

Cantabrigian RUFC General Risk Assessment Form RA1



Describe the activity, experiment or area under assessment.

17 year olds playing adult rugby under Regulation 15.

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<i>Physical risk:</i> Injury while playing	Rugby is a physical sport and injuries do occur. This can affect both the young player and anyone they physically interact with on the pitch.	Ensure and assess that any 17 year old is physically prepared for adult rugby. Ensure once permitted to play that any 17 year old players are trained in areas of play and Laws they have not experienced in age grade rugby	Low	Coaches to check on technique of player at training sessions after permission to play is obtained. Obtain past playing history as per applications under Regulation 15 and where possible discuss this with school/college coaches
<i>Physical Risk:</i> Medical issues	Specific medical issues can affect individual players in and of themselves or if medical attention is needed.	Registration of players via GMS allows for collection of specific medical information. This information should be made available to First Aiders and used as part of the assessment of whether a 17 year old is physically suitable to play adult rugby.	Low	Ensure player has input any relevant data to GMS on registration.
<i>Social risk:</i> Bullying	Anyone may be a target of bullying but under 18s are in a vulnerable class. This can range from physical extremes to lower grade peer pressure and inappropriate 'banter'	The club publishes an anti-bullying policy and all participants at the club are required to abide by it. Safeguarding staff and coaches provide a reporting route to identify and prevent occurrence and protect victims. Make contact details for these staff available in club and on website.	Low	Coaches and Captains to be aware of these risks and to step in to remind players of behaviour limits before they cross lines. Posters with Safeguarding contact numbers to go up in club.

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Social and Legal Risk: Alcohol	Under 18 year old may attempt to obtain or may be bought alcohol	All bar staff should be aware of 17 year old's age. Drinking games should not include 17 year old even if they are on soft drinks to avoid mistakes and/or habituation of under 18s to drinking culture	Medium	Coaches and other persons in authority should keep a close check on this matter.
Safeguarding risk: Suitability of persons in authority.	Person with an inappropriate history could come in contact with vulnerable class of player	All persons in authority to undergo DBS checks	Low	Regular updates of persons to be DBS checked conducted (at least annual reviewed)
Safeguarding Risk Home Games	All	Ensure 17 year old has a separate space to change if asked for Leaders should maintain awareness of spectators and act to prevent verbal or other abuse Opposition and officials must be informed of a 17 year old player. Club has a social media policy that includes photography controls that must be followed	Low	Code of Conduct for all is published on club website.
Safeguarding risk: Away games	All	Ensure opposition know of 17 year on team – and confirm private changing space if needed. All Home game measures should be in place. Young players should be transported by family members, or by DBS checked staff who are not alone.	Low	Pre-plan transport requirement before game (Team Manager) Contact Away team to inform opposition and officials of presence of 17 year old (Fixture Secretary in advance or Coaches/Captains on the day)
Compliance Risk RFU regulations for playing 17 year old in	Club as a whole	The RFU has procedures and Regulations concerning 17 year olds playing rugby (Regulation 15). These procedures must be followed	Low	

If any Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is required, please specify it here or attach it to this form. Any specialist training required should also be specified here

This assessment forms a core strategy to mitigate risk. However, it is not enough on its own to permit a 17 year old to play adult rugby. Each 17 year old player must be individually assessed making this assessment into account and formal application made for that player to play adult rugby via the appropriate channels specified in Regulation 15.

Please complete this section to confirm that this constitutes a suitable and sufficient assessment of risk.

Name of assessor: Tim Fitzmaurice (Club Safeguarding Officer)	Signature: 	Date: 24/08/2025
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This assessment should be reviewed regularly or if there is a material change to the process, the equipment, location or relevant safety technologies. It should also be reviewed when new people are involved, or after an accident or incident has taken place.

Reviewed by (name)	Signature	Date	Indicate changes here ⁵
Tim Fitzmaurice		20/08/2026	Typographic errors corrected.