

HUB APPLICATION PACK 2025

### What is Tartan Touch?

Tartan Touch is Scottish Rugby's Fun, Simple and Social version of non-contact rugby. It's a game for all abilities and all ages played throughout the Summer months starting in May. In the past seasons, hubs have welcomed players aged 5 to 90 years old from having never played rugby to retired players, making it a great game for newcomers to get involved with!

#### Why become a Tartan Touch Hub?

Tartan Touch will give you 10 weeks of activity over the summer when your club tends to be quiet. It could help your club recruit more members, generate extra income and it will allow you to engage further with your community by providing an activity that is suitable for any member of the family! Here's how previous hubs feel they have benefitted from being a Tartan Touch hub:

"We found it to be a very positive experience for the club. With increased presence on social media the club was able to sell itself in a positive light."

#### Cartha Queens Park RFC

"Having been a hub for a number of years we have seen a marked increase in participation and numbers of individuals progressing to either play for the club or become involved as a volunteer." "This is a great sport to introduce players, develop skill, build social structure for the club, keep things going over summer."

Annan RFC

Hamilton RFC

#### What support do the clubs get?

Each Tartan Touch Hub will be supported by their Regional Manager and Scottish Rugby's Tartan Touch Operational Team. Each new hub (a new hub is deemed as a hub that has not run Tartan Touch before) will receive resources and support to help them promote and deliver Tartan Touch sessions to their local community. This support includes being part of a nationwide marketing campaign and a promotional toolkit including social media support.

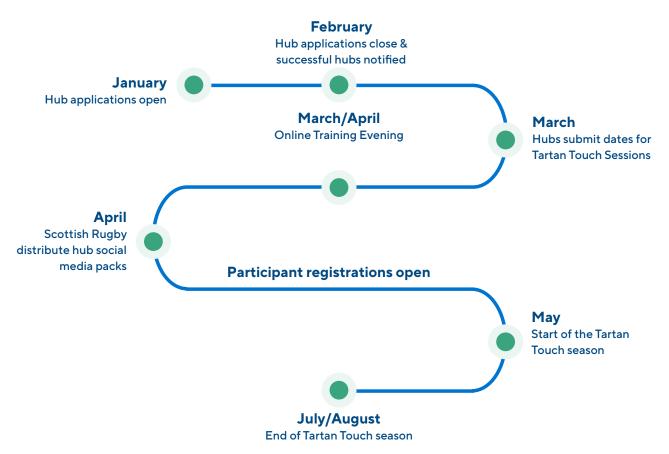
#### How much does it cost?

To become a hub is FREE. Scottish Rugby ask hubs to register participant's through a platform provided by us, where participant's can sign up. Sign ups for participants is free but if hubs would like to charge we would ask that this is done in house.

#### How do we become a Tartan Touch Hub?

As demand is expected to be high in the seventh year, there is a short online application form which all clubs are required to fill out. The successful clubs will then be notified in 2025.

#### What are the key dates for Tartan Touch Hubs?



# What is expected of us in return for being a Tartan Touch Hub?

Successful clubs will be asked to supply the following, in return for being a registered Tartan Touch Hub:

- A warm, welcoming, safe and appropriate environment in which to play.
- At least two helpful and friendly staff to help organise and deliver each session.
- A well organised and structured Tartan Touch session that provides a warm up & cool down, skills development coaching and some games of Tartan Touch played in the correct spirit throughout.
- A submitted list of Tartan Touch Hub dates for all 10 weeks by March 2025.
- A minimum of 2 Tartan Touch Volunteers to attend a regional Scottish Rugby Tartan Touch online training workshop.
- Coaching support for beginners offering an introduction to the game and basic skills coaching.
- To deliver a local marketing campaign to help raise awareness and increase participation.
- To register all attendees on To register all attendees through the platform provided by Scottish Rugby.
- All Tartan Touch coaches/volunteers to hold a relevant and up to date PVG.

## If you are interested in becoming a Tartan Touch Hub please complete the online application form <u>found here</u> by Monday 10th February 2025.

For further information please visit scottishrugby.org or follow us on Twitter @Tartan\_Touch