



# IRFU RUGBY PARTICIPATION ROADMAP 2021/2022

The IRFU Rugby Committee have agreed a rugby participation roadmap for the 2021/22 season.

When public health measures allow, we will begin with a summer of fun and participation for players of all levels, ages and abilities.

Clubs can opt in or out with a focus on fun through different game formats which may include Touch Rugby, Tag Rugby, 7s Rugby, 10s Rugby and 15s Rugby.

Localised friendlies can also be facilitated, where permitted.

It is anticipated that a return to competitive structures will commence in August 2021 for all men's and women's adult teams, U20s, school, youth and minis starting at local and provincial level.

Details of provincial competitive structures will be distributed through provincial channels when available.

It is intended to run a full Energia All-Ireland League with 50 teams in the men's competition and 10 teams in the newly expanded women's competition.

This document has come about through ongoing conversations between the IRFU, provinces and clubs. Through their AIL forum, a majority of clubs have expressed a preference for a full 18-game regular season.

If public health or other factors do not permit a full All-Ireland competition, the contingency is an Energia Community Series at provincial level in the first half of the season followed by a shorter format Energia All-Ireland League in 2022.

The IRFU will continue to communicate directly with clubs and schools on season planning and a safe resumption of rugby activity. Further dates and details on activities outlined in this roadmap will be issued when available.



## Irish Rugby Participation Roadmap 2021/2022

Summer 2021	August > December 2021	January > May 2022
<p>Summer of Fun Rugby</p> <p>Clubs connecting with players, volunteers and the community</p> <p>Graduated return to contact rugby activity</p> <p>Participation offerings may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Touch Rugby</li> <li>• Tag Rugby</li> <li>• 7s Rugby</li> <li>• 10s Rugby</li> <li>• 15s Rugby</li> </ul>	<p><b>Preferred Option:</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Option:</b></p>
	<p><b>August 2021</b></p> <p>Adult and U20 provincial competitions commence for all Energia All-Ireland League and provincial men’s and women’s teams</p> <p>New season for schools, youth and mini rugby for boys and girls will commence at provincial level in August/September</p> <p>Adaptations to schools, youth and mini rugby for boys and girls in line with amount of rugby played over previous period</p> <p><b>Followed By:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Provincial Leagues</li> <li>• U20 Provincial Leagues</li> <li>• Full Energia Men’s and Women’s All-Ireland Leagues with 18-game regular season (not inclusive of play-off games)</li> </ul>	<p>Completion of Energia All-Ireland Leagues</p>
	<p><b>Public Health Contingency:</b></p>	<p><b>Public Health Contingency:</b></p>
	<p><b>August 2021:</b></p> <p>Adult and U20 provincial competitions commence for all Energia All-Ireland League and provincial men’s and women’s teams</p> <p><b>Followed By:</b></p> <p>National competition for Energia Men’s and Women’s All-Ireland League teams to be played at provincial level e.g. Energia Community Series.</p>	<p>Short format Energia All-Ireland League for all men’s and women’s teams.</p> <p>Competitions to include promotion &amp; relegation</p> <p>Completion of schools and youth leagues and cups.</p> <p>Mini rugby continues</p>

