



# Rugby

## Primary Tag

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# Competition Organisation



SPORT – Primary Tag Rugby	
ELIGIBILITY	
Age Group	School Years: 6 and Below. It is advised that pupils are in year 5 or 6.
Eligibility	<b>Only school teams can enter the competition</b> (not representative school teams).

TEAM REQUIREMENTS	
Team size on the day	7 Players – A minimum of 3 boys and 3 girls on the pitch
Squad size on the day	Max of 10 Players
Substitutes	3 Players

EVENT FORMAT & RULES	
Competition to be played to RFU rules	<p>The Competition will be based on the rules of Tag Rugby published by the RFU, this includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pitch size – 60yds x 30yds</li> <li>• Tag Rugby is a non-contact form of the rugby in which the tackle is replaced by a 'tag'.</li> <li>• The object of the game is to score a try by placing the ball with downward pressure on or behind the opponent's 'goal line'.</li> <li>• When playing Tag Rugby all players wear a tag belt, which has two ribbons (tags), attached to it with Velcro. The belt is worn around the waist and on the outside of the clothing. Shirts must be tucked in. The tags are positioned on either side of the hips and teams are distinguished by the colour of the tags they wear.</li> <li>• It is the responsibility of the school to provide tag belts at the competition.</li> </ul> <p><b>The 'Tackle' (Tag)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only the player with the ball can be 'tackled' (tagged). A tag is simply the removal by a defender of one of the two ribbons from the ball carrier.</li> <li>• Ball carriers can run or dodge potential taggers but cannot fend them off or guard or shield their tags in any way. Nor can they spin to avoid a tag.</li> <li>• Once tagged the player in possession of the ball must stop and pass the ball to a team-mate within 3 seconds. Even at full pace the ball carrier will be expected to stop in 3 strides.</li> <li>• The game is continuous and tagged players may pass within the act of stopping. However, players are only allowed one step to score a try after being tagged.</li> </ul>

# Competition Organisation (cont.)



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<p><b>Competition to be played to RFU rules (cont.)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The defending player who makes the tag must hold the tag above their head and shout “tag”, and along with the rest of their team, stand back on their own side allowing the attacker to pass.</li> <li>• Immediately after the pass has been made the defender must give the tag back to the tackled player before rejoining the game.</li> <li>• The defender can take no further part in the game until they have returned the tag.</li> <li>• No player can take any further part in the game without both tags properly in place on the belt</li> <li>• Defenders are not allowed to snatch the ball from the player’s hands.</li> <li>• There should be no tags on the floor at any time.</li> </ul> <p><b>Offside</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once a tag has been made all defenders must make an effort to get back on their side of the ball and not deliberately stand offside blocking the pass or waiting for the interception, therefore allowing the attacker to pass.</li> <li>• Offside is penalised by awarding a free pass to the non-offending team.</li> </ul> <p><b>Scrumms &amp; Line outs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be no scrum and no line out.</li> </ul> <p><b>Kicking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be no kicking allowed and no conversions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Restarts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A free pass is used to start the game and to restart after an infringement has occurred i.e. forward pass, ball out of play, knock on, off side.</li> <li>• All other restarts will take the form of a free pass. At a free pass, the opposing team must be 7 metres back.</li> <li>• The referee’s decision is final, any argument will result in a 5m penalty against the offending team.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Format of competition</b></p>	<p>Round robin format of appropriately sized pools where possible however this will depend on the number of entries.</p> <p>Points awarded:</p> <p>5 points for a win 3 points for a draw 1 points for a loss 0 points for failing to turn up</p> <p>It is recognised that this points system may differ at a cluster/ partnership competition.</p> <p>League decided on (a) most points (b) goal difference (c) goals scored (d) head-to-head. .</p>

# League/Competition Organisation (cont.)



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<b>Length of match/ half time/ change ends</b>	10 minute games, one way only, no half time <i>Subject to change, dependent upon the number of teams entered.</i>
<b>Team/player no show rules during competition</b>	<p>All games will be centrally timed, therefore teams MUST be ready to start on time.</p> <p>No Show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a team does not turn up for the competition, then all games in which they are scheduled to play will be given 0 points.</li> <li>If a team arrives with less than 7 players (including 3 girls), but more than 4 players they will be allowed to play in the competition, however they will get 0 points for all games.</li> </ul> <p>Late arrivals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the team has 5 players the game will start (including 3 girls).</li> <li>The game will not go ahead unless both teams have at least 3 girls on the pitch at all times.</li> <li>If the team has fewer than 5 players the game cannot go ahead.</li> <li>If the team does not show for the whole match then the opposition gain 5 points for a win.</li> </ul>
<b>Injury time outs</b>	Referee's decision.
<b>Substituting</b>	<p>As per RFU Rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll on substitutions can be made at any time during the game.</li> <li>The referee must be informed when a substitution is being made.</li> </ul>
<b>Infringement of code of conduct</b>	<p>The behaviour of the team and supporters, on and off the field of play, is the responsibility of the member of staff accompanying the team.</p> <p>Unacceptable behaviour by a pupil whilst competing in any fixture against another school (i.e. directed at players, officials, teachers and/or supporters will not be tolerated. This includes; verbal abuse, physical abuse, dissent.</p> <p>Any player in breach of these rules will be given a warning and then, if the unacceptable behaviour continues, will be sent off and not allowed to continue playing for the remainder of the league season and/or the festival.</p>
<b>Grievance procedures</b>	If these relate to the sport specific tournament they must be made to the Tournament Organiser.
<b>Timescale for Competition</b>	February to middle of April: Partnership Competitions 30th April: County Finals, Wootton Bassett RFC

# Entry Form

Primary Tag Rugby Competition



## *Competition Information*

Organisers Name: .....

Organisers Contact Telephone: .....

Organisers Contact Email: .....

Competition Round (partnership/county final): .....

Date: .....

Venue: .....

Start Time: ..... Finish Time: .....

## *Entry*

School Name.....

Teacher I/C.....

Phone contact.....

E-mail contact.....

We may be interested in entering a second team if space allows:    Y /    N

Closing date for entries: .....

POOL:		
Game		Pitch
	V	
Final Score	V	

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Game		Pitch
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