

17<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Dear Club Contact

**Intention To Affiliate 2008/09**

We are sending these forms out early to help you prepare and to ensure that your team is able to reach the requirements for your selected league and to help us prepare the leagues for next season.

Full affiliation information will be sent out at the end of May and must be returned with full payment by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008. Please note we have made a very positive step forward in terms of simplifying and improving the player registration system for next year.

The RFUW will be levying the player registration fee based on the teams' league status and minimum number of players required for that league (please see league criteria) rather than on how many players a club has registered. This will reward clubs for recruiting more players which will lead to greater sustainability of clubs in the long term.

The majority of leagues will be finished in early April, but please note that all league fixtures must be completed by the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008. With this in mind you need to consider your current league status, how you have managed through the season and if you are in the most suitable league. The RFUW Rules and Regulations for Promotion and Relegation are available in the Handbook and on the website and these will give you a good indication of the standards required for the league you want to be in and enable you to make the best decision.

**What you need to do:**

- Complete and return the enclosed intention to affiliate form and your player list.
- Return of coaches' details is compulsory for Premiership and Championship club's however we would like all clubs to provide us with coaching information so that we can monitor our coaching numbers and support coaches with coach education opportunities.
- Working with the WRDM in your area is an important support for your club. Please send your development plans to the email address below so they can be distributed to your local WRDM.

**By When:**

Return to the address on the form by **23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008**. It is vital that you return the form to guarantee your place in league rugby for next season.

The leagues for the season will be available on the RFUW website in June and your fixtures will be available to download on the 1<sup>st</sup> July.

If you would like any further information regarding your league status for 2008/09 please contact me either by email or telephone.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully

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