



**ENGLAND MEN'S LEAGUES
SOUTH WEST REGION
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New Season

Welcome to new season and thank you to those who completed the Nominated League Contact (NLC) confirmation form on the website. The NLC is our primary point of contact with Clubs and so it's very important we have the correct details going forward so your League Secretary is able to contact with relevant information. For those new to the role of NLC, there is a helpful guide on our website www.swrugby.co.uk click on the guidance tab.

This season sees the introduction of the new Player Registration process that you will all be aware of. Players now have to register themselves via GMS to enable them to join a club and ultimately be selected onto the electronic match card. At National 1 – Counties 2 (formerly Levels 3-8) that means full RFU registration, at Counties 3 & below (formerly Level 9 & below) players become Club registered with extra flexibility built in to enable matches to take place. Full details are available on www.englandrugby.com/play/register/play

Match/Result Reporting

The Electronic Match Cards (EMC) are now set up for each individual league dependent on local regulations.

Reporting Timelines are as follows;

- Team line-up on EMC prior to kick-off
- Match Result reported by EMC, Telephone or Text by 5.30pm on Saturdays
- Both sides to confirm EMC by 12 noon on the Tuesday following the game

Please note should a match be cancelled or postponed for whatever reason, you must inform your League Secretary & the SW Admin Office, preferably by telephone, by no later than 3.30pm on a Saturday. The EMC should not be used in these circumstances.

The Admin Office will confirm the new date of any postponed game via a dedicated page on the website. Details will also appear on GMS and englandrugby.com over the weekend.

For the opening weekends of the season there is a match card helpline on **0208 831 7764**

Counties 2 & Below Local Regulations

These are available on www.swrugby.co.uk/regs along with the South West Administration Instructions. Please remember the referee only officiates the laws of the game on the pitch, any queries relating all other regulations should be directed to your League Secretary.

Tribute Sponsorship

We are delighted that Tribute Ale will again be sponsoring the South West Leagues. The Tribute Team of the Month Awards are an integral part of this and we hope that Clubs will take every opportunity to mention Tribute in their own publicity materials and social media posts, wherever possible.