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Dear Colleague,

I have much pleasure in enclosing an electronic copy of the RFU Youth Structured Season for 2010-11, which is also published on rfu.com at:

<http://www.rfu.com/ManagingRugby/ManagingSchoolsRugby/SchoolRugbyClub/YouthStructuredSeason>.

This has been prepared in conjunction with the RFU Playing Development Committee, the ERFSU, the organisers of the AASE Leagues, Daily Mail, and National 17s and 19s Competitions. The purpose of the RFU Youth Structured Season for 2010-11 is to enable fixtures and competitions to be planned by the CBRDP within the context of all the participants' requirements and to ensure that sufficient provision is made for training days to enable players to acquire the necessary core skills.

It is essential for your CB Rugby Development Partnership to produce a meaningful CB Youth Structured Season within the national framework and your CB can be as proscriptive as it wishes with respect to minimising the number of competitive games v developmental work. Agreement across neighbouring CB boundaries would give a further dimension and thus added strength to the planned playing programmes.

We would ask your CBRDP to prepare a CB Youth Structured Season for 2010-11 utilising the specified dates within the RFU YSS to enable a balance of fixtures to be created based on local needs, strengths (and weaknesses). This should go some way to preventing the overplaying of the most able, whilst providing meaningful events and fixtures for those who will progress no further than the club and school level.

The narrative provides guidance on how the programme operates for each age group from Under 13s to Under 18s and for CB Schools of Rugby. The matrix provides specific dates on a weekly basis starting on Monday and finishing upon a Sunday with Daily Mail Cup matches and some CB fixtures to be played midweek on a Wednesday. This should allow for a week of activity to be planned for young players thus avoiding conflicting demands being made upon the young player by school, club and representative rugby.

Our RDOs will provide every assistance in helping you prepare your CB's YSS.

Yours in Rugby,

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