



COMMUNITY GAME UPDATE

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Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update

Please find below the nineteenth edition of our Coronavirus (Covid-19) update.

Don't forget the virtual sessions taking place on the Adult Male Competition Future Structure review, or the webinars scheduled for next week. Eddie's latest coaching podcast is available too and there's a link to the Gift Aid opportunities and pitfalls for CASCs and charities webinar which is available on demand.

National Volunteer Week 2020 starts next Monday and we've highlighted some more rugby club initiatives and also put a call out for more stories and videos about the great activities that are taking place in the local community.

Please visit our dedicated web portal on the England Rugby website to access coronavirus information and updates [here](#).

Past editions of these twice-weekly updates can be found on this part of the website. Click [here](#) if you need to find a previous edition.



RFU Headlines

Adult Male Future Competitions Structure - register for online consultation sessions

We will be running online consultation webinars in respect of the Adult Male Future Competitions Structure review throughout June. The aim of these sessions is to provide further detail on the future competition structure proposals. Feedback on these from players, coaches, referees and volunteers is essential to ensure a future structure that meets the game's needs, and to help the group reach a final formal proposal. This will then be put to the game later in the summer, ahead of any RFU Council decision for implementation in the 2021/22 season.

The virtual process will allow players and clubs to ask questions and enter a facilitated discussion forum.

The following sessions will be running from 7-9pm, unless otherwise stated:

- Wednesday 3 June - Level 3 & 4
- Thursday 4 June - Level 5 & 6 (Session 1: 3pm | Session 2: 7pm)
- Monday 8 June - Level 7 & below (North)
- Wednesday 10 June - Level 7 & below (Midlands)
- Thursday 11 June - Level 7 & below (London/South East, Session 1 - 3pm)
- Monday 15 June - Level 7 & below (London/South East, Session 2)
- Wednesday 17 June - Level 7 & below (South West, Session 1)
- Thursday 18 June - Level 7 & below (South West, Session 2 - 3pm)

For those not able to make the live sessions, webinars will be recorded, with content available to view for the following two weeks and the ability to submit feedback.

Please note we are asking that each club limits the number of attendees to a maximum of four, including at least one player, and ideally a coach / Director of Rugby. This is to ensure the technology can support potentially large numbers and to ensure a balanced input.

To find out more about the Adult Male Future Competitions Structure and register for a webinar, please click below.

[Full Details](#)

Other Important Information

Webinars and Podcasts

To find the full details of the webinar programme through to Thursday 11 June, please click below.

[Webinar Programme](#)

Furlough - the next phase and how to prepare for when it ends - Wednesday 3 June at 12.30pm

The government has extended the furlough scheme until the end of October with further guidance due at the end of May. This webinar, delivered in partnership with Irwin Mitchell, will provide guidance and support on the next phase of the furlough scheme and how to prepare for when it ends.

[Register](#)

Media Support Webinar – Thursday 4 June at 7pm

The Media Support Webinar will provide tips and ideas on things you can be doing now to share with your local media. This will include a discussion on what we can provide to assist you once we are able to get the game back up and running. Registration details will be provided in due course.

The Eddie Jones Coaching podcast

This week's Eddie Jones Coaching podcast focuses on the infamous game from 2017 that created the term 'ruckgate'. Click below to listen in full.

[Listen](#)

Gift Aid Opportunities and Pitfalls for CASCs & Charities - webinar now available on demand

This webinar explores how clubs registered as CASCs or charities can maximise the use of Gift Aid on donations to raise much needed funds. Clubs such as Salisbury RFC and Dorking RFC have maximised the use of Gift Aid with Salisbury RFC raising over £25K and Dorking RFC raising over £80K. Register below to find out how your club could do the same.

[Register](#)

Catch up on previous webinars

For those who want to catch up on previous webinars, these are available on the England Rugby website. Please click on the links below:

[Club Webinars](#)

[Referee Webinars](#)

[Coach Webinars](#)

Rugby community doing great things

Later today englandrugby.com will catch up with some more of our clubs helping their communities and raising funds for foodbanks and the NHS. Among our local rugby heroes are: Edwardians in Solihull, Ryton's rainbowed women's players in Tyne & Wear, Mansfield with their shorn locks, Scunthorpe sending rugby stress balls to the local hospital and the Herts racing refs covering the distance around all the county.

Next Week is National Volunteer Week 2020. In conjunction with Mitsubishi Motors in the UK, proud supporters of the rugby volunteers across England who make up an integral part of the game, we want to continue to thank volunteers in the rugby community nationwide for making a big difference in their communities during the pandemic. Help us recognise your work by sharing your stories and videos with VeeMontebello@rfu.com or PatriciaMowbray@rfu.com.

Click below to find out more about the Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer Recognition Programme.

Recognition Programme