

Notes for U15 Team Managers and Coaches 2017-18



From the HRFU Competitions Coordinator

First of all, a warm welcome to the 2017-18 season and thanks to all for volunteering to manage and coach your squads. We are all here to provide an enjoyable experience for the lads through competitive rugby fixtures in addition to the friendlies which you organise yourselves.

My apologies to all for the late release of the fixtures.

First task – would one person from each squad contact me asap with an email address of the nominated recipient of information from me. I would assume this is the Team Manager or Head Coach who will also complete and return the match cards following each fixture played.

The County competition format for the U15s remains unchanged from previous seasons. Squads have been organised into mini leagues according to the rankings resulting from last season's U14 competition. After playing each squad in your league, promotion and relegation will be decided based on performance in the first half of the season. It is essential that the first five rounds are played by no later than 17th December 2017. New mini leagues and fixtures will be produced before the Xmas break. At the end of the 2017-2018 season, promotion and relegation will again be decided based on performance in order to decide your league position for the U16 season.

The squad finishing top of the Green league in April 2018 will be declared County Champions, and the squad finishing second will be runners up. I regret that there is no silverware or medals award for squads finishing top of the other mini leagues.

Please download the Match Card from <http://www.hampshirerugby.co.uk/competitions/youth.html>, complete and email it to me after each match played. Whilst we show understanding for occasional lateness, failing to submit completed match cards will result in competition points being deducted.

Please ensure that at least one person within your squad has read and understood RFU Regulation 15 and HRFU Regulation 43. Ideally have a hard copy available for review at each match and don't assume that the referee is fully conversant with these regulations. Answers to 90% of queries received by the County Competitions Coordinators can be found within these Regulations. Frustratingly, many matches are needlessly postponed because the Regulations are not followed correctly. However, if anything within the regs is unclear we will be pleased to help.

Have an enjoyable season.

Cheers

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