



England
Rugby

BEYOND BORDERS WARRIOR GIRLS U18S MIDLANDS COMPETITION

APRIL 2026

CONTEXT

- At the Midlands Girls CB Leads networking event on 14th March, the attending CBs suggested a Midlands Competition at U18s that mirrors the National Cup competition – both in date and format
- The name reflects that it is regional and not CB-focused; it's connected to Inner Warrior but takes out the perception that it's only for beginners
- It's important to play for something at this age, so it was expressed that a traditional Cup approach would be adopted. But with no knock-out rounds to ensure that all clubs are able to play on all the weekends
- This still permits other local U18s Playing Opps on non-National Cup / Beyond Borders weekends



VISION & PURPOSE

- To ensure all U18s girls have meaningful playing opportunities across the Midlands
- To reduce the level of migration of girls to clubs that are successful in securing a place in the National Cup
- To reduce the number of 17-year-olds being signed off to play up to women's rugby due to not other to options to play
- To ensure that all U18s have the opportunity to play with their peers
- To ensure that those clubs with fewer numbers can still encourage the girls to stay at their own club rather than feel that they have no choice but to move



PROGRAMME ETHOS

Compete to enjoy	Compete to win
Enjoy playing with age-grade peers	All U18s have access to an age-grade game
Games getting played	Focus on Retention
Structured and meaningful games	Flexibility where required



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DATES

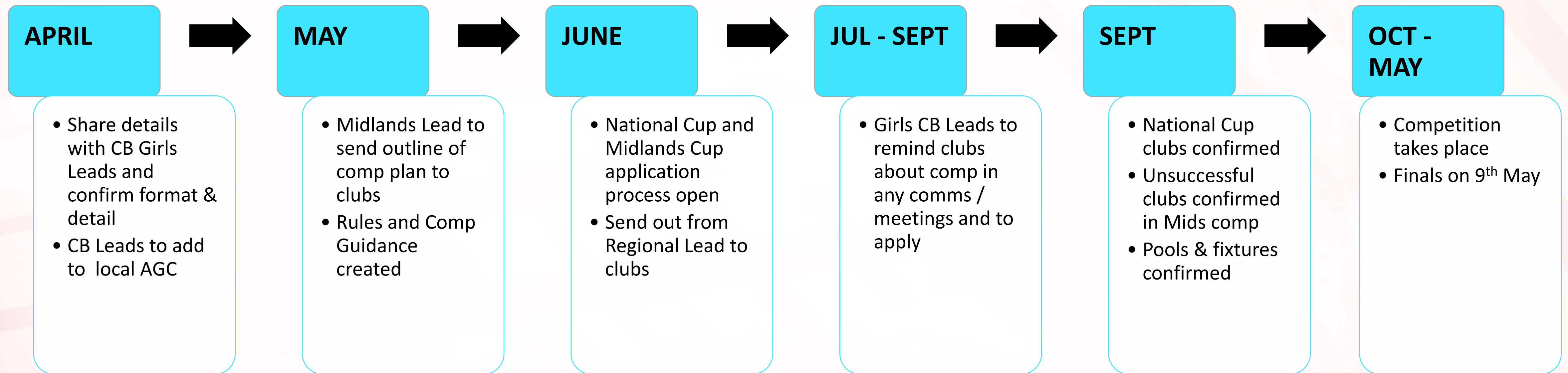


Under 18 Female						Month	V/C	Sunday
<i>Insert Local U18 Competition here</i>	<i>National Competitions</i>	<i>CB Rep Rugby</i>	<i>Player Pathway Programme</i>	<i>Rep England Emerging & Talent Pathway Group</i>				
Cross Border Cup	ACE Girls R3	Nat Clubs Comp				September	20	7
					Positional Skills	October	5	11
						October	12	18
				Playing Opportunity		October	19	25
			CB Resedamhnt			October	26	1
Cross Border Cup	ACE Girls R4	Nat Clubs Comp				November	2	8 Rememb
					England Pathway	November	9	15
Cross Border Cup	ACE Girls R5	Nat Clubs Comp				November	16	22
			CB Squad Development	Playing Opportunity		November	23	29
	ACE Girls R6					November	30	6
	ACE Girls R7		CB Training + Match		EEP 1	December	7	13
						December	14	20
						December	21	27
						December	28	3
						January	4	10
			CB Training + Match	Playing Opportunity		January	11	17
					EEP 2	January	18	24
						January	25	31
Cross Border Cup	ACE Girls R8	Nat Clubs Comp				February	1	7
			CB Training + Match		EEP 3	February	8	14
				Playing Opportunity		February	15	21
Cross Border Cup	ACE Girls R9	Nat Clubs Comp				February	22	28
					EEP 4/England Camp	March	1	7 Mothers
	National Schools Ts					March	8	14
	ACE Girls Play Offs & Final				England Camp	March	15	21
	England Colleges Ts			Playing Opportunity		March	22	28 Easter
					England 6N	March	29	4
						April	5	11
						April	12	18
Cross Border Cup		Nat Clubs Comp				April	19	25
				Regional Festival		April	26	2
Cross Border Cup		Nat Clubs Final				May	3	9
	T1 Rugby Series Finals				England Review Camp	May	10	16

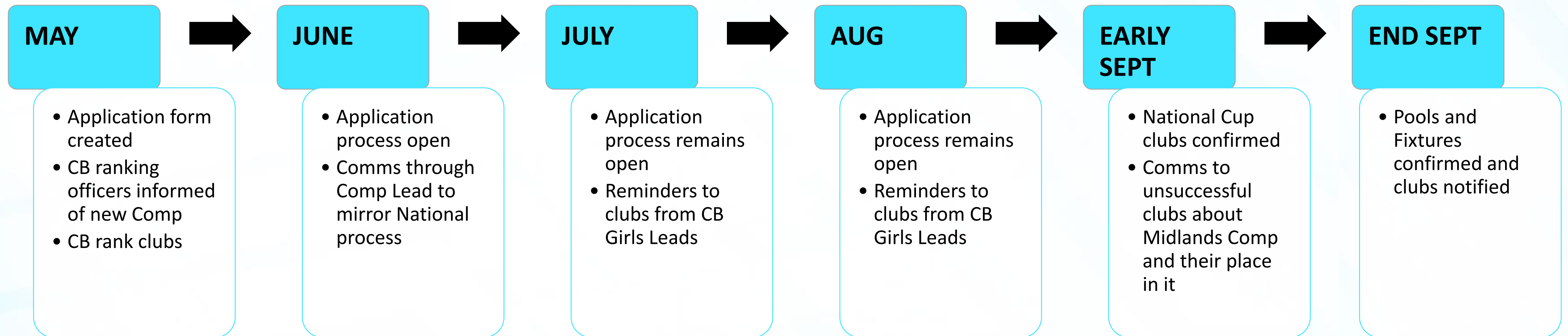
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PROGRAMME TIMELINE



APPLICATION PROCESS



MOS

- Cluster forms to be completed
- Registration to be up-to-date
- Girls are cup-tied once they've played in National Cup
- Girls are cup-tied for their club team once they've played in Midlands Cup
- EMCs
- GMS
- Game On
- 1/2 Game rule
- All age-grade regs apply
- Once clubs are out of the National Cup, there will be a place for them in our competition





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