MERIT TABLES/JUNIOR LEAGUES

SCHEME DETAILS

SEASON 2012-13

OUTLINE

The Rugby Football Union has identified that regular rugby encourages participation. The RFU is keen to offer appropriate competition organisers financial support to help offset some of the costs of organising such competitions.

GRANT VALUE

The RFU has agreed 2 Options for payment to help offset the costs as follows:

£300 per Merit Table/League (with an additional £30 per team for leagues over 10 teams, e.g. 11 team league = £330, 12 team league = £360 etc.) - This will be paid to organisers that enter fixtures and results using the RFU Competitions Tools (Original or "Lite").
£200 per Merit Table/League (with an additional £10 per team for leagues over 10 teams, e.g. 11 team league = £210, 12 team league = £220 etc.) - This will be paid to organisers that provide fixtures and results information to the RFU on a regular basis, but will not update the RFU Competitions Tools.

Both options above are based on teams playing Home & Away. For leagues which have 8 teams or less, or which play once only, the RFU will evaluate how much grant will be available based upon the number of fixtures provided.

Applications are welcome for club Adult and certain Age Grade (U16's and older) competitions that provide regular opportunities for participation (e.g. leagues/merit tables). Knockout cups will not be eligible. The issue of funding Age Grade competitions for U15s and younger is being reviewed, however at this stage we are not be going to include them in the support.

RESTRICTIONS

A copy of the fixture list(s) for season 2012/13 and Competition Regulations must be supplied.

KEY CRITERIA

Applications are welcome for club Adult and Age Grade (U16's and older) competitions that provide regular opportunities for participation (e.g. leagues/merit tables). Knockout cups will not be eligible.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

You are invited to complete and return the attached application form to either Cathy Blishen or Chris Burns by post or email (cathyblishen@rfu.com / chrisburns@rfu.com) following sign off from your Constituent Body Honorary Secretary/Chairman/President. If you are aware of any Merit Table/League not organised by the Constituent Body please either pass a pro forma to the organiser or provide the details necessary to contact those responsible for its organisation.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any queries about merit table funding, please contact Cathy Blishen; Tel: 0208 831 6688, Email: cathyblishen@rfu.com. For help with the Competitions Tool please contact Tom Price; Tel: 0208 831 6784, Email: tomprice@rfu.com or Filipe Saldanha; Tel: 0208 831 6775, Email: filipesaldanha@rfu.com

MERIT TABLE/JUNIOR LEAGUES – APPLICATION FORM

I wish to claim assistance to offset the administration expenses for the following Merit Tables/Leagues (please tick as appropriate):

☐ **£300(+) per Merit Table/League, pa.** We will enter fixtures and results onto the RFU Competitions Tool.

☐ **£200(+) per Merit Table/League, pa.** We will provide fixtures and results information to the RFU, but will not update the RFU Competitions Tool

Name of Merit Table/League	No of Teams	Constituent body/ies

I enclose a copy of the fixtures list(s) and Competition Regulations for season 2012-13	

Who manages the Competition?

Name

Address including postcode

Contact telephone numbers

Home	Work	Mobile

Email address

Please specify the organisation to whom the cheque should be made payable:

Name

Address including postcode

Signature

Name (printed) Date

Constituent Body Approval

CB Honorary Secretary/Chairman Signature Date

* Photocopy as required.

Please complete and return this form to Cathy Blishen, Tournaments & Competitions, Rugby Football Union, Rugby House, Twickenham Stadium, 200 Whitton Road, Twickenham TW2 7DA Tel: 0208 831 6688, Fax: 0208 892 4446, Email: cathyblishen@rfu.com