# RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Memorandum

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**URGENT**
**RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION TICKET VIOLATION – ARMY RUGBU UNION**

All members of the Army Rugby Union (ARU), whether as a player, supporter of an Army club, as a player/supporter of a civilian club or as a member of the ARU Individual Membership Scheme (IMS) must be aware of the rules governing the buying/selling of RFU (or indeed other Nations) allocated tickets for matches – most specifically England Rugby Internationals, held at Twickenham or indeed away grounds/matches.

The ARU was found guilty recently at the RFUs Ticket Sanctioning Committee of having 2 sets of tickets (for 2 separate International matches held in last autumn's window) found to have been sold/bought off Ebay. We, the ARU broke the very strict rules laid down by the RFU and as a result, 2 members of the IMS have been removed from the scheme.

All should note that:

*All tickets are issued in accordance with the Host Unions' ticket terms and cannot be resold for profit OR through an auction or website. Any tickets found to misappropriated could result in a sanction being imposed on the applicant/club*

As a result of the ARU having been found guilty of breaking these serious rules, we have been given a 10% loss of allocation for 1 year from 1 Sep 13 – 31 Aug 14 i.e. next season. This will cover, in particular, the 4 x home England Internationals in the autumn window and the 3 x home Internationals in the 6 Nations. This loss will affect our grass root supporters who apply for tickets through the ARU and also our sponsors. However, we are very fortunate that due to the immediate investigation undertaken by the ARU under both counts of our allocated tickets ending up on the internet that our 10% loss is suspended for 1 year. We are very, very fortunate!

Please could I remind all supporters of the game who receive tickets through the ARU or indeed from other clubs around the country that all tickets are accountable and all can be sourced back to the person/club they were allocated to.

Should you have a ticket, in particular from the ARUs very small allocation, which you do not require then YOU MUST return them to the ARU.

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