

KENT COUNTY RFU INFORMATION SENDOUT JULY 2021



1. MIKE CORDELL'S PASSING

I am very sad to report to our member clubs that Mike Cordell our Secretary for many years and RFU Councillor for some 14 years passed away in hospital in Gibraltar on the 20th July. His wife and daughters were with him during his last days. Only hospitalised some 3 weeks ago this was a very sudden decline although he had been undergoing treatment for a period.



Mike's funeral took place in Gibraltar on Thursday 22nd July and was attended by his family and some colleagues from Gibraltar where he worked. It is understood that some form of Memorial Event will be held to remember his life and achievements in the

latter half of September and we will keep you updated on this. Those who knew Mike personally will miss him greatly for his friendship and his guidance as the County will miss a true servant and Rugby enthusiast and I'm very sorry that I have to convey this news to you at this time.

We know you will join us in sending our condolences and support to Mike's wife Val and his four daughters, Daisy, Holly, Ellie, and Natasha.

Roger Clarke.
Chair Kent County Executive Committee
RFU Council Member for Kent.

2. LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

If anybody has been on our Leadership Academy course and can recommend a candidate to come on our course next season, please get in touch with Trevor Martingel with your proposed nomination. Former attendees on this course have gone on to have important committee roles within our clubs.

Please ensure that this course continues by nominating somebody for the course. The course grows leaders for the future which ultimately ensures the future of our clubs.

Trevor: leadership-academy@kent-rugby.org

3. APPLICATIONS FOR FESTIVALS

Any clubs wishing to hold a festival must have prior permission from Kent Rugby. To streamline the process we have put this process, online for both minis festivals ([access here](#)) and youth festivals ([access here](#))



Please follow this new process in order not to delay approval. Please also ensure adequate time is allowed for the approvals process to avoid disappointment.

4. PRINCIPLE OF THE LINEOUT CCD

This course is an introduction to coaching the lineout. The course has a blend of theory alongside a practical session observation exploring England Rugby's principles of the lineout and is designed to help coaches, match officials, and volunteers to know how to prepare players to be safe and effective when taking part in a lineout.

Thanet Wanderers RFC - 2nd August - 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Tunbridge Wells RFC - 11th August - 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Old Alleynians RFC - 12th August - 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

5. CLUB CLUSTERS

KCRFU will be looking to hold some Club Cluster forums at the end of August. Look out for dates advertised soon.

6. AGE GRADE SUMMER ACTIVITY

The **Summer Activity Guide** includes the introduction of adapted contact laws for up to three fixtures in August. The Age-Grade Adapted Contact 15s Law Variations are available on the **Summer Activity page**. These include the re-introduction of scrums and mauls in a gradual and managed way from Saturday 7 August, following the 3-week training period from Monday 19 July. These adapted laws are the format to be played, (along with non-contact and XRugby formats if preferred) before the age grade game moves back to full contact from Saturday 4 September, when the new season starts. Click image to enlarge.

RETURN TO RUGBY				
SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE				
APRIL 2021				
	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	
TRAINING	FREQUENCY	1-2 SESSIONS PER WEEK (INC GAME)	1-3 SESSIONS PER WEEK (INC GAME)	
	INTENSITY	LOW - MEDIUM	MEDIUM	
	TYPE	GENERAL FITNESS AND SKILLS MAX 20 MINUTES CONTACT PER WEEK	RUGBY FITNESS AND SKILLS MAX 30 MINUTES CONTACT PER WEEK	POSITION/ GAME SPECIFIC SKILLS MAX 40 MINUTES CONTACT PER WEEK MAX 20 MINUTES CONTACT PER SESSION
	TIME	45 - 60 MINUTES + ACTIVATE	45 - 75 MINUTES + ACTIVATE	45 - 90 MINUTES + ACTIVATE
FIXTURES	TAG	U7 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	U7 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	
	READY4RUGBY	U9 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	U9 - U18 BOYS & GIRLS	
	X RUGBY	X	U14 - U18 BOYS U15 & U16 GIRLS	
	ADAPTED FORMAT	X	X	
	FIXTURES/FESTIVALS	1 X FIXTURE/FESTIVAL PER FOOTING	1 X FIXTURE/FESTIVAL PER FOOTING	3 X FIXTURE/FESTIVAL

THIS SHOWS THE MAXIMUM ACTIVITY PERMITTED EACH MONTH. FESTIVALS ARE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 4 TEAMS. ALL MATCHES ARE FRIENDLIES DUE TO BEING OUT OF SEASON.

7. KENT SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

KSRFU is hopeful that Schools will resume rugby activities when pupils return in September therefore KSRFU activities will go ahead as previously notified.

Some changes to note to their committee - Peter Ebbage has succeeded David Bowers as Chairman of KSRFU moving David Bowers to Senior Vice President.

8. KENT CUP DRAW

The Kent Cup draw has been completed and all details of the competition can be found on the Kent Cup competition pages on our website using the links below. All invoices for the competition have been sent to Club treasurers.

Kent Cup

Kent Shield

Kent Vase

9. KENT COUNTY AGM

KCRFU AGM will take place at Charlton Park RFC on 15th September 2021, 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

The agenda and relevant papers will be circulated at the end of August and also posted on the Kent RFU website kent-rugby.org.

We hope that many of you will be able to attend and we can begin to reconnect with colleagues once again.

Mrs. S Taylor,
Hon Secretary, Kent RFU

10. FUNDING FOR RUGBY REBOOT

In readiness for the 2021-22 season, KCRFU is making available to clubs funding to support a range of activities (such as recruitment & retention of players, and initiatives to promote revenue generation) that you told us are your priority areas.



Grants will be a maximum of £500 and must be used in relation to the re-boot of rugby only. This will include items such as:

- A social event to help recruit/retain members;
- A local tournament, 'Friday Nights Lights' event;
- Payment (or contribution towards) of a club coaching event (e.g. front row);
- School liaison; or
- Advertising to recruit players (either on social media and/or physical material, such as leaflets).

The KCRFU will want to ensure that grants are spent effectively; those clubs that are successful in applying will be required to demonstrate that the money has delivered the objectives for which grant funding is applied.

Should your club wish to apply for a 'Re-boot' grant, please complete the application form below no later than Friday 6th August 2021. Successful applications will be notified and awarded (incl. for activities for which clubs have already paid out) by end-August. **APPLY HERE!**

11. KENT WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT DAY

Kent Women Development Days Registration. Could You Represent Your County This Season?

This August we have 3 development sessions available for those who are challenging themselves for selection for Kent this coming season.

Monday 9th
Monday 16th
Monday 23rd

Sessions will run 19.20-21.00 at Blackheath Rugby Club, Well Hall, Kidbrooke Lane, London SE9 6TE

Register your attendance **HERE!**

12. GLOBAL LAW TRIALS

The Following Global Law trials come into effect from 1st August.

50:22- To encourage the defensive team to put more players in the backfield, thereby creating more attacking space and reducing defensive line speed.

If the team in possession kicks the ball from inside their own half indirectly into touch inside their opponents' 22, they will throw into the resultant lineout. The ball cannot be passed or carried back into the defensive half for the 50:22 to be played. The phase must originate inside the defensive half.

Goal line drop-out - To encourage variety in attacking play close to the goal line and to increase ball in play time by replacing a scrum with a kick that must be taken without delay. An opportunity for counter attack is also created.

If the ball is held up in in-goal, there is a knock-on from an attacking player in in-goal or an attacking kick is grounded by the defenders in their own in-goal, then play restarts with a goal line drop-out anywhere along the goal line.

Flying wedge - To reduce number of events where the ball carrier and multiple support players are in contact (latched) prior to contact, and to protect the tackler who can be faced with the combined force of three opposing players.

To sanction the three person pre-bound mini-scrum by redefining the flying wedge.

1-player pre-latched - To be more consistent in the management of the 1-person pre-latched player.

To recognise the potential for 1-player pre-latching prior to contact, but this player must observe all of the requirements for a first arriving player, particularly the need to stay on their feet.

Cleanout and the safety of the jackler - To reduce injury risk to the player being cleaned out.

To introduce a sanction for clean outs which target or drop weight onto the lower limbs.

See all the video examples of the **New Law Trials**.

13. KOOTH - WEBINARS ON MENTAL HEALTH

Parent/Carer Webinars

Following the success of the recently launched monthly parent/carer information sessions by Kooth which took place from April to July, they are running more of these sessions for parents & carers from August onwards. The sessions are designed to help parents/carers understand how Kooth can support their child with their mental health and wellbeing.

This time, they are running a couple of shorter 'bitesize' sessions, which will include:

- The live tour of the Kooth site
- An opportunity to ask questions

Mon 16 August - 12pm - 12:30pm. Book [HERE](#)

Weds 20 Oct - 12pm - 12:30pm. Book [HERE](#)

They will also be running the longer hour sessions which will cover:

- A Presentation on Kooth
- A Live tour of the Kooth site
- An opportunity for Questions & Answers about Kooth

Thurs 23 Sept - 6pm - 7pm. Book [HERE](#)

If you have any queries about any of the above or would like more information on how Kooth can be shared with young people, please do get in touch via the email address: kdawber@kooth.com



Global law trials