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## GRFU Mini and Youth Competitions

All,

There seems to be a bit of confusion with regards to playing out of age group, so in an effort to clear the matter once and for all the following applies:

### County Festivals

It is an AGE GRADE competition. NO playing out of age group is allowed, we are governed by the RFU Continuum on this with NO exceptions unless dispensation has been sought from the RFU.

### Youth competitions

The rules state that players must play within their own age group. If a club does not run an age group, then in an effort to allow people to play they may combine age groups but we insist that the lower aged players are numbered 16+ (i.e. subs). The coach will be required to obtain a letter from each parent stating they are happy for the players to play up an age group.

I hope that this clarifies the issue

Yours in Rugby

Mike Heath

(GRFU Competitions Chairman)