

**AGE GRADE RUGBY
COMPETITIVE MENU 2016-17**

National and Nationwide Competitions Schedule 2016-17

Across Age Grade Rugby there will be a set of nationally delivered competitions. For terminology, a national competition seeks a national "champion". A nationwide competition does not seek to find a champion but does provide a consistent playing programme and calendar across the country for an age group of players. The schedule of these competitions is as follows with the detail behind each competition to be confirmed on release of the invitation to enter:

Under 13 Male	Schools	National Schools 7s	March	Annual schools 7s competition, taking place at Rosslyn Park
Under 14 Male	Schools	National Schools 7s	March	Annual schools 7s competition, taking place at Rosslyn Park
Under 15 Male	Schools	National Schools Competition	September to March	Schools tiered Knock-out Cup sponsored by NatWest - aim to mirror nationwide for local schools not entering the main competition
Under 16 Male	Schools	National Schools 7s	March	Annual schools 7s competition, taking place at Rosslyn Park
Under 17 Male	Clubs	National Under 17s Competition	September to April	Local county leagues or cups feeding Divisional play offs and National finals in April
Under 18 Male	Schools	Champions Trophy	September to November	Schools Knock-out Cup for 32 teams sitting above the Knock-out Cup structure as below leading to a Final in November
	Schools	National Schools Competition	September to March	Schools tiered Knock-out Cup sponsored by NatWest - aim to mirror nationwide for local schools not entering the main competition
	Schools	National Schools 7s	March	Annual schools 7s competition, taking place at Rosslyn Park
	Schools/Colleges	AASE League	September to November	League for AASE Colleges and Schools leading to a Finals Day event in November
	Colleges	National Colleges Leagues	September to April	Colleges Leagues on a regional level run with AoC Sport (Association of Colleges) leading to play offs and Finals
	Clubs	National Under 18s Competition	September to April	Clubs Knock-out Cup run by East Midlands Rugby Union leading to a Final in April
Under 13 Female	Schools	Nationwide Schools Competition	Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar	Series of four nationwide tiered flexible Festivals (to run on an Area or County basis)
	Clubs	Nationwide Clubs Competition	Oct, Dec, Feb	Tiered nationwide Waterfall Tournaments over 6 weeks (to run on an Area or County basis)
Under 15 Female	Schools	Nationwide Schools Competition	Nov, Mar	Series of two nationwide tiered flexible Festivals (to run on an Area or County basis) - reflects shift in balance to club participation
	Clubs	National Clubs Competition	October to April	Clubs tiered Knock-out Cup running over 9 weeks from local to national level
Under 18 Female	Schools/Colleges	National Schools 7s	March	Annual tiered schools/colleges 7s competitions, taking place at Rosslyn Park
	Colleges	Nationwide Schools Competition	Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar	Series of four nationwide tiered flexible Festivals run on a regional level with AoC Sport (Association of Colleges)
	Clubs	National Clubs Competition	Oct, Dec, Feb	Clubs tiered Knock-out Cup running over 9 weeks from local to national level

Age Grade Rugby: Player-Centred, Development-Driven, Competition-Supported