



Guildfordians Rugby Club

Procedure for U18s playing senior rugby

Process	Essential actions
17 year old player requests to play senior rugby or is approached by senior coaches	
Club welfare officer informed by coach or senior captains (junior.welfare@grfc.co.uk)	
Welfare officer contacts player and parents to discuss decision	Must have parental approval Must have player approval
Welfare officer to contact current coach of player to check suitability	Must have current coach approval
Player to attend training and complete assessment by senior coaches	Must have senior coach approval
Welfare officer to email Surrey RFU Safeguarding	
Welfare officer or Senior Coach to complete 190601_playing_adult_rugby_player_approval_form_2019 form (emailed to coaches previously) and send to agegradeapprovals@surreyrugby.co.uk	Must have RFU approval
Ensure a “mentor” has been identified for the player – this is usually the coach, captian or vice captain	
Welfare officer to liaise with team captains, coaches, parents and player and ensure graduated introduction is adhered to	

Suggestions for graduated introduction to senior rugby for U18s (Senior Coaches to make these decisions)

- Player to train only with team but not play matches
- Player to wear coloured bib to identify as young player so others avoid big tackles etc
- Player to play only part matches
- Player to only play for second team

Additional support for U18 players

- Senior coach and/or “mentor” to liaise with parents regularly
- Player to only be on official club social media and not private groups
- Player and parents to liaise with welfare officer if they have concerns
- Player to use referee changing rooms if required
- Players to only travel to and from games in cars with multiple players and not on own with one adult unless parents give consent to other arrangements
- Match referee must always be informed at the start of a match that the U18 player is on the team sheet

Actions U18 players MUST NOT be allowed to do

- Play in front row positions
- Attend senior tours