

 **The Army Rugby Union Fixture Authorisation Process**

1. As of Monday 26 Jul 21 the Director of the Army Sport Control Board has delegated his authority to the Chair of the Army Rugby Union to authorise Rugby Union played in the Army. The Chair has further delegated this down as follows:
2. **Representive Rugby (XV & VIIs)**.

Chair of Representive Rugby or ARU COO.

b.       **Community Rugby XV’s:**

Community Finals (Corps & Unit) – Director of Community Rugby.

Corps - Chair of Corps Rugby.

Community (Unit) Chair of Unit Rugby.

1. **Community VII’s**.

Community Finals – Director of Community Rugby.

Corps – Chair of Corps Rugby.

Unit – Chair of Community VII’s.

1. **Process**.  We therefore have a formal process within the ARU for the approval of matches as the examples outline below:

1. **Representative Rugby**.

The Army Senior Men v London Scottish or the Army Senior Women v Exeter Women – the CN and RA must be approved by the Chair of Representative Rugby or the ARU COO.

1. **Corps Rugby (XV’s & VII’s)**.

The Royal Artillery wishing to play a XV’s match against a civilian or military club or the Royal Engineers wishing to enter the Shelford VIIs festival must have their CN & RA approved by the Chair of Corps Rugby.

1. **Unit Rugby**.

The Royal Welsh wishing to play a XV’s match against a civilian or military opposition must have their CN & RA approved by the Chair of Unit Rugby.

The ARU will check that all Corps and Unit clubs have completed their affiliation and assurance paperwork prior to the start of the 2021-22 season. Corps leagues are controlled by the Chair of Corps Rugby and Unit Leagues by the Chair of Community Rugby, as part of the annual affiliation all Corps and Units will be checked.

1. **What are we actually authorising and assuring?**

That we are adhering to the Army FHP plan. COVID is still in the community and we are taking and mitigating the associated risks involved with this, in effect ensuring the risk remains as low as reasonably possible (ALARP) and calling notices are in line with the JSP 660 pt 2 (numbers permitted to travel.)