



THE CLUBHOUSE

JUNE 2015

WRU NEWSLETTER

GET WRU HELP TO APPLY FOR GRANTS WHICH WILL HELP YOUR CLUBS

The Welsh Rugby Union is planning a series of workshops to help clubs formulate and realise improvement plans and projects.

They are open to any member club and all clubs interested in applying for a Facilities Grant from the £650,000 fund the WRU has put aside for use in the season ahead, are strongly encouraged to attend.

These grants have become an important means of making sure our clubs and

facilities are as attractive as possible for current and potential new members.

So it is vital that all clubs consider ways they could benefit from this cash, which is waiting to be claimed for the most appropriate projects.

Your Club Secretary will already have received a letter outlining the details of the grants and urging your club to take part in a Funding Workshop.

They will be taking place all around Wales from September onwards with staff

from the WRU Club Operations Team on hand to give you all the help you need.

At the workshops you will be able to discuss your plans and seek guidance on applying for Facilities Grant funding or any external funding you want to seek.

You may also want to outline your thoughts on long term facilities planning for your club and the Operations Team staff will assist with that too.

Anyone wishing to register their interest in attending a Funding Workshop, please contact Eleri Owen by telephone 02920 822424 or email eowen@wru.co.uk

PLAYER REGISTRATION

A new online system to register and transfer players is being introduced by the WRU to replace the current paper based operation.

It will operate through the MyWRU system and will also cover player permit requests.

The new online system will also be enhanced to segregate the registered player lists into active and non-active individuals.

This will help give the WRU a clearer picture of player numbers and access to a database of active players.

Workshops are being organised across the summer to train club officials to use the new online registration system.

The system will make permitting easier as this can be achieved on matchdays with approvals issued online. The new system will be in place from August.

WALES ON THE WEB

The WRU is changing its email URLs from addresses that end in .co.uk to ones that end in .Wales.

The existing .co.uk url will still work once the transfer is made but there will be a move in future to utilise the new addresses. It's all aimed at helping put Wales firmly on the map through every means possible. Rugby is doing its bit along with a host of other organisations.



WALES RWC SQUAD IN NORTH WALES

There's an opportunity to watch the Wales squad preparing for the Rugby World Cup in an open training session during August.

The extended 47 man squad is heading to North Wales for one of their training camps which will be based at Parc Eirias in Colwyn Bay.

On Tuesday 11 August the session will be open to the public so you can see Wales Head Coach Warren Gatland put

the players through their paces.

That's a few days after they play Ireland at the Millennium Stadium and by then the players will already be well advanced along their RWC rugby training schedule.

Although the WRU National Centre of Excellence is the usual home base for the squad, Warren and his management team were determined to take them elsewhere in Wales.

They know the Rugby World Cup will capture the attention of the entire nation, so Parc Eirias is the perfect venue for a public run out.

More details of the open session will be posted on the WRU website nearer the event so make sure you know when to turn up to cheer the players on.

REMINDER

The WRU is organising a national coaching and refereeing conference to be held at the National Centre of Excellence at the Vale Resort, on Saturday 27 June.

Community coaches and match officials from all clubs are invited to take part, where Rob Howley will be among the keynote speakers.



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ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD

An important election to the main Board of Directors of the Welsh Rugby Union is looming this summer.

Nine of the current directors will either be re-appointed for a further three-year term or will stand for election if any other candidates are put forward whilst Mr Russell Howell (District B appointed Director) will step down at the conclusion of this year's AGM.

This is a regular occurrence based on the three year term of office served by directors and is central to the constitution of the governing body.

Not all the directors are up for election this year as some of the three year terms are completed at different times, but this year there are a significant number.

There are nine District Appointed Directors from each one of the nine districts along with one National Appointed Director with special responsibility for financial affairs.

If there are any nominations for other than the sitting candidates then they have to be sent to the WRU Company Secretary by Monday 3 August.

All 10 of the directorships hold three year terms and the names of the individuals either reappointed or elected will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting in October.

PAYMENT TO PLAYERS

The Welsh Rugby Union curb on payments to players by member clubs is continuing.

Following initial investigations some clubs are now being asked to supply information confirming they are not paying players.

WRU staff are to interview clubs suspected of continuing the practice and then recommendations on any action will be made to the full Board of the Union if deemed necessary.

It's all part of a concerted drive to make sure all the funds granted to clubs or generated by them directly go into the game itself.

The ultimate aim is to ensure clubs are developed and improved in ways which will attract more people to participate in the game across future generations.



RUGBY WORLD CUP TROPHY TOUR THROUGH WALES

Your chance to set eyes on the Webb Ellis Trophy will arrive at the end of June when it takes a ten day tour through Wales.

The famous cup has made its way around the world and is now on a UK tour which will end in Twickenham where the final is due to be played in October.

Its 10 days in Wales run from 26 June to July 6 starting in the north on Snowdon after arriving from Ireland and ending at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport before heading to England across the Severn Bridge.

TOUR ITINERARY

6 June 2015
10:00 Snowdon
Zipworld Velocity (invitation only)
16:00 WRU Rugby Festival at Parc Eirias

27 June 2015
09:00 Mold RFC Family Fun Day
14:00 Newtown RFC Family Fun Day
17:00 Glynneath RFC Hymns and Arias Live

28 June 2015
11:00 South Gower RFC A Little Taste of Touch for all ages

29 June 2015
11:00 University of Wales Trinity Saint Davids, Lampeter Schools Rugby Festival

30 June 2015
Swansea University – Touch tournament for local comprehensive schools

1 July 2015
Vale Resort, Hensol near Cardiff

2 July 2015
09:00 Sport Wales, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff. 'Pride in our Game' equality tag tournament

Below is the schedule of WRU events which are now confirmed, but other venues will be added.

Many of the events are open to the public, from Snowdon, to club fun days and public events in the capital city, so if the trophy is close to you, check out the details and come along to be part of the build up to the greatest rugby show on earth.

Full details of all the confirmed events can be found on www.rugbyworldcup.com/trophy-tour

2 July 2015
18:00 – 20:00 Heineken Trophy Tour, Sainsbury's, Colchester Avenue, Cardiff

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20:00 – 22:00 Heineken Trophy Party, Brewhouse & Yard, St Mary Street, Cardiff

3 July 2015
10:00 Bassaleg High School 'Rugby for a day' school theme
13:00 WRU Schools Tag 'Cardiff Legacy Cup', Riverside Park, Llanrumney

4 July 2015
09:00 Cardiff Fanzone: Cardiff Arms Park
11:00 Cardiff Castle

5 July 2015
10:30 – 17.00 Cardiff Host City Rugby Festival in The Hayes

6 July 2015
Celtic Manor Resort & Newport City Newport High School Rugby Festival for Junior & Secondary School Children



Schedule is subject to change