



Stage D2 Continues

CBs and clubs are reminded that we must remain at Stage D2 on the return to rugby roadmap. As announced on Friday, Government has not given permission for community rugby to move to Stage E1 yet.

This means that, until further notice, no scrums or mauls are permitted in either training or fixtures.

The decision applies to all levels in the men's and women's game below the Gallagher Premiership, Allianz Premier 15's and Greene King IPA Championship (which follow elite return to play protocols).

We will continue our conversation with government around when it maybe possible to move to Stage E. **Insurance cover** for RFU clubs remains in place and as well as providing cover for usual activity, the insurance protects clubs against allegations relating to Covid-19, provided they are operating within RFU regulations and government guidelines.

Clubs should undertake risk assessments of both their premises and any activity that is taking place to establish what measures need to be taken. This includes training sessions. Risk assessment should be kept on file. Further advice and resources can be located at **England Rugby Insurance**.

Updates will be provided when available.

Age Grade Playing Guidance has been updated

We have reviewed the playing guidance and updated it to better suit players' needs.

- 1 September – 31 October – Current Age Grade (2020/2021 season) rules apply for all matches and training, internal and against another team.
- 1 November – 31 December – New Age Grade (2021/2022 season) rules can be applied in training and internal matches only. Non internal matches must be played under 2020/2021 age grade rules.

The changes can be viewed in more detail in the updated **Age Grade document**.

