

South African Schools Rugby Association



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Dear Sir/Madam

Return to rugby 2021.

It is with great relief that schools have received permission to return to sport. This news was published in the Government gazette number 44339 on 27 March 2021. The permission is granted with the proviso that the Covid safety measures are strictly adhered to, as published in the gazette.

SARU have released a media statement today about the return to play, as the custodians of rugby in South Africa. It is attached for your information. Inter school rugby games may resume on Friday 23 April 2021. It has also been agreed that after the first two weeks of contact training have been completed, schools may introduce chukkas into their practice sessions, which may be used as school trials.

SASRA support the return to play policy issued by SARU as the safe return to play for our players is a priority.

The Secretary will send out a link for a very important survey. **PLEASE** ensure that every rugby playing school fills out the form. It is very user friendly and should not take more than 15 minutes to complete.

As a reminder:

- The U16 Grant Khomo week will take place in the Eastern Province from 11 July 2021 to 16 July 2021.
- The U18 Craven Week will take place in Gauteng from 18 July 2021 to 24 July 2021.
- U18 International Series featuring the SA Schools are still part of the planning for the 2021 calendar. Games will take place on Friday 20th, Tuesday 24th and Saturday 28th August 2021.

Keep safe and enjoy the Easter weekend!

Yours sincerely

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