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Covid Postponements:

Up to, and including, Saturday 15th January 2022, we have had over 160 Covid postponements. All of these fixtures have been re-arranged and Clubs will have received notification of the new date.

You are reminded that applications for a Covid postponement must be sent to directly to secretary@swrugby.co.uk accompanied with the Declaration Form and attaching the evidence of positive results within your match day squad.

Game On principles approved

Having consulted, and got agreement with all eight Counties in the South West, Clubs at Level 9 & below are now able to complete their ECC matches under the *Game On* principles, use this link to see how it operates

<https://www.englandrugby.com/participation/playing/game-on>

Teams who wish to play under these principles must inform their opposition, appointed match official and league secretary in advance of the game. There is no obligation for your opposition to accept, but it is hoped that this will assist in getting some games played that would otherwise go down as a walkover. We will accept the result of any fixture played under *Game On*, and please note that once both sides have agreed to play the modified laws and the match has started, teams cannot change their mind!

- The SW DOC will retain the right to make adjustments to final League standings where the application of *Game On* has had a perverse effect on promotion issues.

Future Competitions Structure

The deadline for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Clubs wishing to enter Lower XV's into the Leagues at Level 7 & Below, was Monday 17th January.

A Commission at Twickenham has been set up to look at all applications and it will take advice from both CB's and the South West DOC on the suitability of applicants.

Once that work is completed the South West will be informed which teams meet the criteria and we will begin working on any revisions to the league structure required. It is anticipated that work will be completed in March.