

Durham County

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RFU Schools Union

Well done to Schools Union Secretary –

John Pearson



Congratulations

Congratulations to our Secretary, John Pearson, on being awarded the ERSFU Award for Service to Schools Rugby. In addition to serving as the DCRFU Schools Union Secretary on two occasions he has also served as Secretary of the Kent Schools Union and as a coach and team manager for Kent. In addition he has refereed Schools Rugby for 53 years including at International level, Significantly different is the lead which he provided in Kent in the development of a Proficiency Award Scheme for Rugby which was the first in the Country and a precursor to the RFU Scheme. His work in developing the Young Match Officials programme in Durham has also been acknowledged with this representing the first Schools Union to undertake the programme nationally.

A great big thank you from all at Durham County RFU for his hard work and dedication to the Schools Union.

Membership Fee's for the Schools Union

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There will no longer be any affiliation fees for the ERSFU or the DCRFU Schools Union.

To remain in membership of the **ERSFU** schools are required to confirm their membership to the ERSFU through GMS at the start of the season with the following information –

- Teacher I/c Rugby (That Headcase has been completed by all those involved in the delivery of rugby)
- The school complies with RFU regulations – Regulation 10 (Cross Union Fixtures), Regulation 15 (Age Grade Rugby), Regulation 16 Appendix 6 (Discipline)

To remain eligible to take part in **DCRFU Schools Union** activities please supply the following details to Erin Knotts the County Administrator on DCRFU@RFU.com

Schools Name, Contact Address, Email Address and telephone number

Teacher I/c, Email Address and Contact Number.

Document Link : [ERSFU Membership](#)

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Vic Young (South Shields) Ltd County Cup and 7's Competitions

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Sadly in the circumstances elements of both the Cup and 7s Competitions remain uncompleted this season.

Dates have already been set for next year's 7's and these will be sent to schools prior to Christmas. When it is known that the season is likely to restart an evaluation will be made with regard to the implementation of the County Cup Competitions and Schools will be contacted with regard to entries.

If we are to maintain the tradition of awarding trophies and using DCRFU Schools Union YMOs to referee our competitions it may become necessary to charge a nominal entrance fee. Schools will be informed of this at an appropriate time but if you have any objection to this please contact me before the AGM.

DCRFU Schools Union Vic Young (South Shields Ltd) Young Match Officials Programme

Following negotiations Vic Young will once again sponsor the activities in this programme. In addition the Secretary has obtained financial support from the ERFUSU. The combination of this funding with further support from the County and the Referees Society should ensure that the programme can, when appropriate, once again be undertaken next year. Schools will be contacted with regard to the matter.

Schools Union and GMS

<https://gms.rfu.com/GMS/Account/Login>

A letter from Durham County Schools Union:

Dear schools,

You may be aware already that England Rugby uses an online system called GMS (Game Management System) for its course bookings. This system is a giant database used by our game to help with areas such as registering players, processing DBS checks and online match cards. Each club has their own section which they can control and input data about their club, the RFU uses this to help with process such as Club Accreditation and International ticket allocation.

We are writing to you to make you aware of GMS and to ask you to sign up enabling you to create your school page, going forward GMS is how the RFU and ERSU will communicate with you, newsletters and information about international tickets will all be sent out via the contact details on GMS.

To create your schools account please email schools@rfu.com with the school name you want on the system as well as the email address and name of the person who will be accessing it for the school.

Thank you for your time,

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