



**Cornwall**  
Rugby Football Union

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# The Maul

October 2024 Newsletter

## CRFU DEVELOPMENT DAY 6/10/24



With youth rugby on hold, October 6th is an opportunity for our dedicated coaches, team managers, and volunteers to enhance their skills and knowledge.



**Location**  
St Austell RFC  
Tregorrick Park  
PL26 7FH

**CRFU sessions**  
please book on  
<https://forms.gle/RQVq4eBrrzW7aMED8>

**RFU sessions**  
please book on  
[gms.rfu.com/GMS](https://forms.gle/K7WEkVBYVZaW8JRt8)

### Agenda

#### All day session

10.00 am - 18.00 First Aid (CRFU)

#### AM Sessions

- 10.00 am – Principles of scrummaging (RFU)
- 10.00 am – Principles of the line out (RFU)
- 10.00 am – Coaching Clinic (CRFU)
- 11.00 am – Play it safe (RFU)
- 10.00 am – CRFU support and best practice(CRFU)

#### PM Sessions

- 12.00 - 3.00 pm – introduction to refereeing (RFU)
- 1.00 pm – CRFU support and best practice (CRFU)
- 1.00 pm – Principles of scrummaging (RFU)
- 1.00 pm – Principles of the line out (RFU)
- 1.00 pm – Coaching Clinic (CRFU)

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT  
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### CRFU Funding for Course Costs:

The CRFU have long enabled Clubs to claim back accredited training costs (for the likes of coaching, 1st aid, etc.)

This scheme has now been widened to include accredited courses (like food hygiene) which support Clubs being able to provide food to people using their facilities.

Therefore, as for the existing course costs, any cost incurred up to £30 will be 100% refunded by the CRFU, and anything beyond £30 will be refunded at 50% of the cost.

# Chairmans Chatter



As CRFU Chair I believe a key part of my role is to make myself as accessible to the Cornish Rugby Community as I can. A key part of this is to try to see as many of our Cornish teams in action as possible in all leagues and for both men and women.

So far this season I have been able to see the men's sides at Lankelly, Bodmin, St Austell Spartans, Helston, Newquay, St Austell, St Ives, Pirates Ams, Liskeard and Veor.

For our women's teams I have visited Camborne when they played their league opener against Paignton and, weather permitting, I should be at the Inner Warrior Game between Falmouth and St Austell.

In addition, I visited the representatives of the Women & Girls games at St Austell, Perranporth, Redruth and Truro with our RFU Club Developer, Rachel Miller.

It has been fantastic seeing such a variety of clubs and meeting so many people all working hard to promote our fantastic game and ensure we get teams out on Saturdays and Sundays.

During these visits many people also took the opportunity to discuss the on-going challenge of fielding teams to meet league fixtures. This seems to be mostly down to short term player unavailability, although we also need to focus on player recruitment and retention.

The beginning of the season has been challenging for many clubs with several games not fulfilled and volunteer time stretched. Everyone within the CRFU is focussed on finding ways to help clubs play their games and are working hard with league officials, while also looking at other initiatives to find a mutually acceptable way to do so.



Teams from Lankelly, Bodmin and St Austell Players at the Lankelly RNLi Tournament  
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# Financial AGM & Clubs Forum

## Wed 23rd Oct, 7pm

### Camborne RFC

All clubs are welcome to our Financial Annual General Meeting. Our Honorary Treasurer Ashley Shopland will bring you up to date, with the CRFU accounts and answer any questions you may have.



We will follow the formal part of the evening with the Clubs Forum. This year we will focus on:

*'What does the CRFU do for you'*

This will be a great opportunity to highlight our CRFU team and show everyone some of the work we do.

You can put names to faces and ask questions about any of the areas within our remit.



There will also be 2 rugby balls for each club that attends.

## County Handbooks

Our county handbooks are now with us and are gradually being distributed.

Members of the Management Board have started to deliver the handbooks as they visit clubs. For those remaining clubs still to receive them, I will be at the Development Day on the 6th Oct @ St Austell. Please feel free to collect or you can also see me at the Financial AGM, as above.



# Trelawny's Army

The Cornish Rugby Supporters Club



Steve Murley attended TASC AGM held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the St Austell Brewery Visitor Centre. As we all know Trelawny's Army are a key part of the Cornish Rugby experience supporting our men and women's teams not only at home but on their adventures on the road. The passion, enthusiasm and humour they bring to each game is the envy of many other counties.

TASC also use their AGM to make their annual player awards, voted on by all TASC members. The worthy recipients this year were:

Cornwall Men's Player of the year: **Daniel Tyrell**  
Cornwall U20's Player of the year: **Peter Harris**  
Cornwall Women's Player of the year: **Tia Larson**

The AGM also saw the retirement of Honorary Secretary Ian Gordon after 20 years – as a loyal participant of The Army. It is no exaggeration to say that without Ian Gordon and Trixie Gordon the Army would not have survived.

TASC also regularly make contributions of kit, festival sponsorship and money to help Cornish rugby to continue. This year again The Army's Treasurer, Marina Trevarton, handed over a cheque for £600 to help Colts rugby within Cornwall.



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The CRFU offer their sincere thanks to TASC for their continued contribution to Cornish Rugby

## *The funny side of rugby.....*

### 'The Sin Bin'

And the award for the most ingenious idea goes to Hayle RFC.

Their Sin Bin is in fact a converted rubbish bin!!

Certainly puts a smile on your face.

Lets hope its not used too often!! even if it looks quite comfy.





# England Rugby Page

## Get your club ready for Adult Player Registration

### HELP YOUR PLAYERS REGISTER TO PLAY RUGBY

Your club's players can now register themselves to play in 2024/25



From the Premiership to the community game, all adult players must complete the quick and easy online process before the start of the season.

Players registered at your club last season should log into GMS and click the 'Renew Player Registration (Adult)' button to renew their registration. No action is required from Club Registrars. Find more information [here](#).

Players registered at a different club last season and joining your club for the 2024/25 season should renew their registration at their previous club. Club Registrars can then transfer the player to the new club on GMS. Find more information [here](#).

Players that have not been registered before and do not have a GMS account should [create an account](#) before registering to play.

Club Registrars must review and approve/reject these registration requests. Find more information [here](#).

Further support for clubs and volunteers including step-by-step guides and 'how to' videos can be found on [Community Rugby Help](#).

### Useful links:

Community Help Platform: <https://help.rfu.com/support/home>

Submit Help Request: <https://help.rfu.com/support/tickets/new>

Platform 4 Rugby (lots of adult registration webinars): <https://www.youtube.com/@platform4rugby>

If you would like to submit an article or club event to our bi-monthly newsletter, we would love to hear from you.

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October, December, February, April, June, August



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