

AGE GRADE RUGBY
PLAYING CALENDAR 2023-24

JANUARY 2023 - FINAL VERSION

A nationally consistent Menu and Calendar for our Age Grade Rugby players

Produced for the spectrum of Organisers of Age Grade Rugby competitions and representative rugby across England
Including in Constituent Bodies, County Schools Unions, National Partner Organisations, Club Community Teams, Regional Player Pathway Groups, Academies, Centres of Excellence and RFU Staff

The release of the Calendar supports the age grade game to plan locally for 2023-24 and continues to focus on our key strategic objective of retaining 14 to 18-year-olds in rugby, despite the challenges presented by the pandemic in 2019 to 2022.
When sharing the calendar, please underline it is part of the regulations of the age grade game and must be followed. There may be some changes centrally during the year if circumstances (such as in the Covid years) dictate, however, this will be the exception.

- The 2023-24 Calendar shows little difference to the 2022-23 calendar. The main headlines are consistent and include:
- All nationally organised competitions, Academy pathway and aspirational pathway activity (DPP, CB and Centre of Excellence activity and playing opportunities) and international preparation and events, remain nationally pre-populated in defined weeks not to be moved.
 - The Girls calendar reflects the age bands of U12, U14, U16 and U18 introduced from the 2022-23 season, with the colleges performance league programme at U18 added in.
 - The Boys calendar has the colleges league programme at U18 added in. Academy Leagues Round 1 & 2 will be on Sundays, not during the week in the pre-season period.
- CB Age Grade Calendars do not require central approval. CB Executives will provide this and check all stakeholders are consulted. CB Executives will be expected to publish their calendar on CB and partner websites. This is specified in Regulation 15.

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THE DIALOGUE THAT TAKES PLACE LOCALLY BETWEEN ALL STAKEHOLDERS THAT SUPPORT THE INDIVIDUAL PLAYER IS ESSENTIAL. THE NATIONAL AG CALENDAR IS RELEASED AT LEAST 9 MONTHS BEFORE THE SEASON TO ENABLE THIS TO START EARLY AND BE FULLY PLAYER-CENTRED. LOCAL COLLABORATION IS THE KEY AND IS AN EXPECTATION OF EVERYONE IN AGE GRADE RUGBY.

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