

Oxfordshire Rugby Football Schools Union County Competition Report 2014-2015



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Background

At the end of the 2012-2013 seasons, a meeting was called to re-establish the Oxfordshire Rugby Football Schools Union (ORFSU) after a short period of inactivity. At that meeting, the decision was made to reinvigorate and establish County Schools Union and importantly, restart the county cup.

Following consultation with schools via survey, emails and at face-to-face forums, the following competition framework was developed.

Year 7 & 8 Females (U13)	Festival	Tuesday 2 nd December 2014 @ Banbury RFC
Year 9 & 10 Females (U15)	Festival	Thursday 27 th November 2014 @ Gosford All Blacks RFC

Year 7 Males (U12)	Festival	Tuesday 24 th February 2014 @ Gosford All Blacks RFC
Year 8 Males (U13)	Festival	Thursday 20 th November 2014 @ Gosford All Blacks RFC

Year 9 Males (U14)	Pools to Final Cup and Bowl	4 pools – 2 cup and 2 bowl. The winners of each to play in there subsequent final
Year 10 Males (U15)	Pools to Final Cup and Bowl	4 pools – 2 cup and 2 bowl. The winners of each to play in there subsequent final
Further Education Males (U18)	Pools to Final Cup only	2 pools – The winners of each to play in the final

Please note: the bowl and cup are separate parallel competitions.

The outcome

As a result of this county competition, the following output have been evidenced:

Schools participating**:	33
Teams participating**:	80
Male**:	63
Female:	17

Players involved*:	1149
Males**:	945
Females:	204

** This is based on the number of players per team and thus doesn't account for substitutions, or different players per week/game.*

*** Year 7 Boys (U12) has not yet taken place.*

The winners and runners up:

U14s Cup:	Bloxham School	Chipping Norton School
U14s Bowl:	Shiplake College	Marlborough School
U15s Cup:	Abingdon School	Warriner School
U15s Bowl:	Cherwell	St Birinus
U18s Cup:	Chipping Norton School	Abingdon School

Areas for development and Action Plan:

1. **U16s Competition:** Currently no U16 competition, due to the increased pressure with GCSE exams. Therefore, a one-day festival to be held in early September.
2. **Independent v State:** Too many independent schools dominating the finals. Thus the winners of the pools will be matched to ensure a state school cup final. Pre-email independent schools to establish their intentions to enter.
3. **Fixture dates & planning:** Cup dates out too late for some schools to enter into their fixture list. Early announcement of cup weeks for 2015-2016 season.
4. **Refereeing provision:** Lack of referees for county cup finals. Contact the referee's society early to ensure referees are booked in and available.

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