

APPENDIX 14: DEMAND AND TEAM GENERATION RATES FOR RUGBY

Players and Teams

Rugby Union is predominantly a club based sport catering for between one and twenty community based teams on one site with very few small or ad hoc teams. The game is also played in both state, private schools, FE Colleges and Universities again with multiple teams on one site. Club and university pitches are used for both matches and floodlit training.

Study has identified the rugby teams within the four authorities covered by this Strategy:

	<i>U7 – U12</i>	<i>U13-U18</i>	<i>18 – 45 years</i>	<i>Total</i>
Mid Devon				
Teams	13	12 boys; 1 girls	12 men’s + 1 ladies	39
Players	130	221	221	572
North Devon				
Teams	7	8 boys; 1 girls	9 men’s	25
Players	70	135	135	340
South Hams				
Teams	22	14	19	45
Players	220	238	323	571
Torridge				
Teams	5	7	8 men’s + 1 ladies	
Players	50	119	135	304

Team Generation Rates (TGRs)

Team generation rates for different age ranges		
	<i>Adult Men</i>	<i>Junior Boys</i>
Mid Devon	1045	278
North Devon	1567	493
South Hams	658	298
Torridge	1397	420

Demand for pitches

A separate analysis under the PPM has been carried out for rugby (see Appendix 23). For this, the Strategy has adopted the revised method of counting rugby teams as promoted by the RFU. This states that all ages U13 and above are counted as senior teams and 4 mini teams are the equivalent, in pitch usage terms, of one senior team.

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The majority of adult play is on Saturday afternoons and all junior/minis take place on Sunday mornings. On this basis, the percentage of total play (not training) in each of the four authorities for rugby is as follows.

Temporal demand for pitches – percentage of matches played				
	Saturday pm	Sunday am	Sunday pm	Midweek
Mid Devon	42%	48%		10%
North Devon	45%	55%		
South Hams	35%	65%		
Torrige	44%	50%	6%	

Future and latent demand for pitches

The factors influencing this have been set out in Appendix 10 on Demand and TGRs for football, together with the projected change in the population in the main pitch sport playing age ranges. On this basis, estimates have been made of the future number of rugby teams in the four authorities as follows:

Numbers of rugby teams - existing and future/MID DEVON				
	<i>Current no. of teams</i>	<i>Including latent demand</i>	<i>Including pop change to 2026</i>	<i>Estimated total future need including sports development factors to 2026</i>
Minis U7-U12	13	14	14	15
U13 – U18	12	14	13	15
Men 18 – 45 years	12	14	14	15
Women	2	4	4	4
Total	39	45	44	49

Numbers of rugby teams - existing and future/NORTH DEVON				
	<i>Current no. of teams</i>	<i>Including latent demand</i>	<i>Including pop change to 2026</i>	<i>Estimated total future need including sports development factors to 2026</i>
Minis U7-U12	7	7	7	9
U13 – U18	8	10	10	11
Men 18 – 45 years	9	11	11	11
Women	1	1	1	1
Total	25	25	29	32

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Numbers of rugby teams - existing and future/SOUTH HAMS				
	<i>Current no. of teams</i>	<i>Including latent demand</i>	<i>Including pop change to 2026</i>	<i>Estimated total future need including sports development factors to 2026</i>
Minis U7-U12	22	22	22	24
U13 – U18	14	15	17	19
Men 18 – 45 years	19	20	22	23
Women	0	2	2	2
Total	55	59	64	68

Numbers of rugby teams - existing and future/TORRIDGE				
	<i>Current no. of teams</i>	<i>Including latent demand</i>	<i>Including pop change to 2026</i>	<i>Estimated total future need including sports development factors to 2026</i>
Minis U7-U12	5	5	5	6
U13 – U18	7	8	8	8
Men 18 – 45 years	8	10	10	11
Women	1	1	1	1
Total	21	24	24	26