

**AGE GRADE RUGBY
COMPETITIVE MENU 2026/27**

Role of Competition and Representative Rugby Organisers

The structure of the Menu is governed by RFU regulations. Organisers will operate their competitions and activities within the parameters of Regulation 15 - Age Grade Rugby.
Only the competitive formats on the menu for an age group are allowed.

Competitive Menu By Age Group

The competitive opportunity available on the Menu progresses by age group. Progression is aligned to the developing competitive motivations of Age Grade Rugby players. Formats can be selected from the Menu. This **does not** mean that all formats **have to** be run.

Competition Format	Under 7 to 11	Under 12 Male	Under 13 Male	Under 14 Male	Under 15 Male	Under 16 Male	Under 17 Male	Under 18 Male	Under 12 Female	Under 14 Female	Under 16 Female	Under 18 Female
Friendly Fixture	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Triangular	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Festival	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Waterfall Competition		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knock Out Competition				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
League					✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
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Competitive Format Descriptors

Friendly Fixture	Competitive style playing opportunity for two teams, often as part of a club or school/college block fixture, where focus is on maximising all your player's involvement, development and enjoyment.
Triangular	Competitive style playing opportunity for three teams where equal player participation is the emphasis. Focus is on maximising all your player's involvement, development and enjoyment rather than the score.
Festival	Competitive round-robin playing opportunity where equal team and player participation is the emphasis. Winning doesn't affect your ongoing participation as every team plays the same appropriate number of matches.
Waterfall Competition	Competitive playing programme where equal participation/progression is the emphasis. The outcome of your pool (not a league) games are recorded (but not published) to enable every team to advance to later rounds for an equal number of matches organised against similar level teams.
Knock Out Competition	Competitive playing programme where the outcome of the game is recorded and dictates your progression to later knock-out rounds or decides your final standing. Usually includes a winners trophy.
League	Competitive playing programme where the outcome of the game is recorded and points are applied to dictate your position and final standing in the published league table. Usually includes a winners trophy. May lead to a play off system to establish final champions.

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			<i>Insert Local U12 Competition here</i>	<i>Insert Local U13 Competition here</i>	<i>Insert Local U14 Competition here</i>	<i>Insert Local U15 Competition here</i>	National Competitions	Player Pathway Programmes	<i>Insert Local U16 Competition here</i>			
July	27	2						Pathway Activity	Pathway Activity	July	27	2
August	3	9								August	3	9
August	10	16								August	10	16
August	17	23								August	17	23
August	24	30								August	24	30
August	31	6								August	31	6
September	7	13								September	7	13
September	14	20						PDG selection Festival		September	14	20
September	21	27					Nat Schools Comp R1	PDG selection Festival		September	21	27
September	28	4			Preliminary round	Week 1			Week 1	September	28	4
October	5	11	West buckland Festival	West buckland Festival	West buckland Festival	West buckland Festival	Nat Schools Comp R2		Week 2	October	5	11
October	12	18			1st Round	Week 2			Week 3	October	12	18
October	19	25				Week 3			Week 4	October	19	25
October	26	1						Intra Playing Opp	Intra/Inter Playing Opp	October	26	1
November	2	8 Rememb								November	2	8 Rememb
November	9	15			Preliminary plate round	Week 4	Nat Schools Comp R3		Week 5	November	9	15
November	16	22				Week 5			Week 6	November	16	22
November	23	29			1/4 Finals	Week 6	Nat Schools Comp R4		Week 7	November	23	29
November	30	6				Week 7				November	30	6
December	7	13					Nat Schools Comp R5			December	7	13
December	14	20						Intra Playing Opp	Intra/Inter Playing Opp	December	14	20
December	21	27								December	21	27
December	28	3								December	28	3
January	4	10				1/4 Finals				January	4	10
January	11	17			Semi-Finals		Nat Schools Comp R6			January	11	17
January	18	24						Intra Playing Opp	Intra/Inter Playing Opp	January	18	24
January	25	31								January	25	31
February	1	7					Nat Schools Comp SF			February	1	7
February	8	14			Finals					February	8	14
February	15	21								February	15	21
February	22	28		Schools 7s week	Schools 7s week	Schools 7s week			Schools 7s week	February	22	28
March	1	7 Mothers		Schools 7s week	Schools 7s week	Schools 7s week			Schools 7s week	March	1	7 Mothers
March	8	14		National Schools 7s	National Schools 7s	Schools 7s week			National Schools 7s	March	8	14
March	15	21		Schools 7s week	Schools 7s week	Schools 7s week	Nat Schs Comp Finals		Schools 7s week	March	15	21
March	22	28 Easter		NO GAMES	Schools 7s week	Schools 7s week	NO GAMES	NO GAMES	Schools 7s week	March	22	28 Easter
March	29	4						Intra Playing Opp	Intra/Inter Playing Opp	March	29	4
April	5	11							Academy Festival	April	5	11
April	12	18	Devon RFU AG Festival		Devon RFU AG Festival				Inter Academy Playing Opp	April	12	18
April	19	25		Devon RFU AG Festival		Devon RFU AG Festival			Inter Academy Playing Opp	April	19	25
April	26	2							Inter Academy Playing Opp	April	26	2
May	3	9						Intra Playing Opp		May	3	9
May	10	16								May	10	16
May	17	23								May	17	23
May	24	30								May	24	30
May	31	6								May	31	6
June	7	13								June	7	13
June	14	20			T1 Rugby Series Finals					June	14	20
June	21	27								June	21	27
June	28	4								June	28	4
July	5	11								July	5	11
July	12	18								July	12	18
July	19	25								July	19	25
July	26	1								July	26	1

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			Insert Local U17 Competition here	Competitions	Insert Rep Activity here	National & Academy Programme	Insert Local U18 Competition here	Competitions	Rep Counties	Academy	Rep Professional						
July	27	2			CB U17 Development										July	27	2
August	3	9				Academy Festival						Academy Rnd 1			August	3	9
August	10	16				Inter Academy Activity						Academy Rnd 2	England SA Tour (2 wks TBC)		August	10	16
August	17	23				Inter Academy Activity						Academy Rnd 3			August	17	23
August	24	30													August	24	30
August	31	6													August	31	6
September	7	13										ACE Boys R1 (Stage 1)			September	7	13
September	14	20							Nat Schools Comp R1	Nat Colleges Comp R1		ACE Boys R2 (Stage 1)			September	14	20
September	21	27						Week 1				ACE Boys R3 (Stage 1)	England Development Camp		September	21	27
September	28	4							Nat Schools Comp R2	Nat Colleges Comp R2	Nat Clubs Comp R1	ACE Boys R4 (Stage 1)			September	28	4
October	5	11						Week 2				ACE Boys R5 (Stage 1)			September	5	11
October	12	18							Nat Schools Comp R3	Nat Colleges Comp R3		RESERVE			October	12	18
October	19	25							Inter Academy Activity				CB Assessment	Academy Rnd 4	October	19	25
October	26	1											CB Squad Development	England Development Camp	October	26	1
November	2	8 Rememb						Week 3				ACE Boys R6 (Stage 2)			November	2	8 Rememb
November	9	15							Nat Schools Comp R4	Nat Colleges Comp R6		ACE Boys R7 (Stage 2)			November	9	15
November	16	22										ACE Boys R8 (Stage 2)	CB Training + Match		November	16	22
November	23	29						Week 4				ACE Boys R9 (Stage 2)			November	23	29
November	30	6							Nat Schools Comp R5	Nat Colleges Comp R9		ACE Boys R10 (Stage 2)	CB Training + Match	England Camp	November	30	6
December	7	13						Week 5				RESERVE			December	7	13
December	14	20							Nat Schools Comp R6		Nat Clubs Comp R3		CB Training + Match		December	14	20
December	21	27													December	21	27
December	28	3												Academy Rnd 5	December	28	3
January	4	10						Week 6						Academy Rnd 6	January	4	10
January	11	17												Academy Rnd 7	January	11	17
January	18	24												Academy Rnd 8	January	18	24
January	25	31												Academy Rnd 9	January	25	31
February	1	7												Academy Reserve	February	1	7
February	8	14												Academy Semi-Finals	February	8	14
February	15	21						Week 8							February	15	21
February	22	28			Schools 7s week			Week 9		Schools 7s week				England Camp	February	22	28
March	1	7 Mothers			Schools 7s week			Week 10		Schools 7s week					March	1	7 Mothers
March	8	14			National Schools 7s									U18 Fixture	March	8	14
March	15	21			Schools 7s week	England Development				Schools 7s week	Nat Schools Comp Finals	ADC Sport Play Off Final	Nat Clubs Comp R5		March	15	21
March	22	28 Easter			Schools 7s week					Schools 7s week		England Colleges 7s		U18 Fixture	March	22	28 Easter
March	29	4													March	29	4
April	5	11													April	5	11
April	12	18													April	12	18
April	19	25													April	19	25
April	26	2													April	26	2
May	3	9													May	3	9
May	10	16													May	10	16
May	17	23													May	17	23
May	24	30													May	24	30
May	31	6													May	31	6
June	7	13													June	7	13
June	14	20													June	14	20
June	21	27													June	21	27
June	28	4													June	28	4
July	5	11													July	5	11
July	12	18													July	12	18
July	19	25													July	19	25
July	26	1													July	26	1

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					U16 LEAGUE	U16 CO-OP DIVISION										
July	27	2		U14 & 15 Assessment				U14 & 15 Assessment						July	27	2
August	3	9												August	3	9
August	10	16										Pathway Activity		August	10	16
August	17	23												August	17	23
August	24	30												August	24	30
August	31	6	NO GAME	NO GAME										August	31	6
September	7	13	NO GAME	NO GAME						ACE Girls R1				September	7	13
September	14	20	NO GAME	NO GAME										September	14	20
September	21	27	Week 1 Cluster	Week 1 Cluster	League 1	PO1			League 1	ACE Girls R2				September	21	27
September	28	4	Week 2 Cluster	Week 2 Cluster	League 2	PO2			League 2					September	28	4
October	5	11		Devon Cup 1		Devon Cup 1	Nat Clubs Comp			ACE Girls R3	Nat Clubs Comp			October	5	11
October	12	18	Week 3 Cluster	Week 3 Cluster	League 3				League 3				Positional Skills	October	12	18
October	19	25												October	19	25
October	26	1			League 4						CB Assessment	Playing Opportunity		October	26	1
November	2	8 Rememb	Week 4 Cluster	Week 4 Cluster		Devon Cup 2	Nat Clubs Comp		League 4	ACE Girls R4	Nat Clubs Comp			November	2	8 Rememb
November	9	15	Week 5 Cluster	Devon Cup 2	League 5	PO3			League 5				England Pathway	November	9	15
November	16	22					Nat Clubs Comp			ACE Girls R5	Nat Clubs Comp			November	16	22
November	23	29	Week 6 Cluster	Week 5 Cluster	League 6	Devon Cup 3						CB Squad Development	Playing Opportunity	November	23	29
November	30	6		Devon Cup 3	League 7	Devon Cup 4			League 7	ACE Girls R6				November	30	6
December	7	13	Week 7 Cluster	Week 6 Cluster		PO4		Playing Opportunity		ACE Girls R7		CB Training + Match	EEP 1	December	7	13
December	14	20												December	14	20
December	21	27	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME			December	21	27
December	28	3												December	28	3
January	4	10		Devon Cup 4	League 8	Devon Cup 5			League 6					January	4	10
January	11	17	Week 8 Cluster	Week 7 Cluster	League 9	PO5						CB Training + Match	Playing Opportunity	January	11	17
January	18	24	Week 9 Cluster		League 10	PO6			League 7				EEP 2	January	18	24
January	25	31		Devon Cup 5			Nat Clubs Comp		League 8					January	25	31
February	1	7	Week 10 Cluster	Week 8 Cluster				Playing Opportunity		ACE Girls R8	Nat Clubs Comp			February	1	7
February	8	14	Week 11 Cluster		League 11	Devon Cup 6						CB Training + Match	EEP 3	February	8	14
February	15	21			League 12								Playing Opportunity	February	15	21
February	22	28	Week 12 Cluster	Week 9 Cluster			Nat Clubs Comp			ACE Girls R9	Nat Clubs Comp			February	22	28
March	1	7 Mothers		Devon Cup 6	League 13	Devon Cup 7			League 9				EEP 4/England Camp	March	1	7 Mothers
March	8	14	Week 13 Cluster	Week 1 Cluster	League 14	PO7	National Schools 7s		League 10	National Schools 7s				March	8	14
March	15	21	National Schools Showcase	Devon Cup 7				Playing Opportunity		ACE Girls Play Offs & Final			England Camp	March	15	21
March	22	28 Easter	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME			England Colleges 7s			Playing Opportunity	March	22	28 Easter
March	29	4	Week 14 Cluster											March	29	4
April	5	11			LEAGUE FINAL	DEVON CUP FINAL							England 6N	April	5	11
April	12	18	DRFU AG FESTIVAL + U9S/10S	DRFU AG Cup FINAL				Playing Opportunity	DRFU AG LEAGUE FINAL					April	12	18
April	19	25		DRFU AG FESTIVAL			Nat Clubs Comp				Nat Clubs Comp			April	19	25
April	26	2			DRFU AG FESTIVAL				DRFU AG FESTIVAL			Regional Festival		April	26	2
May	3	9					Nat Clubs Final				Nat Clubs Final			May	3	9
May	10	16								T1 Rugby Series Finals			England Review Camp	May	10	16
May	17	23												May	17	23
May	24	30												May	24	30
May	31	6		U14 & 15 Assessment				U14 & 15 Assessment						May	31	6
June	7	13												June	7	13
June	14	20		T1 Rugby Series Finals										June	14	20
June	21	27												June	21	27
June	28	4												June	28	4
July	5	11												July	5	11
July	12	18										PDG Transition Sessions		July	12	18
July	19	25												July	19	25
July	26	1												July	26	1

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