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England Academy Player

Playing Out of Age Grade Form

The decision to allow an England Academy Player to play up into an older age grade or into adult rugby in accordance with RFU Regulation 15.7.1, lies with the person in the best position to assess all the relevant circumstances and must be approved by the RFU Head of Regional Academies ([donaldbarrell@rfu.com](mailto:DonaldBarrell@rfu.com)).

This form should be read in conjunction with the Age Grade Codes of Practice: [www.englandrugby.com/codesofpractice](http://www.englandrugby.com/codesofpractice)

**Note: Please use alternative form to apply for Non-England Academy Players.**

1. The ultimate consideration must be for the welfare and safety of the player and those with whom the player will be playing.
2. There has and will be clear communication with all those involved in and affected by the decision.
3. The following aspects must been taken into consideration when making the decision:
4. The physical development of the individual and the player’s playing colleagues
5. The skill level and experience of the individual
6. The individual’s playing position in the team
7. The competitive standard of the particular match and playing conditions.

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: ­\_\_\_\_\_

Club: ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ RFU ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chronological Age Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Age Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(If adult rugby input ‘Adult’)

Playing Position: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please tick which of the below applies:

An U16 England Academy Player to play and/or train two

Age Grades above in the front row of the scrum. Play Train

A 16 year old England Academy Player to play and/or

train in adult contact rugby. Play Train

An U17 or U18 England Academy Player to play and/or

train in adult contact rugby in the front row of the scrum ] Play Train

or otherwise.

Reason for the player to play out of their Age Grade:

Period of Permission, including dates (e.g. one match, a series of matches, the season):

NB: maximum period is 1 season

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Role in relation to the Player: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration:**

We certify that all the information on this form is correct and agree to play the above player out of age grade in accordance with RFU Regulation 15 (Age Grade Rugby).

Signature of **Academy S&C Coach:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of **Academy Doctor:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of **Proposer (i.e. coach):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of **Parent/Guardian or Head Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Approvals:**

Pursuant to RFU Regulation 15, the additional approval of the RFU Head of Regional Academies is required.

Signature of **RFU Head of Regional Academies:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

It is a requirement of RFU Regulation 15 that this form is duly completed and signed and retained as a record of consent.