

CB Expectations After Approval for a 17-Year-Old to Play Adult Rugby

Following CB approval for a 17-year-old player to play adult rugby, the club is expected to take the player-centred actions below to safeguard the player and support their development before participation, during the season and at the end of the season.

Hampshire RFU approval is conditional on the club meeting the expectations below. These expectations clarify what the club must do before adult rugby participation begins, what must be monitored during the season, and what must be reviewed afterwards. If the CB becomes aware that any expectation has not been met, further player approvals may be declined and future club approvals may be affected.

Before adult rugby participation begins

1. Confirm that the player is registered as an adult player before participating in any adult matches.

During the season

1. Support and monitor the player's training and study time so they can maintain a balanced approach, particularly where academic pressures may increase towards the end of the season.
2. Review the player's total match time carefully, working in partnership with the player's parents or guardians and age grade coaches where relevant, particularly where the player wishes to continue playing age grade rugby.

End-of-season review and future learning

1. Complete a player-centred end-of-season review with the player, their coaches and parents or guardians, reflecting on all training, playing time and study commitments. Please use this [link](#) for access the review questions.
2. Use the review to consider how the club can support future 17-year-old players who may also wish to play adult rugby.

This staged approach keeps safeguarding, balanced development and reflective learning at the centre of approval for all 17-year-old players to participate in adult rugby in Hampshire.