

GUERNSEY RUGBY ACADEMY



PLAYING UP OR DOWN OUT OF AGE GRADE APPROVAL FORM

Playing Out of Age Grade Important Information

The priority is always for age grade players to play in their defined age/year group, with their peers/friends and where those that support them are most closely connected. Playing out of age grade is the exception. For any player to do so, the circumstances, conditions, assessments and approvals required in regulation must be in place beforehand. The ultimate consideration must be the welfare and safety of all the players involved.

Playing Up, Down and Adult Rugby is about **individual players** for whom it is appropriate. Combining is applicable to **groups of players** joining another age group. Please note, there is a separate form for England Academy and Player Development Group Players.

Please read Regulation [15.3 \(for Playing Up\)](#), [15.4 \(for Playing Down\)](#) and [15.5](#) in detail before completing this form.

Please read the [accompanying advice in the Age Grade Codes of Practice](#)

This form is for Club applications only

Applying for Boys/Mens, Girls/Womens, Mixed Rugby?*
Select
Applying for Playing Up or Down?*
Select

Please note for Playing Down **two age grades**, this requires RFU approval. In this case, please e-mail Regulations@RFU.com.

Player Details

Players Full Name*
RFU ID Number*
School/College attended*

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Age*
Date of Birth*
Chronological Age Grade* For example Under 14
Proposed Age Grade*
Playing Position(s)*
Period of permission, including dates* eg a series of matches or the season etc
Reason to play the player out of age grade*
If playing down, this must include the specific reason in regulation 15.4.1. Either a) or b) or c).

Player Assessment

To include a review of skill levels & ability, physical, emotional, social development/differences and how this was measured. It is recommended that a coach of at least England Rugby Coaching Award level (previously Level 2) makes this assessment. The Age Grade Codes of Practice provide guidance on supporting evidence and measurement.

Insert assessment here*
Representative and Player Pathway experience*

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What will the implications be for the opposing team?*

Include how will you address any mismatch in size, age, ability, etc. to safeguard the opposition players? And how you will ensure your players and their parents are fully aware and buy-into this

Additional comments & considerations*

Upload any supporting files here

Drag and drop files here or browse files

Declaration

We certify that all the information on this form is correct, that a full risk assessment has been undertaken, that those named have been fully involved in agreeing the application, that parents across the wider group have been briefed and if approved, agree to play the above players in accordance with RFU Regulation 15 (Age Grade Rugby) and the spirit and values of rugby union.

I declare in line with the above statement*

Select

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Proposer Name*

Who has completed this form

Proposer Role in relation to the Player(s)*

This should not be a parent of the player. Even if they are the coach, for transparency, an alternative proposer should complete the application.

Proposer E-mail*

Date*

Parent/Guardian Name*

Parent/ Guardian E-mail*

Please return the completed form to Wendy McHugh, Safeguarding Officer
safeguarding@guernseyraiders.com