fulfilled any of their obligations under the terms of their contract with their Club, the RFU and/or a Constituent Body.

14.5 Registration Process

Process for Registration

14.5.1 To apply for Effective Registration, a Club must confirm the player's identity with a passport or driver's license and determine if they are currently registered with another club and then submit the completed Player Registration Form with the requisite

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Application Documents described at Regulation 14.6 to the relevant Registrar within 28 days of the signature of the Registration Form by the Player. Clubs at Regional 1 (formerly Level 5) and below in the men's Game and Level 2 and below in the women's Game may use the online process within the same 28 days.

- 14.5.2 Only one application for registration of a Player may be operative at any one time. If any application is received from a different Club for registration of the same Player during their Waiting Period for Effective Registration with another Club, the subsequent application shall be invalid.
- 14.5.3 A Club applying for registration of a Player already Effectively Registered for another Club must on the same day as submitting its application serve on that Club a Notification of Transfer Form unless the Player's current Club has provided a release. The Registrar/League official may request evidence of the Notification of Transfer Form being served on the current Club and failure to produce such evidence forthwith and in any event within 72 hours of it being requested will result in the withdrawal of the application for registration.
- 14.5.4 For all applications (regardless of how they are submitted), the Registration Form and Application Documents must be fully and accurately completed and dated. The Club must retain the original signed Registration Form, copies of such other Application Documents (to include any Notification of Transfer form) for at least one year (including evidence of posting or, if sent electronically, evidence of dispatch).
- 14.5.5 On receipt of the Registration Form and the Application Documents the Registrar will:
- (a) check the Registration Form, and the Application Documents to ensure that they are properly signed, submitted within 28 days of signature, complete and that all requisite registration requirements (as set out in Regulation 14.6) have been met;
 - (b) check that no other application for registration is pending for the Player and that there is no other reason that the Player should not be registered; and
 - (c) carry out any necessary checks with the RFU.
- 14.5.6 Provided that the checks outlined in Regulation 14.5.5 are completed to the satisfaction of the Registrar, the Registrar will accept the application for registration (the Registration Date) and calculate the Waiting Period and the Effective Date. The Registrar shall enter the pending registration on the Player Register, including the status of the Player as "pending", the Effective Date and the Application Documents received.
- 14.5.7 Where the Registrar is unable to accept the Registration Form or the Application Documents the Registrar will either return the documents to the Club in the stamped addressed envelope provided (or in the absence of such envelope, the Register will endeavour to notify the Club by other means) or notify the Club that the application is incomplete and request the further information needed to progress the application.

Expedited Registration

- 14.5.8 Where a Club wants to achieve Effective Registration for a Player in a period of less than 7 days, it must provide the Registrar with the following by no later than 12 noon on a Friday (in respect of Saturday and Sunday matches) or no later than 12 noon on the day before the match (in respect of mid-week matches):

- (a) a copy of the Registration Form and the relevant Application Documents; and
- (b) confirmation of payment to the RFU of the non-refundable amount of £45 and copies of the Registration Form and Application Documents as soon as possible and no later than 7 days from the Effective Date (if such application is accepted); and
- (c) where a Player is Effectively Registered with one Club and transferring to another Club, written confirmation from the former Club to the applicant Club that they consent to the Player being released with immediate effect.

14.5.9 Subject to the Registrar's agreement, a Club may use any medium to provide the documents to the Registrar.

14.5.10 Provided that the Registrar accepts the application in line with Regulation 14.5.6 above, the Effective Registration will take place at such time as the Registrar may agree and advise by no later than 4pm on the day before the match.

Online applications for Clubs at men's Regional 1 (formerly Level 5) or below and women's Level 2 or below

14.5.11 Only Clubs at Regional 1 (formerly Level 5) or below in the men's Game and Level 2 or below in the women's Game may use the online application process to register Players. The Registration Form and Application Documents must be fully and accurately completed and dated before the online process can be utilised. The online process may be used for all Players other than:

- (a) England Academy Players;
- (b) Contracted Players;
- (c) Contracted Overseas Players;
- (d) a Player applying for Effective Registration with a Club with which they have previously been Effectively Registered during the Season;
- (e) a Player for whom the Club is making an Expedited Application; or
- (f) a Player for whom the Club is making an application during the period between the Transfer Deadline and the end of the Season.

14.5.12 When requested by the Registrar the Club must forthwith, and in any event within 72 hours of such request, provide to the Registrar hard copies of the fully completed application form and such other supporting documents as may be requested.

Returning Players

14.5.13 Where a Club is applying for registration of a Player who has during the Season previously been Effectively Registered with that Club, the Club may be required to pay a re-registration fee of £500 (by such method as the Registrar shall require) unless:

- (a) the Club is seeking Effective Registration for a Loan Player who has a Contract with the Club or who is seeking to be registered as a Loan Player with the Club;
- (b) the Player has not been Effectively Registered at another Club since their last

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Effective Registration with the Club; or

- (c) the Registrar is satisfied (after appropriate consultation with the Committee) that it would be inappropriate to charge a fee as there is a bona fide reason for the Player wishing to re-register with the Club.

General

14.5.14 Notices or other communications may be given under this RFU Regulation 14 by any medium using the contact details for the RFU, Registrar, Clubs (as appropriate) published in the RFU Club Directory. Where no email address is included within the RFU Club Directory, the Club must provide before the start of the Season a valid email address for a Club Official to whom the Registrar may give notice or otherwise communicate on matters arising under this RFU Regulation 14.

14.5.15 All information supplied in connection with an application for Registration must be true and accurate. The provision of false, misleading or inaccurate information may lead to the Committee reporting the matter to the RFU's Head of Discipline for further action.

14.6 Registration Documents and Application Documents

All Players

14.6.1 A Club must provide the following Application Documents:

- (a) completed Registration Form (including the certificate of the Player's residence, passport and visa if applicable) signed within the 28 days prior to submission to the Registrar;
- (b) the Notification of Transfer Form (if any);
- (c) the documents set out below in this Regulation 14.6 for the Player in respect of each applicable category of Player into which they fall;
- (d) any proof of residence subsequently requested by the Registrar;
- (e) a large stamped addressed envelope addressed to the Club making the application (for Clubs at Regional 1 (formerly Level 5) and below in the men's Game and Level 2 or below in the women's Game unless stated otherwise or approved);
- (f) where a Player is under Contract with one Club and transferring to another Club, written confirmation from the former Club that they consent to the Player being released;
- (g) in respect of all Overseas Players at men's National 2 League (formerly Level 4) and above and for all contracted Overseas Players at any level, a Clearance from the player's Current Union;
- (h) Such other documentation as may be requested by the RFU in relation to a Student or Service Pass application.

Amateur Players

14.6.2 The Amateur Declaration section within the Registration Form must be completed in

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respect of an application for registration of a Player who is not a Contracted Player at the time of registration.

Contracted Players at any Level

- 14.6.3 The following documents must be submitted to the Registrar in respect of an application for registration of a Contracted Player (including a Contracted Overseas Player) or a Player who will be contracted to the Club upon Effective Registration:
- (a) evidence that the Player may be Effectively Registered with the applicant Club (i.e. evidence that any previous Contract has expired or that the other party to it consents to the application for Registration or other evidence satisfactory to the Registrar);
 - (b) the Contract and/or the Contract Information Form, as stipulated by the Registrar; and
 - (c) when a Player enters into or is renewing an agreement with a Club (or if centrally contracted, with a Home Union) and an Agent has been acting for either the Player or the Club/Union, all parties including the Player, the Club and the Agent (where applicable) must sign the separate agent declaration form that accompanies the Player's agreement and must submit to the RFU, Premiership Rugby Limited or Registrar together with the Application Documents.

England Academy Player

- 14.6.4 An application for registration of an England Academy Player must be accompanied by:
- (a) the written approval of the Academy Manager of the Club of whose Academy the player is a member; and
 - (b) for Registration with a Club at men's National 2 League (formerly Level 4) and below (or for a Club at men's National 1 League (formerly Level 3) after the Transfer Deadline) written consent on the form prescribed by the RFU from the RFU Head of Academies and the Committee or person designated by the Committee.

Loan, England Academy and Borrowed Players

Men's Rugby

- 14.6.5 An application for registration of a Loan Player will not be accepted where: (a) in respect of Clubs at Championship and below, the applicant Club is more than two Levels below the level of the loaning/parent Club; and (b) in respect of Clubs in the Premiership the applicant Club is more than one Level below the level of the loaning/parent Club. This does not apply to Loan Players who are being loaned to a Club in the Levels above the loaning/parent Club, subject to Regulation 14.3.5.
- 14.6.6 An application for registration of a Loan Player must be accompanied by evidence in writing of the terms of the loan, including the start date and end date, if the Player is contracted with their parent Club, and signed by the Player and both clubs in a form approved by the RFU.

Upon expiry of the Loan, the Player will automatically be registered back with the loaning/parent Club. It is the responsibility of both clubs to inform the Registrar in

writing if the loan arrangement is extended, at least two working days before the loan expiry date

(unless the RFU Board of Directors decides that the Player's registration with the applicant Club is otherwise in the best interests of the Game and the requirements of this Regulation 14.6.6 can be waived).

Loan and England Academy Players in a Match Day Squad

14.6.7 A Club may not play or select as a replacement or substitute in a Match more than the number of Players set out below:

- (a) Premiership: no more than three Loan Players and unlimited England Academy Players under the age of 24 as at 1 September 2022.
- (b) Championship: no more than three Loan Players and no more than ten England Academy Players under the age of 24 as at 1 September 2022.
- (c) National 1 League (formerly Level 3): no more than three Loan Players and no more than six England Academy Players under the age of 24 as at 1 September 2022. After the Transfer Deadline, only those England Academy Players who have already played or been selected as a replacement or substitute in a League or Cup Match for the Club's first XV prior to the Transfer Deadline will be permitted to be selected in a League or Cup Match for the Club's first XV, unless otherwise approved by the RFU Head of Academies.
- (d) National 2 League (formerly Level 4) and below: four players from another Club of which no more than three shall be Loan Players and the others (up to the maximum of four) must be England Academy Players under the age of 24 as at 1 September 2022. After the Transfer Deadline, only those England Academy Players who have already played or been selected as a replacement or substitute in a League or Cup Match for the Club's first XV prior to the Transfer Deadline will be permitted to be selected in a League or Cup Match for the Club's first XV, unless otherwise approved by the RFU Head of Academies.

Women's Rugby

Borrowing and Loaning Players

For the purposes of this Regulation:

"Borrowing" shall mean the informal borrowing or loaning of a Player on an ad-hoc basis for one match and for which no written agreement is required and applies as between clubs at National Challenge 1 and below, and in accordance with the borrowing process stipulated by the RFU. 'Borrow' and 'Borrowed Player' shall be construed accordingly;

"Loaning" shall mean the loaning of a Player on a formal basis, for an allotted period of time in which the Player can only play for the loanee Club, for which a written agreement is required between the clubs and any loaning of players must be done in accordance with the loaning process stipulated by the RFU. 'Loan' and 'Loan Player' shall be construed accordingly and excludes those players registered in accordance with Regulation 14.3.8 and 14.3.9 and 14.3.11.

14.6.8 Save as set out in Regulation 14.6.9 below, Loan Players may not hold Effective Registration with the same Club more than three (3) times after the opening day of the Season. When counting the number of consecutive Effective Registrations a Loan

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Player has held, the Player's Effective Registration with that Club on the first day of the Season shall not count providing the player has not been subject of a transfer during the Season, irrespective of the number of times they have been loaned to a different club.

14.6.9 In respect of Loan Players loaned between Premier 15s Clubs and Championship 1 Clubs, a player may move freely between those Clubs until the Transfer Deadline but once the Transfer Deadline has passed a player may not hold Effective Registration with the same Club more than three (3) times. When counting the number of consecutive Effective Registrations a Loan Player has held, the player's Effective Registration with that Club on the Transfer Deadline day shall not count providing the player has not been subject of a transfer during the Season.

14.6.10 No side can play more than three Loan players in any match day squad.

14.6.11 A player playing at a lower level can be loaned upwards to any club at any level.

14.6.12 A player other than a Premier 15s player can be loaned down to a Club up to 2 levels lower in the league structure.

14.6.13 A Premier 15s player can be loaned between Premier 15s Clubs, and otherwise can only be loaned down to a Club in Championship 1, Championship 2 or National Challenge 1 (Level 4).

14.6.14 Borrowing is only allowed to happen between National Challenge 1 (Level 4) and below clubs, subject to the following conditions:

(a) no side can play more than three Borrowed players in any match day squad:

i. in National Challenge 1 and 2, teams can only borrow from their matchday opposition or teams in parallel or below leagues. They may not borrow from other teams in their league.

ii. in National Challenge 3 and below, teams can only borrow from their matchday opposition, other teams within their league or teams in parallel leagues and below.

(b) a Borrowed Player must be declared to the opposition prior to the start of the fixture;

(c) a Player can only be Borrowed in order to fulfil a fixture to complete a playing squad or as cover for front row positions

	Level	Can loan to	Can loan from	Can borrow to	Can borrow from
Premier 15s	1	1-4	1-6		
Championship 1	2	1-4	1-6		
Championship 2	3	1-5	1-6		
National Challenge 1	4	1-6	1-6	4 (parallel) and Opposition	4 (parallel), 5, 6 and Opposition
National Challenge 2	5	1-6	3-6	4, 5 (parallel)	5 (parallel), 6 and

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				and Opposition	Opposition
National Challenge 3	6	1-6	4-6	4, 5 and 6	6

All Overseas Players – Men and Women’s Rugby

14.6.15 Applications for registration at men’s Premiership to National 2 League (formerly Levels 1 to 4) and women’s level 1 or a contracted player at men’s Regional 1 (formerly Level 5) and below or women’s Level 2 and below, where the player last played in another Union, must be accompanied by Clearance from that Union. Non-contracted Players wishing to register for a club at men’s Regional 1 (formerly Level 5) and below or women’s Level 2 and below are not required to provide a copy of the Clearance when making an application for registration.

Registration with Clubs in men’s National 2 League (formerly Level 4) or above and women’s Level 1

14.6.16 An application for registration of an Overseas Player with a Club in men’s National 2 League (formerly Level 4) or above or women’s level 1 who is leaving or proposing to leave their Current Union must be accompanied by clearance from their Current Union to participate in the Game under the jurisdiction of the RFU.

14.6.17 An application for registration with a Club in men’s National 2 League (formerly Level 4) or above or women’s level 1 of a person who was an Overseas Player at the time of:

- (a) previously been registered with a Club at men’s Regional 1 (formerly Level 5) or below or women’s Level 2 and below; or
- (b) played for a Club or team which does not require registration;

(“a former Overseas Player”) must be accompanied by clearance from that Player’s former Union to participate in the Game under the jurisdiction of the RFU.

Players who were not born in the UK

Registration with Clubs at men’s Premiership to National 2 League (formerly Levels 1 to 4) or women Level 1

14.6.18 Evidence by way of a permit visa or other authority that such person is entitled to receive payment or other benefit from participating in or playing the Game must accompany an application for registration of a Player who was not born in the UK and who will either be contracted, receive a Material Benefit or will play at men’s Premiership to National 2 League (formerly Levels 1 to 4) or women Level 1. Visas or permits which give consent to play rugby football as an amateur are not sufficient.

14.6.19 In addition, where the Club is situated in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man (and therefore subject to different immigration regulations) the application for registration must be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the RFU that the Player meets the requirements for a permit, visa or other authority from the UK Home Office to play at the Level at which the Club participates.

Registration with Clubs in men’s Regional 1 (formerly Level 5) and below or women’s Level 2 and below

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14.6.20 An application for registration by a Club at men's Regional 1 (formerly Level 5) and below or women's Level 2 and below for an amateur Player who was not born in the UK does not need to be accompanied by immigration documents unless specifically requested by the Registrar.

14.6.21 An application for registration by a Club at men's Regional 1 (formerly Level 5) and below or women's Level 2 and below for a Contracted Player who was not born in the UK needs to be accompanied by the evidence set out at 14.6.18 and 14.6.19 above.

14.7 List of Effectively Registered Players

14.7.1 Each Club's registration list is available online or by request in writing to the relevant Registrar.

14.8 De-Registration

14.8.1 A Player (other than a contracted Player) or Club may request deregistration in accordance with the RFU deregistration process.

14.8.2 No application for de-registration may be withdrawn during the 24-hour de-registration period. For the avoidance of doubt, an application for Effective Registration may be made in respect of the Player by another Club during that period which, if accepted, will be effective at the end of the Waiting Period.

14.9 Loss of Effective Registration

14.9.1 A Player will cease to have Effective Registration with a Club immediately:

- (a) upon being Effectively Registered with another Club;
- (b) upon expiry of 24 hours following a valid application for de-registration
- (c) following a valid application for formal consent, registration or other approval to play for any team in or under the control of a Union other than the RFU;
- (d) if their Effective Registration is cancelled or suspended by the relevant Organising Committee;
- (e) upon the expiry of any work permit visa or other permit or consent required by law unless they are an Overseas Player registered with a Club at men's Regional 1 (formerly Level 5) and below or women's Level 2 and below who has a properly completed Amateur Declaration lodged with the Registrar on or before the date of the expiry of the said work permit visa or other permit or consent required by law.
- (f) where a Player enters a Contract or receives a Material Benefit and the terms of their permit or visa do not permit them to receive payment of other Material Benefit from participating in the Game;
- (g) where they are an Overseas Player seeking registration at a Club at men's Regional 1 (formerly Level 5) and below or women's Level 2 and below and their Current Union refuses to grant clearance or any consent or clearance is withdrawn;

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- (h) where they are an Overseas Player registered with a Club at men's Regional 1 (formerly Level 5) and below or women's Level 2 and below and they enter a Contract or receive a Material Benefit without clearance from their Current Union;
- (i) where they are a former Overseas Player and their Club is promoted to men's National 2 League (formerly Level 4) or approved for/promoted to women's Level 1 and they do not have the requisite clearance to play for such Club from their Current Union;
- (j) where a Player playing for a men's Club at Regional 1 (formerly Level 5) and below and the Club is promoted to National 2 League (formerly Level 4) and the terms of their permit or visa do not permit them to play for a Club at National 2 League;
- (k) where a player playing for a women's Club at Level 2 and below and the Club is approved for/promoted to Level 1 and the terms of their permit or visa do not permit them to play for a Club at Level 1
- (l) where they were not born in the EU and are playing for a Club situated in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man which is promoted to men's National 2 League (formerly Level 4) or above or is approved for/promoted to women's Level 1 and the Club has not produced evidence satisfactory to the RFU that the Player meets the requirements for a permit, visa or other authority from the UK Home Office to play at the Level at which the Club participates in RFU Competitions;
- (m) where a Club has failed to update the RFU with changes to the Player's details under Regulation 14.4.6;
- (n) pending the outcome of a disciplinary case and/or if subject to sanction in accordance with RFU Regulations.

14.9.2 A Player will cease to have Effective Registration with a Club at the end of the Season if they are a Loan Player who is returning to their loaning/parent Club.

14.9.3 A Player's Effective Registration will be void and invalid as at the Effective Date where the Club in making the Player's application for Effective Registration supplied false, inaccurate or misleading information or forged any signature on any Registration Form or Application Document.

14.10 Disputes

14.10.1 Any dispute on the application or interpretation of this RFU Regulation 14 must be referred to the relevant Registrar in writing stating the grounds for the objection or dispute.

14.10.2 If a dispute is not resolved within 7 days of receipt of the complaint under 14.10.1 above, the Club or Player may submit the original complaint in writing to the RFU Head of Discipline.

14.10.3 Any bona fide dispute regarding a Player's Effective Registration that is referred to the relevant Registrar before the applicable transfer deadline, and which is not resolved until after the applicable transfer deadline, may on request, be referred to the RFU Registrar and the Committee. The Committee may decide in exceptional circumstances to allow that Player to hold Effective Registration with another club after the Transfer Deadline has passed.

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14.11 General

- 14.11.1 The Committee may delegate its powers under this Regulation (other than those under RFU Regulation 14.10, 14.11.2 and 14.11.3) to any Division, Constituent Body or other company, person, association, group, body or committee.
- 14.11.2 During the Season the Committee may in its sole discretion rectify any error or omission in this RFU Regulation 14 which comes to its attention.
- 14.11.3 The Committee shall have the discretion to decide upon any matter not provided for in this RFU Regulation 14 and upon its interpretation. The Committee's decision shall be final and binding.
- 14.11.4 In the event that any provision of this RFU Regulation 14 is found by any Court or competent authority to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part that provision shall be deemed not to form part of this Regulation and the legality, validity and enforceability of the remainder of this Regulation shall not be affected.