



2023/24 CLUB/SCHOOL/ACADEMY APPLICATION FORM

Under-16 Player in Under-18 Rugby (Male)

COMPLETED FORM TO BE EMAILED TO ayrtpr@sru.org.uk
ALL SECTIONS OF THE FORM ARE COMPULSORY

For safety and to allow young players to develop in the best environment within clubs and schools, they should be training and competing with others of the same age and physical maturity. However, in exceptional cases a player may be given dispensation to participate in rugby (training and playing) at a level above their true age grade. Any dispensation, if granted, is only valid for one season, and only allows player to play up in a specific team.

A player 15 years of age wishing to participate in U18 rugby must apply for approval from Scottish Rugby and undergo a Physical maturity Test arranged by Scottish Rugby prior to participation in U18 rugby. The player may not play or train in U18 rugby (XVs, 10s or 7s) until Scottish Rugby approval has been received.

EACH APPLICATION IS ASSESSED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AND CAN TAKE UP TO 1 MONTH TO COMPLETE, DEPENDING ON INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES. PLEASE TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION.

PLAYER INFORMATION	
(Please complete all fields, print clearly and tick as appropriate)	
Name:	SCRUMS ID:
Date of Birth:	Competition:
Club/Academy: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> World Rugby	Playing Position:
World Rugby Online RugbyReady certificate attached: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Player to sign on page 2.

COACH/TEACHER INFORMATION	
(Please complete all fields and print clearly)	
Name:	SCRUMS ID:
Email:	Mobile Number:
Club/School:	

COACH TO ASSESS THE PLAYER AGAINST THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS.		
If the answer is NO to any of these considerations, then the player shall NOT be considered capable of competing safely with players in the proposed game/competition. PLEASE NOTE: Front row players (Prop & Hookers) are not permitted to play in the front row until they are 16 years old even if they meet the physical maturity criteria.		
Physical Development	In your opinion does the player’s level of physical development allow him to safely compete in the proposed game/competition?	Yes No
Skill Level	In your opinion is the player’s skill level comparable with other players in the proposed game/competition (including skills specific to their playing position and in relation to the game’s fundamentals e.g. tackle, pass, ruck, maul, scrum etc)?	Yes No



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Level of Experience	In your opinion does the player have the experience to compete with other players in the U18 rugby competition? The following factors should be considered – representative/ pathway rugby; performance within his age group and; has the player trained with U18 players in a controlled environment?	Yes No
Standard of Competition	In your opinion is the standard of competition in the proposed game/ competition suitable to allow the player to compete safely?	Yes No

REASON FOR APPLICATION (FROM CLUB/SCHOOL - TO BE COMPLETED BY COACH)
Please provide a brief statement giving the reasons for this application. If you have any relevant supporting documentation, please include it.

PLAYER DECLARATION

I have read and understood the U16 into U18 Rugby policy, and completed the World Rugby online RugbyReady course. I will also attend a physical maturity test at a designated appointment, arranged by Scottish Rugby.

I believe that my physical development, skill level experience and medical condition are of a sufficient level that I am capable of competing safely with players in the proposed game/competition.

I understand that I will be competing against older players and this may involve an increased level of injury risk.

I am not aware of any medical reason why my application to move into U18 rugby may not be safely approved. Please note that the following types of signature on this document will be accepted: scanned/cut and pasted/handwritten/verifiable electronic signature. A typed name will not be accepted. Only one signature box requires completion.

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Print Name: _____ Date: _____

COACH/TEACHER DECLARATION

I have read and understood the Under-16 Player in Under-18 Rugby policy.

In my opinion, the player's physical maturity, skill level and experience are of a sufficient level that he is capable of competing safely with players in under-18 school/club rugby in positions outwith the front row.

I have explained to the player and his parent or guardian that he will be competing against older players and this may involve an increased level of injury risk.

I have explained the rationale behind this application for exception to (insert name): _____, Teacher in charge of Rugby/Club President/Relevant club office bearer (delete as appropriate).

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PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN/IN LOCO PARENTIS DECLARATION

I confirm that:

- I am a parent or legal guardian of the above-mentioned player;
- I have been provided with a copy of Scottish Rugby's Under-16 Players in Under-18 Rugby policy;
- The coach has explained to me that, in his/her opinion, my son's physical development, skill level and experience are sufficiently high that he is capable of competing safely with players in the proposed age grade in a position out with the front row (prop or hooker) until he turns 16 years of age;
- It has been explained to me that the risk of injury may be increased by the player playing in under-18 rugby;
- I understand that rugby is a contact sport and, like all contact sports, players are exposed to a risk of injury. I also understand that the level of risk may be heightened where an under-16 player participates in under-18 rugby, where the player's physical development/maturity, skill level and experience are inferior to that of the players he will play against.
- I agree to my son's level of physical maturity being assessed by a member of the medical profession at a centre identified by Scottish Rugby;
- I agree to my son being part of an ongoing study on rugby injuries; and thus consent to Scottish Rugby holding his information in the Under-16 in Under-18 Rugby policy database.

The personal data submitted when completing this form will be processed by Scottish Rugby Union Limited in accordance with its Privacy Policy (available at <https://www.scottishrugby.org/privacy-policy>)

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SCOTTISH RUGBY DECLARATION

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I confirm that:

- a) The information submitted above complies with Scottish Rugby's Under-16 Player in Under-18 Rugby policy.
- b) That the player has attended a Scottish Rugby assessment centre and has passed the physical maturity assessment.

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