



Club & Volunteer Responsibilities in Age Grade Rugby

All clubs offering rugby to children & young people need to:



Adhere to the IRFU Safeguarding Policy



Appoint a Club Welfare Officer (CWO)



Make clear what the club ethos is



Ensure coaches & volunteers have been safely recruited



Give all volunteers the opportunity to attend relevant training



Ensure that everyone has access & adheres to the Codes of Conduct



Ensure a good ratio of suitably qualified or experienced coaches/ volunteers to players



Reinforce that activities should be fun & inclusive with a focus on playing & skills development



Guide coaches/ volunteers to take the time to listen to the views of players



Strive to create a physically & emotionally safe environment



Ensure that all players are properly registered on the IRFU system



Signpost to/seek guidance from expert organisations if needed

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Sign the Declaration of
Intent



Complete the vetting
process before starting



Attend relevant training,
including safeguarding



Plan & prepare for each
training session & match



Ensure activities are fun
& inclusive



Have a good attitude &
respect for the ethos,
laws & traditions of rugby



Actively listen to players,
so that they can express
their thoughts & feelings



Encourage players to
problem solve & make
their own decisions



Turn mistakes into a
positive learning
experience for players



Be fair when dealing with
players, particularly with
selection & inclusion



Keep up to date with age
appropriate sports
information

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