



HUB APPLICATION PACK 2026

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 had a very good experience with great participation of all ages. Introduced quite a few folk to rugby who hadn't played much before or for a long time.

McLaren FP Rugby Club

We ran our Tartan Touch Hub at Stewartry for six weeks during the summer holidays, and it was a huge success! We opened the bar every night and even had a BBQ on the last session, which was a great way to get people of all ages together at the club.

Stewartry 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.

What kit will my hub receive?

Whether you are a new hub or an existing new, we will provide all hubs with kit to help with the season. Please see the breakdown below:



x6 balls



x20 bibs

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.

How do we become a Tartan Touch Hub?

As demand is expected to be high in the eighth year, there is a short online application form which all clubs are required to fill out. The successful clubs will then be notified in 2026.

Rewarding Participation in Rugby

Aligned to our Club Investment Fund, Scottish Rugby will continue to reward participation in rugby and rugby related activities, which for this season will include Tartan Touch. Each hub that completes all of the "Tartan Touch Participation Criteria" will receive a participation payment of up to £200.

What are the key dates for Tartan Touch Hubs?



Tartan Touch Participation Criteria

Recommended	Essential
A warm, welcoming, safe and appropriate environment in which to play	A submitted list of Tartan Touch Hub dates for all 10 weeks by March 2026
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	To register all attendees on through the platform provided by Scottish Rugby
A minimum of 1 Tartan Touch Volunteers to attend Scottish Rugby Tartan Touch in person training workshop held at Scottish Gas Murrayfield	
Coaching support for beginners offering an introduction to the game and basic skills coaching	All Tartan Touch coaches/ volunteers to hold a relevant and up to date PVG
To deliver a local marketing campaign to help raise awareness and increase participation	

If you are interested in becoming a Tartan Touch Hub please complete the online application form [found here](#) by Sunday 8th February 2026.

For further information please visit scottishrugby.org or follow us on Twitter [@Tartan_Touch](https://twitter.com/Tartan_Touch)