

KENT COUNTY RFU INFORMATION SENDOUT JUNE 2026



1. PLAYER CONTRACTS & RFU REG 14

As we prepare for the 2026/27 season, Kent County RFU reminds all clubs that it is essential to ensure full compliance with RFU Regulation 14 regarding player contracts, where appropriate.

Key points for all clubs:

Use RFU-approved contract templates. The RFU provides model contracts, including the 'Pay to Play' template suitable for National 1 and below. These templates include provisions allowing a player to leave without penalty, provided they comply with RFU Regulation 14 (RFU Reg 14).

Ensure all contracts are uploaded to GMS. Any club issuing its own contract must upload a copy to the player's registration on GMS. Failure to do so may constitute a breach of RFU Regulation 14 – Contracted Players (All Levels).

Provide players with their own contract copies. Any contracted player should hold a copy of their agreement. This protects both the player and the club.

Consider player loans where appropriate. A player who has not broken into the 1st XV may be loaned down up to two levels (e.g., National 2 → Regional 2), to support their development and to provide game time. It is worth adding that a player can also be loaned to a club at a higher level (there is no restriction on the level they can be loaned to, but should meet the individual player's needs).

Helpful link: [RFU Guidance Contracts & Players](#)

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a fair and transparent environment for players across the county.

2. VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Congratulations to all the people who were celebrated this month at the annual volunteer recognition events. Held over two evenings, more than 120 volunteers came together and were thanked for their hard work in helping to keep rugby being played. From players and referees

through to safeguarding officers and food providers — every single person had been nominated by someone who had seen what they do and wanted to thank them.

Thank you to Lordswood and Westcombe Park for hosting the evenings — more details (and photographs) can be found on the Kent website, [HERE!](#)



3. LESSONS FROM THE FIELD PROMOTE RUGBY VALUES

The Kent County Rugby Football Union is pleased to announce a new partnership with Lessons from the Field — a children's book series that uses stories related to Rugby and its culture to help young players build



confidence, resilience, teamwork and a deeper connection to the game.

As part of this collaboration, all Kent clubs can access an exclusive **10% discount** on Rugby: Lessons from the Field using the code **KentRFU10**.

Kent County RFU Landing Page: <https://www.lessonsfromthefield.co.uk/kentrfu>

When purchasing, buyers can also enter the name of their rugby club, helping us understand engagement across the county.

This initiative is aimed particularly at our Minis and younger age groups, brothers and sisters, supporting coaches, parents and volunteers in reinforcing the values that make rugby so special.

Post-launch, the County will work with Charlie Hartley, the author of the books, to provide some dates for clubs to listen to the ideas behind them and Charlie's desire to promote positive life values.

The CB encourages all clubs to share the link with their Minis sections and wider membership.

If your club would like to join one of the upcoming video calls, once arranged or has any questions, please get in touch.

Jarrod Lawrence
KCRFU Game Development Chair

4. DISCOUNTED TICKETS TO WATCH LIVE RUGBY LEAGUE

Are you missing watching live rugby in Kent this summer?

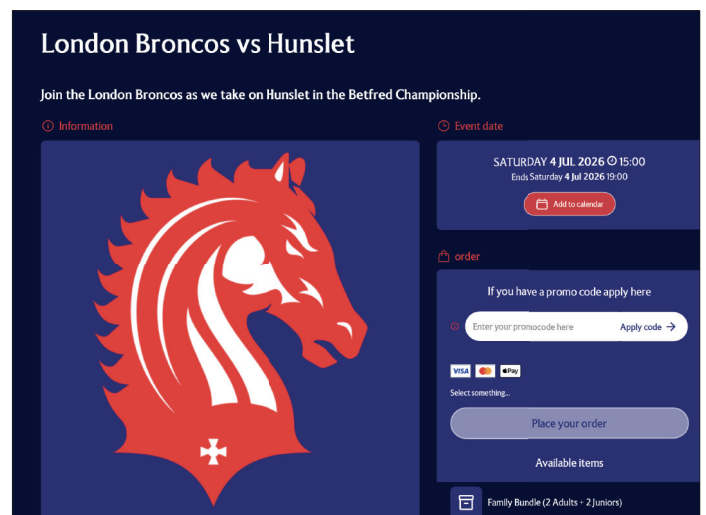
If you are, Kent Rugby and London Broncos Rugby League have got together to offer discounted ticket prices to watch the Broncos when they bring their next two home games to the county next month.

Currently leading the second-tier Betfred Championship (unbeaten with 14 wins from 14 games), London Broncos are playing these matches at Ebbsfleet United's Kuflink Stadium:-

Saturday 4th July – 3:00pm v Hunslet

Saturday 11th July – 7:30pm v Doncaster

The Broncos are keen to see as many members of the Kent rugby community at both games as possible and, therefore, are offering a discount that enables you to purchase tickets for just £10 (compared to the usual adult ticket price of £18). Please use the code **'kentrugbylb'**.



If you have any questions then do contact **Kent Rugby's Club Development Chair Graham Withers at club-development-chair@kent-rugby.org**

5. AGE GRADE CHANGES

Age grade changes following the recent consultation exercise can be found **HERE!** The changes are important and we strongly advise clubs to ensure that their Age Grade officers and coaches are aware of and comply with them.

Kent online forms will be updated and available on the website in July.

6. U18 NATIONAL BOY'S CUP

Clubs should have received details of the application process to enter the U18 national boy's cup.

Emails have been sent to the youth contact and Hon Secretary as recorded on GMS.

Application deadline is **12th July 2026**. Clubs should refer to the county criteria for entry found on the Youth section of the KCRFU's website.

7. YOUTH REGISTRATION

Clubs are reminded that each player is required annually to register on GMS. Registration for the 2026-27 season opens on 1st July and can be completed by the player or by their parents or guardians.

8. ENGLAND RUGBY LEARNING IS LAUNCHING THIS SUMMER

Learn anytime, anywhere

Get content built just for your role

Follow clear pathways with zero guesswork

Track your progress all in one place

Keeping you at the top of your game. Growing rugby for future generations. Watch out for your invite, sign up, and start your Active Badges in July ahead of the season starting!

See more information from the RFU's Community Game Update **HERE!**

Watch the promo video to learn all about it **HERE!**

9. ARTICLES FOR INTOUCH



Share your amazing community rugby stories for our end of season publication of 'InTouch'. Has there been a significant event or milestone at your club? Then, shout about it in our newsletter!

We are also interested in receiving your photos of age-grade tours for our age grade tour photo booth article.

Please send written articles with any good quality (large size) images for possible inclusion in the publication by the **end of July to: office@kent-rugby.org**

10. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The **Kent County RFU AGM** will be held on Monday 21st Sept 2026 at Weaving RFC at 7pm.



Emergency Funding

Self employed?
Cannot work due to rugby injury?
Loss of income?
Access an application form [HERE!](#)



ENGLAND RUGBY LEARNING COURSES 26/27



Developing Coaching Practice

This course aims to develop coaches' knowledge, skills, and behaviours to deliver safe and effective coaching sessions.

The focus will be on supporting coaches to create positive environments for players through the use of fundamental coaching skills, player welfare principles, and the ability to support players in their ongoing development.

Recommended for new coaches - £45.

England Rugby Coaching Award

This competency-based course is designed to develop coaches' knowledge, skills, and behaviours to coach the core skills of the game in a safe and effective way.

Using a blended programme of online and face to face assessments, the Coaching Award aims to develop coaches' confidence and competence to plan, deliver, and review rugby union sessions using a game zones/skill zone approach.

Recommended U12 & up- £45

Introduction to Advanced Coaching Practice

This course aims to introduce coaches to the knowledge, skills, and behaviours associated with advanced coaching practice.

The course aims to support coaches to reflect on their coaching practice to help identify both quality and areas for development, whilst exploring effective problem-solving and goal-setting within coaching sessions.

Recommended for coaches that completed ERCA/L2- £45

England Rugby Ready2Ref

Ready2Ref is the ideal starting point for anyone looking to begin their referee journey in rugby union. Designed for new and developing match officials, this blended course combines flexible online learning with a practical, in-person training day to help you build the confidence and core skills needed to referee safely and effectively.

Recommended for all referees - £45.



Find out more about our new England Rugby Learning Platform [here](#).



CALLING ALL SUPERVETS!

SIGN UP TO PLAY SUPERVETS RUGBY FOR KENT AT COUNTY LEVEL



REGISTER HERE

50+ **50 OR OVER?**
WANT TO KEEP PLAYING PROPER RUGBY BUT NOT AGAINST RAPID 35 YEAR OLDS?

THEN SIGN UP TO PLAY.
ALL PLAYERS ARE 50 OR OVER

GAMES ARE COMPETITIVE BUT FRIENDLY

SUPERVETS SIDES FROM SUSSEX, SURREY, MIDDX, HERTS, BEDS, SUFFOLK, ESSEX & BUCKS ALL WANT TO PLAY US.
WE'LL PLAY MAYBE 4 GAMES A SEASON



PROPER RUGBY WITH PROPER VALUES FOR PROPER VETS

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