

PETERBOROUGH RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

GUIDE TO JUNIOR BOYS REPRESENTATIVE RUGBY

This Guidance Note sets out for the Club's Junior Boys the options they have for playing representative rugby at county, regional and national level.

Peterborough Rugby Club's constituent body for all sections other than Ladies and Junior Ladies is the East Midlands RFU. The coordinating body for Peterborough schools rugby is Cambridgeshire Schools. Cambridgeshire falls within the Eastern Counties RFU. The Note seeks to remove the confusion that can arise from the Club's location in Cambridgeshire while falling within the East Midlands RFU area of responsibility. It is intended to apply only to Peterborough Rugby Club members and not to other clubs within the East Midlands or the Eastern Counties.

Over the course of a junior boy's rugby career opportunities for selection for representative rugby will occur. Between Under 12 and Under 18 there are changes in the responsibilities for coaching and selection.

At Under 12 and Under 13 there are no representative teams, only coaching through master classes organised through the Huntingdon and Peterborough sub-county cell of the East Midlands RFU

Selection for Junior Boys county and regional teams at Under 14 to Under 16 is made through the schools structure. As Peterborough Rugby Club falls within Cambridgeshire Schools responsibility, it is through this structure that representative opportunities are offered at county and regional level and ultimately to the England Under 16 Schools XV.

After 16 and up to Under 18 there are a number of different routes to representative rugby.

1. Boys who leave school must pursue their representative career through the East Midlands Clubs selection process.
2. Boys who stay at school in a "Horner" school (The Kings School in Peterborough) must continue to follow the schools route through Cambridgeshire Schools.
3. Boys who continue to go to school in a non-Horner school must in almost all cases follow the East Midlands Clubs selection process. An exception can arise for boys whose birthdays fall in the period September to December. As the qualifying date for selection for England (Clubs Squad) is 1 January these boys can be too old to play at this level. They are then permitted to continue to play in the schools selection process (where the qualifying date is 1st September) playing for either East Midlands or Cambridgeshire Schools.

These are guidelines only. There may be cases which because of exceptional circumstances fall outside the guidelines. They will be treated on a case by case basis and advice should be sought from a East Midlands Rugby Development Officer.

If players, coaches or parents have questions of clarification they should first contact the club secretary, who is the club representative to East Midlands RFU.

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