

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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Month	W/C	Sunday	Under 12 Male	Under 13 Male	Under 14 Male	Under 15 Male			Under 16 Male		Month	W/C	Sunday
			Insert Local U12 Competition here	Insert Local U13 Competition here	Insert Local U14 Competition here	Insert Local U15 Competition here	National Competitions	Player Pathway Programmes	Insert Local U16 Competition here	Player Pathway Programmes			
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									September	28	4
October	5	11									October	5	11
October	12	18									October	12	18
October	19	25									October	19	25
October	26	1									October	26	1
November	2	8 Rememb									November	2	8 Rememb
November	9	15									November	9	15
November	16	22									November	16	22
November	23	29									November	23	29
November	30	6									November	30	6
December	7	13									December	7	13
December	14	20									December	14	20
December	21	27									December	21	27
December	28	3									December	28	3
January	4	10									January	4	10
January	11	17									January	11	17
January	18	24									January	18	24
January	25	31									January	25	31
February	1	7									February	1	7
February	8	14									February	8	14
February	15	21									February	15	21
February	22	28									February	22	28
March	1	7 Mothers									March	1	7 Mothers
March	8	14									March	8	14
March	15	21									March	15	21
March	22	28 Easter									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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			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	Academy Festival									July	27	2		
August	3	9				Inter Academy Activity							Academy Rnd 1	England SA Tour (2 wks TBD)	August	3	9		
August	10	16				Inter Academy Activity							Academy Rnd 2		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										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		Nat Colleges Comp R3			ACE Boys R5 (Stage 1)			October	5	11		
October	12	18					Week 3		Nat Schools Comp R3	Nat Colleges Comp R4		RESERVE			October	12	18		
October	19	25				Inter Academy Activity			Nat Colleges Comp R5				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 4		Nat Schools Comp R4	Nat Colleges Comp R6		ACE Boys R6 (Stage 2)			November	2	8 Rememb		
November	9	15							Nat Colleges Comp R7		Nat Clubs Comp R2	ACE Boys R7 (Stage 2)			November	9	15		
November	16	22							Nat Colleges Comp R8			ACE Boys R8 (Stage 2)	CB Training + Match		November	16	22		
November	23	29					Week 5		Nat Schools Comp R5	Nat Colleges Comp R9		ACE Boys R9 (Stage 2)			November	23	29		
November	30	6							Nat Colleges Comp R10		Nat Clubs Comp R3	ACE Boys R10 (Stage 2)	CB Training + Match	England Camp	November	30	6		
December	7	13					Week 6		Nat Schools Comp R6			RESERVE			December	7	13		
December	14	20											CB Training + Match		December	14	20		
December	21	27													December	21	27		
December	28	3				Inter Academy Activity								Academy Rnd 5	December	28	3		
January	4	10				Inter Academy Activity	Week 7							Academy Rnd 6	January	4	10		
January	11	17				Inter Academy Activity								Academy Rnd 7	January	11	17		
January	18	24				Inter Academy Activity			Nat Colleges Comp R11				Divisional Window	Academy Rnd 8	January	18	24		
January	25	31				Inter Academy Activity			Nat Colleges Comp R12					Academy Rnd 9	January	25	31		
February	1	7				Inter Academy Activity			Nat Schools Comp SF	Nat Colleges Comp R13				Academy Reserve	February	1	7		
February	8	14							Nat Colleges Comp R14				Divisional Window	Academy Semi-Finals	February	8	14		
February	15	21					Week 8						Divisional Window		England Camp	February	15	21	
February	22	28		Schools 7s week			Week 9	Schools 7s week					Divisional Select Fixture	Academy Finals		February	22	28	
March	1	7 Mothers		Schools 7s week			Week 10	Schools 7s week	AOC Sport Play Off Semi	Nat Clubs Comp R4					March	1	7 Mothers		
March	8	14		National Schools 7s				National Schools 7s								March	8	14	
March	15	21		Schools 7s week		England Development		Schools 7s week	Nat Schools Comp Finals	AOC Sport Play Off Final	Nat Clubs Comp R5					March	15	21	
March	22	28 Easter		Schools 7s week				Schools 7s week		England Colleges 7s						March	22	28 Easter	
March	29	4														March	29	4	
April	5	11				Inter Academy Activity										April	5	11	
April	12	18				Inter Academy Activity					Nat Clubs Comp SF					April	12	18	
April	19	25				Inter Academy Activity										April	19	25	
April	26	2														April	26	2	
May	3	9			CB Squad Development						Nat Clubs Final					May	3	9	
May	10	16			CB Training + Match	England Development										May	10	16	
May	17	23		T1 Rugby Series Finals	CB Training + Match			T1 Rugby Series Finals								May	17	23	
May	24	30			CB Training + Match											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				England Camp										July	19	25	
July	26	1														July	26	1	
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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												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	NO GAME							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			League 1							Playing Opportunity		October	19	25
October	26	1			League 4									October	26	1
November	2	8 Rememb	Week 4 Cluster	Week 4 Cluster		Devon Cup 2	Nat Clubs Comp			ACE Girls R4	Nat Clubs Comp			November	2	8 Rememb
November	9	15	Week 5 Cluster	Devon Cup 2	League 5	PO3		League 4					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 5	ACE Girls R6				November	30	6
December	7	13	Week 7 Cluster	Week 6 Cluster		PO4		Playing Opportunity		ACE Girls R7		CB Training + Match		December	7	13
December	14	20							League 1					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					Playing Opportunity		March	22	28 Easter
March	29	4	Week 14 Cluster							England Colleges 7s			England 6N	March	29	4
April	5	11	DRFU AG FESTIVAL + U9s/10s	DRFU AG Cup FINAL	LEAGUE FINAL	DEVON CUP FINAL								April	5	11
April	12	18		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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