

Durham County

Durham County Schools Update
July 2020



RFU Schools Union

Schools Union Secretary – John Pearson

Message from the Secretary



As we come to the end one of the strangest school years that I have known in my 72 years somethings in actual fact have not changed – the new strength of the DCRFU Schools Union now based on a working Committee who put in a great deal of hard work to ensure that our activities take place and that we are seen positively by others in the wider context of the Durham Rugby Family, Regionally and Nationally - my sincere thanks to all those involved. Not forgetting the wide range of work which our Administrator, Erin Knotts, undertakes on our behalf. The County Union continue to support both physically and financially and that combined with the sponsorship provided by Vic Young (South Shields) Ltd has seen the consolidation of and in the case of the YMO programme a growth in our activities. There will be inevitable change in the future but let us hope that it is not too long before we can safely undertake the game which we love and that DCRFU Schools Union can continue to move forward positively.

Durham County Schools Union Committee

Who is YOUR Committee?

Please see *the attachment* for the names and roles being undertaken.

If you have a role which you would wish to undertake such as Central Durham District Competitions Secretary or Sixth Form Colleges Co-ordinator please let John Pearson p.e.c@hotmail.co.uk know at your earliest convenience.

- [Committee 2020-2021](#)

Membership Fee's for the Schools Union

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There will be no affiliation fees for the ERSFU or DCRFU Schools Union for the forthcoming season. Please ensure that your school/colleges details are completed as requested in the last issue of UPDATE. If you require clarification/assistance please contact Erin Knott, our County Administrator, on DCRFU@rfu.com. Failure to comply means that you will not be affiliated to the ERSFU or DCRFU Schools Union and therefore will not be able to enter competitions, the YMO programme and the advantages of belonging to the ERSFU.

As a number of you appear to have still not registered on GMS please see the *two attachments* from the ERSFU.

Document Link : [ERSFU Membership](#)

Vic Young (South Shields) Ltd as Durham County Schools Union Sponsor

Our thanks to Vic Young for his continued support of the Schools Union Cup Competitions and the YMO Programme.



Vic Young (South Shields) Ltd YMO presentations

As you are probably aware this was cancelled. 16 individuals (3 girls and 13 boys) were due to receive their caps and two individuals who had refereed in excess of 25 games (one of them in excess of 50 games). These will now be



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distributed via their schools/clubs.
Congratulations to Durham Johnson School on supplying the most YMOs to Schools Union Competitions (8 of whom will receive YMO caps). Please see *attachment* indicating those who will receive caps. Lewis Simon (MacMillan College) and Louis Peacock (Barnard Castle School) will receive Vic Young YMO Polos having refereed in excess of 25 games.

- [Caps for YMO's](#)

Vic Young (South Shields) Ltd Young Match Officials Programme

Could schools/colleges interested in being involved in the programme let me know before Friday July 17th. Involvement does mean that there is an expectation that the Young Match Officials will be available to officiate at the Schools Union Competitions.

Vic Young (South Shields) Ltd Schools Union Cup Competitions

Can you please indicate if you wish to participate in the competitions by completing the following table and returning to dcrfu@rfu.com by Friday July 17th –

Girls U13	Yes/No
Girls U.15	Yes/No
Girls U.18 (Tens)	Yes/No
Boys U.12	Yes/No
Boys U.13	Yes/No
Boys U.14	Yes/No
Boys U.16	Yes/No
Boys U.18(Tens)	Yes/No

Details of dates, venue and draws will be provided as soon as schools rugby is back in operation.

It may be necessary to restrict the number of age groups dependent upon when we can start.

Please note that because of a change in circumstances related to funding it may be necessary to charge for entry to competitions to cover the costs associated with their organisation i.e. venue, trophies, referees and advisers. Schools and Colleges will be kept informed with regard to this.

Dates for the Girls and Boys 7s Competition and entry forms will be distributed to schools/colleges prior to the Christmas holidays. Our thanks, once again, to Martin Pepper and the Barnard Castle staff for their support in the administration and organisation of the boys events and to Mark Bedworth for his support in the use of Durham School as a venue. Our thanks to John Humberstone for the organisation and administration of the girls event.

Updates and Links

Please ensure in these difficult times that you adhere to the guidance provided by the ERSU/RFU and especially the content of Regulation 15.

- [10 Teaching Styles](#)



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