



Schools

School Festival Approval Guidance RFU Regulation 15.9

RFU Regulation 15.9, requires that all school competitive activity including 7s has the approval of the County Schools Union (CSU). This does not apply to normal school rugby activity, block fixtures or friendlies, which may be arranged at any time during the season.

It is the responsibility of the CSU to be aware of the competitive activity in their area, and to challenge schools when competitive activity is discovered which does not fall within regulation.

The following regulations apply:

15.9 Approval of Competitive Activity, Rugby Camps and Tours

15.9 Competitions, Tournaments, Festivals, Rugby Camps and Tours are permitted but the following conditions must be met:

- (a) Regulation 15 is complied with in full;
- (b) they are in line with the Age Grade Playing Calendar and competition format of the specific age grade; and
- (c) written prior approval is obtained as set out in the table below.

ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY	APPROVED BY
In Season & Out of Season Competitions Locally organised Festivals, Tournaments and Competitions	Clubs	CB
	Schools	CSU
	Colleges	ECRFU
National Festivals, Competitions and Camps If participating teams are from more than just neighbouring CBs and there are more than six entrants	Clubs	CB
	Schools	ERFSU
	Colleges	ECRFU
Rugby Camps - Local/County	All & other providers	CB
Rugby Camps - Regional/National	All & other providers	RFU

The process for applying for approval is as follows:

- The hosting school or club completes the Application for Festival League or Tournament.
- The completed Application is sent to the CSU Hon Secretary.
- The Application is checked against the local CB Competitions Calendar.
 - If it is an Under 16 or below age, the competition is in the school competition window, and that there are no significant clashes with other events.
 - If it is an Under 18 competition, that there are no significant clashes with other events (National Clubs Competition, CB Activity, National Activity).
- Other aspects of the Application are checked for, such as:

- Correct format for the age group (Pitch up and Play, Waterfall, League, Cup)
- First aid cover.
- Parking control.
- Traffic management.
- Match Officials.
- If the above is in order the Application maybe approved by the CSU.
- If there are concerns with the Application, the Application is returned to the School for amendment or clarity.
- If the Festival is considered to be a National Festival as defined in RFU Regulation 15.9, the application is registered online at the [National Schools Festival Registration](#).
- If there are national concerns with Festival, this will be communicated with the CSU and organiser within 72 hours.

It is a recommendation that the CB & CSU create a Competition Approval Group to approve all Festival Applications.

Its constitution:

- CB Representative.
- CSU Representative
- CB Clubs Representative
- Secretary

It is the responsibility of this group to provide an unbiased approval process for all competitive activity within their CB.