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Ref: Player Welfare Regulation 9.

For the attention of: CB Executive Personnel, CB Team Administrators and Coaches.

The purpose of CB rugby is to “enrich, reward and recognise” the players, coaches and administrators who commit so much to the game, offering them a representative opportunity.

To that end, there have been a large number of excellent CB events during 2019/20, whether it be competitive playing opportunities, training or assessment days. This has led to some great experiences for everyone involved. This adds great value to the journey of everyone in the game and it is important to recognise you and your colleagues, so thank you.

We are aware that there has been some inconsistency in the deployment of appropriate medical cover in CB activity. This note is intentioned to act as a reminder to assist you and those delivering your programmes. We are aware that not all volunteers will be entirely aware of the requirements of Regulation 9 and the minimum operating standards of First Aid / Immediate Care provision for Rugby Union matches and training. Therefore, we feel it is appropriate to ensure the messaging is clear by sending out this clarification. In the majority of cases we know that provision is at the correct level and we wish to recognise this best practice.

We must also highlight that there have been instances reported where medical provision has been some way below the expected level. This puts the players at unnecessary risk and is something we must guard against

Links to Regulation 9, RugbySafe and minimum operating standards provided below; we ask that CBs, their programme leads, coaches and team managers are aware of, and complying with minimum operating standards.

Within the RugbySafe Guide, there is reference to Risk Assessments and the responsibility of hosts to ensure full risk assessments are completed. This includes CB Rugby

We highly recommend that CBs ensure they have full risk assessments completed for all CB Rep Rugby and any other playing and training events you host.

Please make contact with your Player Pathway Officer should you have any questions related to Regulation 9 or RugbySafe.

Signed

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Web Links

Rugby Safe

<https://www.englandrugby.com/participation/playing/player-welfare-rugby-safe>

Regulation 9

<https://www.englandrugby.com//dxdam/13/1346edc1-1bbd-410e-8b36-4f3dacc74850/Regulation%209.pdf>

Minimum Operating Standards – First Aid & immediate Care Provision

<https://www.englandrugby.com//dxdam/4e/4e0ce4f0-ee54-4e8e-a433-079f5d041ce6/Minimum%20Operating%20Standards.pdf>