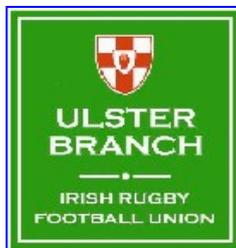


APPENDIX



Request for a Schools Player to Play for a Club

To be signed before the 1st December and returned to IRFU (Ulster Branch) on or before the first Wednesday in December of each year.

I _____ the parent/guardian of
_____ IRFU. Registration No _____

do request that you as the Principal
of _____ (School) release him to play
rugby for _____ (Club) in the Ulster Branch
Youth League and Cup Competitions.

I _____ Principal of the above school have read the
Explanatory Note overleaf, and the checklist completed by the Master in
Charge of Rugby. I confirm that _____ does not
receive regular rugby at school, and I approve the above request.

Signature: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

Signature: _____ (Principal)

Date: _____

Signature: _____ (Youth Convenor)

Date: _____

Date Received at Branch office. _____ Initial _____

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

There are two quite separate “pathways” to the adult game. One is for players attending a school that participates in the Schools of Ireland Scheme (“Schools rugby”), and the other is for players not attending a school that participates in that Scheme (“Youth rugby”). As a general principle a player is not permitted to move from one pathway to the other and play Schools rugby and Youth rugby in the same season.

The above arrangement is designed to protect the interests of players in both pathways, including the interest of the club player who, for example, plays all season for his club and might otherwise be replaced in the later stages of the Youth Cup competition by a schools player becoming available because his school has been knocked out of their cup competition.

It is, however, recognised that there may be some players attending a school that participates in the Schools of Ireland Scheme who are not playing, or are not likely to play, for their school on a regular basis. In such circumstances, and as an exception to the general principle, a school may consent to their release to play rugby for their club (instead of the school) in the terms of this Request Form. The completed Form should be returned by the club to the Youth Competitions Committee (“the YCC”), for the approval of the YCC to the player playing rugby for the club.

It should be clearly understood that this procedure is to facilitate players who would otherwise largely be deprived of rugby at school, not to enable those playing regularly for their school to move between school and club when the school does not have a game. It should also be understood that the Request Form is valid for one season only, and if, the following season, the school is again satisfied a player is not playing, or likely to play, regularly for the school, a fresh Request Form should be completed.

To assist in determining what constitutes “regular” rugby the Master in Charge of Rugby is asked to consider, and complete, the checklist below. A player is deemed to be receiving regular rugby, and therefore ineligible to play for a club, if the answer to all the questions is “Yes”. If there are any queries about this procedure in respect of a particular player please contact the Youth Committee Chairman (Paul Hart (M) 07764 277870), or the Youth Secretary (Towy Neale (M) 07948 831419), to discuss.

CHECKLIST

Does your school provide rugby as a regular school activity for pupils ? Yes/No

Does your school have organised teams for the age group of the player in question ? Yes/No

Does your school have matches arranged with other schools for this age group ? Yes/No

Does the player in question form part of the playing squad which fulfils these matches ? Yes/No

When these matches are played is the player likely to be selected? Yes/No

Signature: _____ (Master i/c Rugby)

Date: _____