



Rugby Union Age Grade Compliance

Dear Parents/Guardians

Son's Name:

DOB:

The following assessment procedure has been carried out in accordance with RFU Regulations 15.3 and 15.4 (see overleaf). The assessment will be made for all pupils playing '*out of age group*' including Under 16 (Year 11) and Under 17 (Year 12) players who represent the 1st XV or 2nd XV (Under 18*). The assessment will be made and be monitored throughout the rest of the season.

In regards to our weekly training policy, we train the U16A and B with the 1st XV and 2nd XV, as a Senior Squad of players. If there is contact training within a session then this will always be done in specific year groups. We will on occasion do conditioned games (not full contact) which will be mixed age grades.


I believe that all the boys within the Senior Squad will be able to compete with each other in an appropriate setting which will be the U16B competing with the U16A and 2nd XV, and the U16A competing with the 2nd XV and 1st XV. If any parents would like to discuss this further, then please do get in contact with me.

In relation to Regulation 15.4.3 whereby an U19 player can play down vs our 1st XV or 2nd XV, I can assure you that this is not allowed in either the NatWest Cup or Essex Cup and is checked prior to every weekend fixture.

RFU Assessment Criteria

Aspect:	Yes able to play	No not able to play	Comments (if required)
The social and personal development of the child	/		
The physical development of the child in relation to the rest of the team	/		
The skill level of the child	/		
The position that they are playing within a team	/		
The level that they are playing is appropriate	/		
The impact this will have on others in the team and opponents	/		
<u>Additional Comments / Considerations:</u>			

ASSESSED BY HEAD OF RUGBY*:



Signed:

Date: 24/05/2019

CONSENT FROM PARENT / GUARDIAN*:

Signed:

Date:

APPROVED BY SCHOOL HEAD TEACHER:**

Signed:

Date:

**signing to confirm that the above process sanctioned by the RFU has been applied appropriately

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The conditions relating to playing out of Age Grade are set out in RFU Regulations 15.3 and 15.4 should be read in conjunction with the Age Grade Guidance (links to documents below).

REGULATION 15 - AGE GRADE RUGBY

https://www.englandrugby.com/mm/Document/General/General/01/32/72/38/RFURegulation15_English.pdf

AGE GRADE RUGBY GUIDANCE (July 2016)

https://www.englandrugby.com/mm/Document/General/General/01/31/97/11/AgeGradePlayerProgressionJune2016_English.pdf

Regulation 15.3.5

U12s to U15s can train and play up one age grade if recommended by the player's Club or School provided that:

- (a) in respect of club rugby, consent is obtained from the parents, guardians or carers of the player;
- (b) in respect of Schools' rugby, consent is obtained from the School's Head Teacher; and
- (c) in each case an appropriate assessment is carried out. Best practice on carrying out an appropriate assessment is set out in the Guidance

Regulation 15.3.6

U16s and U17s can train and play up one age grade (including in the front row of the scrum) or two age grades (but not including in the front row of contested scrums if an U16 player is playing 15 a-side rugby), if recommended by the player's Club or School provided that:

- (a) an appropriate assessment is carried out. Best practice on carrying out an appropriate assessment is set out in the Guidance www.englandrugby.com/Regulation15Guidance; and
- (b) in respect of club rugby, approval is obtained from an individual who has parental responsibility for the player; and
- (c) in respect of Schools' rugby, approval is obtained from the School's Head Teacher;

- (d) the individual who has parental responsibility for the player or the School's Head Teacher (as applicable) is informed that it is possible that this dispensation may result in the player playing with and/or against one or more U19 players who are playing down in accordance with Regulation 15.4.3.

Regulation 15.4.3

U9s to U19s (inclusive) can only train and play down one age grade in exceptional circumstances (and subject to competition rules) if:

- (a) the player is in a younger academic year at School than the player's academic birth year; or
- (b) the player's safety may be compromised due to their small stature in comparison to other players in the same age grade or due to a developmental or behavioural issue:

provided that in each case:

- (i) an assessment is carried out. Best practice as to how to carry out an assessment is set out in the Guidance available at www.englandrugby.com/Regulation15Guidance
- (ii) for U12s and below, the Club's Constituent Body's approval is obtained or, in respect of Schools' rugby, the player's Head Teacher's approval is obtained;
- (iii) for U13 and above, the player's parent or guardian approval (as well as the approval of the Club's Safeguarding Officer or Youth Chairman/Secretary) is obtained or, in respect of Schools' rugby, the player's Head Teacher's approval is obtained; and
- (iv) if consent is given, the Club or School must notify the opposing teams within a reasonable period of time in advance of the game.