



A New Year and a fresh start for the RugbySafe Newsletter

Happy New Year!

As we move into 2023 and the second half of the season, we are pleased to be relaunching the RugbySafe Newsletter.

This publication will be released bi-monthly and will be the go-to place to find out about key information and resources, what's new within RugbySafe as well as learning a bit more about what clubs and communities are doing to be RugbySafe within the community game.

Remember to follow [RugbySafe Twitter feed](#)

Club RugbySafe Lead

A Club RugbySafe Lead fulfils an essential role within their club ensuring player enjoyment, safety and welfare is paramount within all rugby related activities. It is a role which can be undertaken by an individual or a team of individuals involved in a club's structure and includes ensuring appropriate risk assessments are in place as well as having a positive impact on the culture within their club.

For more detailed information on the responsibilities of the RugbySafe Lead you can access the role descriptor on: <https://keepyourbootson.co.uk/rugbysafe-toolkit/being-rugbysafe/>

RugbySafe Toolkits

In 2023 the RugbySafe toolkits will continue to be the source of information and support on all aspects of RugbySafe.

We will also be producing new content throughout the year, so watch this space...

Toolkit Spotlight

In each Newsletter we will be shining the spotlight on a different toolkit and this month we are looking at the Being RugbySafe toolkit.

The Being RugbySafe Toolkit holds information which is designed specifically to support Club RugbySafe Leads to meet the responsibilities of their role. This includes (but is not limited to), information on RFU Regulation 9, completing risk assessments, injury prevention and concussion awareness. It also holds the RugbySafe Checklist which all clubs, schools, colleges, universities, and other rugby activity organisers should be aiming to achieve.

To access the RugbySafe Toolkit documents please visit the [RugbySafe home page](#).

First Aid Risk Assessment and Provision Standards

As set out in [Regulation 9.3](#) all clubs must complete a first aid specific risk assessment.

Clubs and those involved in arranging any rugby activity must provide a level of immediate care and/or first aid cover that reflects a recent risk assessment carried out for that club or event. This may be greater than or less the RugbySafe First Aid / Immediate Care Provision Standards but must consider whether these standards are applicable and can only deviate from them if the risk assessment gives good reason to do so.

More information on First Aid Provision and Training is available in the [RugbySafe First Aid Provision & Information Toolkit](#)

First Aid Risk Assessment Declaration

Clubs are asked to ensure the RugbySafe & Player Welfare section on the club's Game Management System (GMS) profile there updated, so that risk assessment completion can be monitored.

The RugbySafe & Player Welfare section can be found in a club's GMS profile under 'Organisational Details'. It is recommended that the Club RugbySafe Lead is given additional GMS permissions to allow them to update to appoint/upload first aiders and complete the RugbySafe /Player Welfare page.

To access visit the [GMS login page](#)

Any issues with log in or other GMS issues please visit the [GMS Help Portal](#)

Risk Assessment Tool

To help with completing a First Aid risk assessment and other risk assessments, the RFU has worked with our legal partner Howden to create an online Risk Assessment

Tool which guides clubs through the various areas they should consider when managing the risk of injury at their club.

The tool has been designed to guide users through a series of questions relating to areas they should be considering. Many of the risk management measures highlighted will already be in place and these will be recorded in the risk assessment, but the tool highlights other areas where the club could consider implementing additional measure to manage the risk it may not have considered previously.

The Risk Assessment Tool the creates a risk assessment/action plan, to record these answers, which can be referenced by the club and used to implement further risk management actions if necessary.

The RFU online Risk Assessment Tool can be accessed here [Howden England Rugby Insurance Centre](#). Clubs sign in using their club name and postcode.

Proactive Injury & Incident Reporting App

In collaboration with Howden & Proactive the RFU has an incident reporting App to ensure that injuries and incidents, both on and off the pitch, are recorded and maintained in a secure manner. The Proactive Digital injury and incident reporting app allows clubs to effectively, efficiently and securely log injuries/incidents and complete pre-session checks.

At just £50 per season, the Proactive Reporting system provides an affordable option for clubs to collate and monitor injuries/incidents both on and off the field.

Visit the [RugbySafe Injury Reporting & Incident Recording Toolkit](#) for more information

Honda Volunteer Hospitality - Guinness Six Nations

Club volunteers who have match tickets to one of England Men's Guinness Six Nations home fixtures can register for up to four tickets each for pre-match hospitality, which is situated outside in the British Airways Fan Village at Twickenham, serving pizza and a variety of beverages.

Further information registration can be found below:

Scotland (4th February) - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/488560306027>

Italy (12th February) - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/488558310057>

France (11th March) - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/488540908007>

Places are limited and allocated on a first come first serve basis, so make sure you don't miss out!

Club Support Hub & other support resources

As a Club RugbySafe Lead, your first port of call for any questions should be the [RugbySafe Toolkits](#).

However, England Rugby also has the [Help Portal](#), an online hub to help clubs access support quickly and easily.