

KENT COUNTY RFU INFORMATION SENDOUT FEBRUARY 2022



1. PRINCIPLES OF THE LINEOUT

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Principles of the Lineout Spring 2022 Booking Links

Old Colfeians- <https://bit.ly/LineoutOldColfes>

Ashford RFC- <https://bit.ly/LineoutAshford>

Dartford Valley- <https://bit.ly/LineoutDartfordV>

Thanet RUFC- <https://bit.ly/LineoutThanet>

Other nearby courses for those close to county borders in Sussex, Surrey, and Essex can be found at www.englishrugby.com/courses

2. KENT COUNTY U15 GIRLS' NOMINATIONS OPEN

Kent County RFU nominations are open to nominate players for Kent County U15 Girls' representative team.

The Kent U15 girls' team is formed from girls who are in school years 9 & 10. To help you to select your players for nomination, selection criteria can be found **HERE!**

To nominate players for selection please use the below link, closing date is 20th March.

Nominate HERE!

PRINCIPLES OF THE LINEOUT

Venue	Date	Time
Old Colfeians RFC	Wednesday 23 rd March 2022	19:00-21:30
Ashford RFC	Monday 4 th April 2022	19:00-21:30
Dartford Valley Community Rugby Club	Friday 8 th April 2022	19:00-21:30
Thanet RUFC	Monday 25 th April 2022	19:00-21:30

Minimum Age - 14	2.5 hours	£10
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3. CLUB CHAMPIONS WEBINAR REMINDER 2ND MARCH

Club Champions - Free to All Kent Clubs and funded for you by Kent RFU

Last year the county struck a deal with Club Champions, the business club for community sports clubs, whereby every Kent rugby club can become a "Squad Member" free of charge. Many of our clubs have taken up this offer but many have not and we would actively encourage you to do so.



Roger McKerlie will be running a free 30-minute summary session for Kent Clubs as a webinar on March 2nd at 7:30 pm

Register for your Free place [HERE!](#)

4. KENT MINI FESTIVALS

The 39th Kent Mini Festival will be held on Sunday 13th March 2022. Our venues are:-

- U7 - Beckenham
- U8 - Aylesford
- U9 - Ashford
- U10 - Medway
- U11 - Bromley



All entries need to be submitted via the Kent website [here](#), by Monday 28th February 2022.

For all enquiries email Kent Mini Chairperson Dawn Waters at mini-rugby@kent-rugby.org

5. HONDA VOLUNTEER AWARDS DEADLINE 28TH FEB

The Honda Volunteer of the Year Awards 2022 will recognise and celebrate rugby volunteers for their achievements and efforts over the past 12 months. No

matter what their role, on or off the pitch, behind the scenes, or on the committee, we want to hear about the volunteers who do a great job, day in, day out.

Get involved and say thank you to a volunteer, or a group of volunteers, who have gone above and beyond in the last year. Nominations close at 9 am on Monday 28 February. Local winners will be announced between April and June 2022 and national finalists invited to an awards ceremony at Twickenham in September 2022.

Nominate now to say Thank You [HERE](#)

If you have any queries please contact either volunteerrecognition@rfu.com or Kevin Cope, Kent RFU Club Development Chair - email: club-development-chair@kent-rugby.

6. FUNDING

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund launched



Sport England have launched a new £5 million fund to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee that aims to use sport and physical activity to bring communities together and tackle inequalities.

Using money from the National Lottery, the fund will make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to community organisations in support of new projects providing opportunities to become more physically active.

The funds could be used for things such as facility hire and coaching costs, or even small capital improvements.

Further Information

7. UPCOMING WEBINARS

Tuesday 8th March 7 pm-8pm

Women in Sport Webinar: Reframing Sport for Teenage Girls Please [Register Here](#)

- Explore how you can re-engage and make sport appealing and relevant to the lives of teenage girls

Thursday 17th March 6:30-8:30 pm

Reviewing Your Club Structure [Register here](#)

By the end of this workshop participants will be able to:

- Review their leadership club structure
- Identify the key principles of an excellent leadership team
- Identify methods on how to achieve an excellent leadership team for your club
- Develop an action plan to improve their club leadership.



Tuesday 29th March 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Club for Everyone **Register here**

By the end of this online workshop, delegates will be able to:

- Identify the barriers people face in accessing club opportunities as participants and volunteers.
- Understand the need for positive action.
- Outline the building blocks of an inclusive club.
- Identify how your club can create a more positive environment that would enable a diverse range of people to be engaged and retained as participants and volunteers.

8. CLUB SUPPORT CENTRE HELP PORTAL

The England Rugby Club Support Centre Helpdesk has moved!

Designed to make it easier for you to get the answers you need, the new Help Portal allows you to quickly find relevant help articles and submit help requests if further assistance is required.

Our Club Support email will no longer be in use so if you can't find the answer within one of our help articles, you can now submit a help request using an online form, ensuring your question gets to the right person and you receive the answer as quickly as possible.

Club Support Centre Help Portal

9. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP U20

Following their win against Sussex, Kent's Under 20 visit Hertfordshire at Cheshunt RFC is on Sunday 27th February kick off at 2-30pm. For a list of the selected squad please access **HERE!**



10. FUTURE COMPETITION STRUCTURE 22-23 SEASON

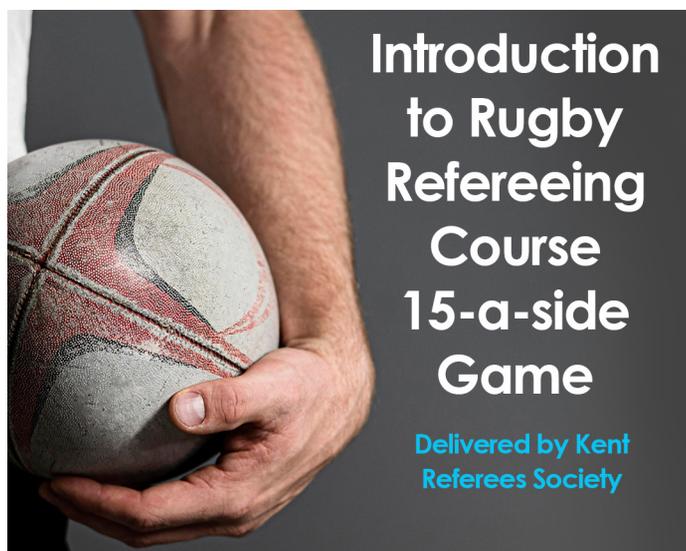
Having completed the club survey on lower teams wishing to play in the RFU leagues we have been asked by a number of clubs to let them know when the new leagues and who is in them will be published.

We understand that it is the intention to try and publish an accurate - as it can be 'strawman' of the likely leagues and the clubs proposed to be in them by early to mid April.

If there is anything else to report the RFU Community Game Update and the Kent Information send out will up date.

11. INTRODUCTION TO REFEREEING COURSE BY KENT SOCIETY OF RUGBY REFEREES

The recent advertisement for the below course sold out within 2 days. If you would like to register your interest for the next course, please contact **admin@kentrefs.co.uk** and dates will be emailed to you as soon as they become available.



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