



GROWTH AND PARTICIPATION

State School Rugby Fund
CRITERIA AND GUIDANCE NOTES



Introduction

The State School Rugby Fund is a £200k fund that will create more opportunities for boys and girls within state schools to participate in rugby by developing accessible models of support with targeted investment, within our regions. Clubs and schools can apply in partnership for either £5,000, £7,500 or £10,000 for a project to increase opportunities for boys and girls within state schools and meet the following outcomes:

Improve the health and wellbeing of young people

Develop the physical and personal skills of young people

Increase the number of players (male and female) that participate in Scottish Rugby supported play programmes

Provide activity which improves the learning, employability and employment options for young people

Criteria For Application:

- Clubs can only apply for **one funding category** – Women’s and Girls’, Development Environments or State School Rugby. Only one application will be considered from any one club.
- Clubs must engage with their regional team before applying
- Clubs must have, or be working towards a robust relationship with the school involved. **This should be a joint application from club and school.**
- Schools must have agreed to the programme before the club submit the application, with dedicated curricular and extracurricular time to deliver the programme confirmed.
- We would strongly encourage applications that promote the growth of the girls’ game, or one that promotes growth of both boys’ and girls’ rugby.
- Clubs and schools should clearly outline a spending plan for the project
- Club and school must both comply with the reporting and monitoring system to clearly demonstrate the impact of the programme.
- Projects can be part-funded by the club or other funders
- The fund is for new initiatives, not currently invested into by Scottish Rugby (i.e. current Scottish Rugby funded ‘Schools of Rugby’ or Cashback Schools of Rugby.)

The closing date for applications is 26 November 2023. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.

Successful applicants will be informed in February 2024. The first 50% will be forward funded in September 2024 and the remaining funding will be paid upon evidence of costs. All claims must be completed by May 2025.

Clubs and schools can apply for one of the following programmes:

Rugby Starter Programme - £5,000

This programme is to support with the creation of new state school rugby programmes. Clubs and schools will work in partnership to deliver the programme. Eligible schools are those where there is currently no current club provision within the school.

AREA OF WORK	CRITERIA
People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of Rugby (Teacher) • Club Community Coach/Development Officer linked to programme
Rugby Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a minimum of a 6-week block of curriculum rugby for S1 – S3 pupils, transitioning into a season long extra-curricular training programme for male and female players • Engage with and deliver a minimum of 2 x events during Scottish Rugby Schools Week. • Deliver a minimum of 1x Primary 7 Transition event for primary schools within the cluster. • Provide appropriate game play opportunities (Tartan Touch, XField, 7s,15s) for the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary 7 co-ed • Secondary U13 male & / or female • Secondary U14 male & / or female <p>Track and monitor the progress of all participating pupils until they are registered on SCRUMS (Scottish Rugby’s data management system).</p>
People Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate the delivery of x 2 Coaching Essentials courses for teachers within the school and/or the primary cluster schools. • All active coaches registered on SCRUMS • 100% RugbyRight compliance for all school coaches
Additional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adherence to monthly reporting to be defined by Scottish Rugby. • Provide x 2 digital case studies on any of the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health and wellbeing • Improving physical and personal skills of young people • Playing opportunities for male and female players • Creating positive destinations (representing their school/club) • Schools Week

Intermediate Programme - £7,500

This programme is for schools that can deliver on the Rugby Starter programme criteria or have progressed on from this level. Young people will opt into a curricular and extra-curricular programme that will educate pupils on the following:

- Values of the game, leadership, engagement, achievement, enjoyment and respect.
- Laws of the game
- Nutrition and strength and conditioning education
- Cross-curricular workshops; numeracy, literacy and nutrition
- A playing experience against other schools
- Match and individual analysis

Eligible schools must meet the criteria outlined in the “Rugby Starter Programme” as well as the following:

AREA OF WORK	CRITERIA
Rugby Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide appropriate game play opportunities for the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary U15 male & / or female • Secondary U16 male & / or female • Participation in Scottish Rugby regional Game Play programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-week fixtures • Conference participation • Alternative formats (Tartan Touch, XField 7s) • Providing opportunity for S1 – S3 to opt in to School of Rugby elective within the curriculum timetable, with a minimum of 2 periods per age group. • Season long extra-curricular programme for S4 & S5 students
People Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Scottish Rugby’s support, deliver a programme that raises the attainment levels for pupils at L4 (U15); SCQF Level 4 – The Developing Player Programme (min of one unit: Rugby Development, Circuit & Resistance Training) • With Scottish Rugby’s support, deliver Cross-curricular workshops within the following areas: numeracy, literacy and nutrition
Additional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adherence to monthly reporting to be defined by Scottish Rugby. • Provide x 2 digital case studies on any of the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health and wellbeing • Improving physical and personal skills of young people • Playing opportunities for male and female players • Creating positive destinations (representing their school/club) • Schools Week

Developed Programme - £10,000

This programme is for schools that can deliver on the 'Intermediate programme' criteria or have progressed on from this level. Young people will opt into a curricular and extra-curricular programme that will educate pupils in the following:

- **A Youth Volunteering Award (with attainment of the associated SCQF credit points)**
 - Rugby Ambassadors Award
- **Rugby Development and Strength and Conditioning Award at Levels 4,5 & 6**
 - Developing Player Programme
- **Match and individual analysis**
- **A playing experience against other schools**
- **A coaching or leadership experience that supports the delivery of a series of participation fixtures, or a festival event for Primary 7 to S3 pupils.**
- **Scottish Rugby and World Rugby qualifications in:**
 - RugbyRight
 - World Rugby Passport
 - Mental Wellbeing eLearning Course
 - Match Official Level 1
 - Strength and Conditioning Level 1 (optional)
 - Coaching Level 1 or equivalent (optional)

Eligible schools must meet the criteria outlined in the Rugby Starter and Intermediate Programme as well as the following:

AREA OF WORK	CRITERIA
Rugby Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in Scottish Rugby Conference and Cup Programme • Game opportunities for the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary U18 male & / or female • Providing the opportunity for S4-S6 to opt in to School of Rugby elective within the curriculum timetable, with a minimum of 2 periods per age group. • Season-long extra-curricular programme for S6 students
People Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With Scottish Rugby's support, deliver a programme that raises the attainment levels for pupils at Level 4 – Level 6; SCQF Level 4 – Level 6; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Developing Player Programme • The Rugby Ambassadors Award • Cross-curricular workshops - same as intermediate
Additional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adherence to monthly reporting to be defined by Scottish Rugby. • Provide x 2 digital case studies on any of the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health and wellbeing • Improving physical and personal skills of young people • Playing opportunities for male and female players • Creating positive destinations (representing their school/club) • Schools Week

A copy of the application questions can be found on the following page. Please consider your answers before starting your application as you can only submit the form once.

If your club and partner school would like to apply to this fund, please use the following link to do so. Please note that applications will only be considered if submitted in this format.

State School Rugby Fund Phase 3

[Application Form Click Here](#)

Data Protection

To the extent that any information provided as part of this application constitutes 'personal data' Scottish Rugby will use and process that information in accordance with its privacy policy, which can be found at scottishrugby.org/privacy-policy.

If intending to submit information about an individual which constitutes personal data before doing so you should ensure that the individual is made aware of that fact, the purpose for which it is being provided and has consented to you doing so. The information you provide us will be held on file, which may be paper and/or electronic. We will use this information to process applications and grants, to prepare statistics and to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of grants made.

Additional Terms and Conditions

- i. Scottish Rugby accepts no liability for any consequences, whether direct or indirect, that may arise from the use of a grant, from any requested repayment of a grant, or from any application for a grant being declined.
- ii. In the event that Scottish Rugby is made aware of any inconsistencies or misrepresentations on an application form which lead to the provision of a grant to a club, Scottish Rugby reserves the right to request that such sums are repaid within timescales determined by Scottish Rugby (whether or not the club has already spent such a grant). In the event that such timescales are not met, Scottish Rugby reserves the right to deduct any sums owed from any future funding offered by Scottish Rugby, including without limitation the Club Sustainability Fund.

Additional Considerations

Value Added Tax

If the club is not registered for VAT or is not in a position to have the costs zero-rated for VAT purposes (as is sometimes the case for charities approved by HMRC) it is essential that the VAT burden is included in the application costs.

Application Form Questions

1. I can confirm that this is the only application from my club that will be submitted in Phase 3 of the Growth and Participation Fund
2. What Scottish Rugby region is your club in?
3. Club Name
4. Name of key contact at club
5. Email Address of key contact at club
6. School Name
7. Name of key contact at school
8. Email Address of key contact at school
9. I can confirm I have engaged with my regional team before submitting this application
10. Please select which programme you are applying for
11. Provide a summary of the programme you will implement to achieve the criteria set out in the above programme - Please include all information relating to curricular, extra-curricular and game playing opportunities. (max 500 words)
12. Month during which programme will commence (mm/yyyy)
13. Please outline the total projected costs of this programme
14. Provide a supporting statement from your partner school on how the club and school will collaborate to deliver this programme, demonstrating a commitment to curricular timetabling
15. Are there any additional partners/funders involved in the programme? If so please name the partners/funders and their financial contribution.
16. Please outline how this project will impact inclusion and diversity within your club? (max 200 words)
17. Please outline how this project will impact Women and Girls rugby within your club? (max 200 words)
18. By ticking this box you are agreeing to all of the terms and conditions outlined and this will be accepted as a formal signature on behalf of the club.
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