



## **HARDSHIP FUND APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

### **What is the Hardship Fund?**

The Regional Programme has a process in place to assist players that are struggling financially. We have 2 funding levels available: £50 and £30. This Hardship Fund is limited and therefore we have set some very simple criteria for players to discern whether or not they are eligible to apply:

- Senior Players are eligible if they are receiving Income Support or Incapacity Benefit
- U15s and U18s players are eligible if they are receiving free school dinners and/or their parents are in receipt of Income Support or Incapacity Benefit.

### **How do I apply?**

Once you have been selected onto the programme, you must complete the simple slip at the bottom of this page, sign it (parents to sign on behalf of any U15 or U18 player) and return it to HQ by post to Holly Hart; RFUW; Rugby House; Rugby Road; Twickenham; TW1 1DS. The information you supply will be kept totally confidential and a response will be sent out as soon as possible. Please note the deadlines for applications to the Hardship Fund:

Senior Players - **22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010**, U15s & U18s players – **29<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

If you apply and are successful, you will be required to pay the remaining amount (either £25 or £45) by:

Senior Players – **29<sup>th</sup> January 2010**, U15s & U18s players – **5<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

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## **REGIONAL PROGRAMME HARDSHIP FUND APPLICATION FORM**

NAME:	
REGION:	
ADDRESS:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	
AGE GROUP:	U15 / U18 / SENIOR

Please explain why you qualify for the Hardship Fund for the 0910 RFUW Regional Programme, including which benefits you are currently in receipt of. Please note, you will be required to send a copy of your benefit entitlement letter with your application:

Signed: .....

Date: .....