



UR7s

NATIONAL SEVENS
ACADEMY

PROSPECTUS 2025 - 2026

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"UR7s National Sevens Academy essentially started me out on the Sevens path that's taken me to places I never thought I would go"

WILL WILSON

Academy Graduate, Oxford Blue,
England 7s & Wasps RFC

"UR7s offered me a platform to explore the game in a different light, giving me opportunities to be more creative and brave on the ball. Without the academy I wouldn't have been able to get to the next level with my 15s game"

ELLA CROMACK

Academy Graduate, Harlequins RFC
and England Rugby

"UR7s was an amazing experience and helped me learn and develop new skills that I use in my career now"

HARRY RANDALL

Academy Graduate, Bristol Bears
RFC and England Rugby



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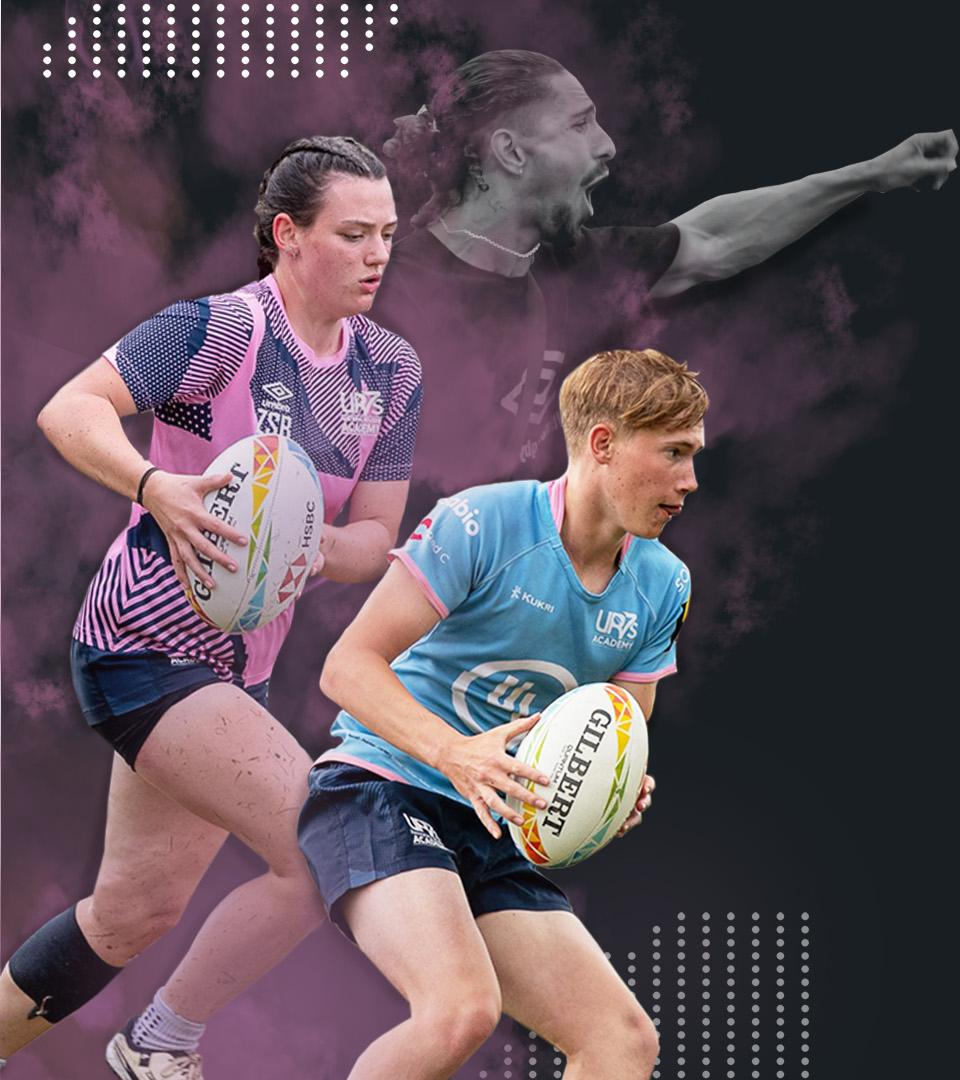
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OVER 10 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

The National Sevens Academy is the most advanced grassroots rugby sevens performance programme, dedicated to developing young, talented rugby players from across the country.

It was launched in 2013 to provide a place for young people to gain a valuable insight and understanding into what it takes to play sevens at the highest level, whilst also developing skills that will benefit them as young people once they have graduated.

The Academy is currently split into four regions - South East, South West, Midlands and North. The season begins with a Summer Residential running in each region and culminates with the Regional Festival. We combine on-field training sessions, dedicated to rugby sevens, with online sessions covering a wide-range of topics from 'Mindset & Performance' to 'Nutrition' and more. During their time with the Academy, players receive a holistic approach to the journey of a young aspiring athlete.

The programme is coached and led by current & former international 7s players, Olympians and high-performance experts on and off the field.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

The academy focuses on nurturing talent through the interactions between the players and the environment we create for them, and we use 7s as the vehicle for this.

We combine the knowledge and experience of international 7's players with role model coaches to allow the Academy to be a creative learning environment. We are passionate that our coaches understand the value of positive role models and encompass values that support young people to thrive in an ever-changing world.

We believe in learning through play, allowing players to develop their skills in game based scenarios as much as possible, learning from each other as well as through their own successes and failures.

Players are encouraged to take ownership of their personal development on and off the pitch and we provide a variety of resources to help them achieve that; from the Academy training sessions to online sessions covering a range of relevant topics.

Our aim is to produce the next generation of sevens players, equipped with experiences and knowledge that will enhance their ability to perform in all walks of life.

ENTRY

All players have to be invited into the academy. We find players through the following avenues:

Tournament Programme - our coaches visit school and club tournaments across the country and identify potential players we would like to invite into the Academy

Talent Development Days (TDDs) - over the years we have developed these sessions as a way of support the growth of sevens at schools and clubs across the country each year. We run sevens specific sessions with players and as part of this we invite players into the academy

Trials, Applications & Referrals - through trusted networks, UR7s will offer places to players who have been suggested to us, as well as offering spaces at sessions for players on trial, or running standalone trial days to assess new players.

Ready For Rosslyn - In partnership with RPSS7s we run a series of masterclasses in the build up to Rosslyn Park and players are selected through this process and offered an opportunity to join our academy.

At all of these events, players are scouted based on their potential and on attitude. Our coaches observe key elements such as technical ability, athletic ability, particular skills and their want to develop in the game of sevens. Most importantly players need to have an attitude that will allow them to develop.

If a player is offered a place in the Academy they will have the chance to join for the full season, including our summer residential, in-season sessions, virtual sessions and Regional Festival, taking place in April each year. Alternatively, players can join for the in-season sessions only, which excludes the summer residential element of the season. If a player is offered a space after the Autumn in season sessions, half season options are available.



UR7S ANNUAL CALENDAR

Following the feedback and previous seasons' data on attendance, The Academy season has been altered to maximise the experience and the quality for players, whilst complementing other commitments young athletes will likely have with school, club and other activities.

Starting in August, the season opens with the Summer Residential, a unique environment where players will take part in training on and off the pitch over a 3-4 day period. We then hold our first 'In-season session' in October. In previous years this session has been in September, however, we recently changed this due to players starting their school, club and DPP rugby schedules. Following this we will run our winter virtual series, mentoring programme and have a short break over the Christmas and January. The academy re-ignites in Feb/Mar for the next in-season sessions, before running our final sessions in April, culminating with regional festivals to give the players opportunities to play

April - run 2x in-season sessions on the same day, just before the regional festivals. Why? We want to build momentum, build in more formal game playing and lead into the marquee event of the season

All in-season sessions are run on a Sunday afternoon across each region except the final two in April, which are full days and make use of the Easter break. The Regional Festivals are a full tournament formatted day run exclusively for all Academy players and the the culmination of the Academy season.

**SUMMER
RESIDENTIAL**

**IN SEASON
SESSION 1**

**MENTORING & IN
SEASON SESSION 2**

**VIRTUAL
SERIES**

**IN SEASON
SESSION 3**

**IN SEASON
SESSION 4 & 5**

**REGIONAL
FESTIVAL**

JUL/AUG

OCT

NOV/DEC

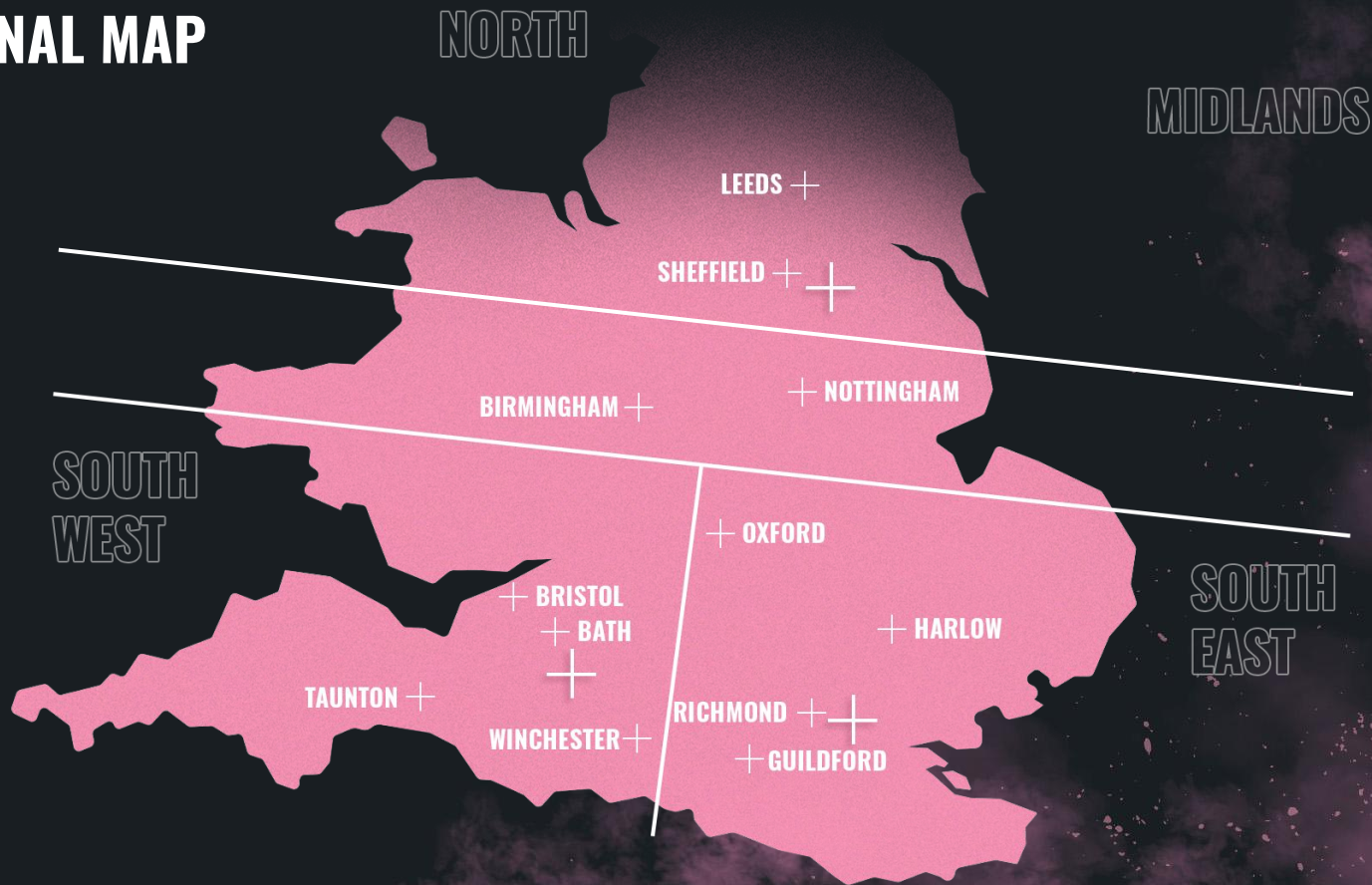
FEB

MAR

APR

APR/MAY

REGIONAL MAP



RESIDENTIAL

The season kicks-off with a residential camp in each region.

We hold them at some of the top schools in the country to ensure the best possible environment for players. **The residential takes place over 4 days and 3 nights**, split between the Junior and Senior sections of the Academy in each region, where players are able to work with some of the best players and coaches from the world of rugby sevens.

The experience is unique and affords players the opportunity to develop their skills and ability both on and off the field. **Players from last year rated this experience 9.6/10.**

DAY	ACTIVITY
01	REGISTRATION TOP-UP COACHES TOUCH
02	MORNING TRAINING AFTERNOON TRAINING COACHES TOUCH
03	TESTING AFTERNOON TRAINING COACHES TOUCH
04	MORNING TRAINING MATCHES

RESIDENTIAL DATES

DATE	GROUP	VENUE
01-04 AUG	MIDLANDS SNR & JNR	AT MALVERN COLLEGE
05-08 AUG	SE SNR BOYS	AT PANGBOURNE COLLEGE
05-08 AUG	SW JNR BOYS	AT BRYANSTON SCHOOL
9-12 AUG	SW GIRLS	AT BRYANSTON SCHOOL
10-13 AUG	SE JNR BOYS	AT PANGBOURNE COLLEGE
13-16 AUG	SW SNR BOYS	AT BRYANSTON SCHOOL
15-18 AUG	SE GIRLS	AT PANGBOURNE COLLEGE
18-21 AUG	NORTH JNR BOYS	AT POCKLINGTON SCHOOL
22-25 AUG	NORTH SNR BOYS	AT POCKLINGTON SCHOOL
22-25 AUG	NORTH GIRLS	AT POCKLINGTON SCHOOL





IN-SEASON SESSIONS

The in-season sessions take place with one session in Oct, one session in November/December, one session in March, a double session in April, and the Regional Festival in May.

The sessions are designed to focus on a particular aspect of the game so that our coaches can help players gain a more detailed insight.

Whilst the objectives we focus on in each session change, the players will be expected to develop these skills in game based scenarios as much as possible. Our coaching teams are afforded the creativity to design sessions that maximise the opportunity for the players to learn and come from their wealth of experience as current elite players and coaches.

The in-season sessions in April is designed to prepare players for tournaments, including our own Regional Festival, which is held later in the Easter break.

IN-SEASON DATES

DATE	TIME	BOYS	LOCATION INFO	GIRLS	BLOCK
28 Sep 2025	2PM - 5PM	NORTH / MIDS	<p>WITH 2 REGIONS RUNNING AT THE SAME TIME WE WILL RUN 2 SEPARATE VENUES</p>	NORTH / MIDS	1
5 Oct 2025	2PM - 5PM	SE		SE	1
12 Oct 2025	2PM - 5PM	SW		SW	1
23 Nov 2025	1PM - 4PM	NORTH / MIDS		NORTH / MIDS	2
30 Nov 2025	1PM - 4PM	SE		SE	2
7 Dec 2025	1PM - 4PM	SW		SW	2
1 Mar 2026	1PM - 4PM	NORTH / MIDS		NORTH / MIDS	3
8 Mar 2026	1PM - 4PM	SE		SE	3
15 Mar 2026	1PM - 4PM	SW		SW	3
12 Apr 2026	ALL DAY	NORTH / MIDS		NORTH / MIDS	4 & 5
19 Apr 2026	ALL DAY	SE / SW		SE / SW	4 & 5
TBC	ALL DAY	REGIONAL FESTIVAL		REGIONAL FESTIVAL	



UR7s

REGIONAL FESTIVAL

THE REGIONAL FESTIVAL

APR/MAY 2026

The UR7s Regional Festival was founded as a one-of-a-kind event with all Academy players expected to take part and play matches across a full day to ultimately crown the winning region. It has been a huge success and marks the end of the Academy season. It was designed to allow players to showcase everything they have learnt as well as develop their experience playing in a high performance competition.

The format is that of a typical sevens tournament, with each age-group split into teams and playing matches against the other teams in the group over the course of the tournament.

As our regions have grown, we will now be looking at how to effectively run this as a multi-event competition, to ensure we maximise the opportunity and experience for each region whilst not losing the novelty of playing against other regions.

The Regional Festival weekend will be confirmed around the Easter holidays and the RFU playing window.

A fitting end to the Academy season and a great opportunity for all players.

PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY

POST
ACADEMY
PATHWAYS

INTERNATIONAL
INVITATIONAL

UR7s
WANDERERS

ASPIRATIONAL
PLAYING
OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL

UNIVERSITY
RUGBY

UR7s
RANGERS

NATIONAL
SEVENS
ACADEMY

TOURNAMENTS
& TOURS

UR7s
REGIONAL
FESTIVAL

DOMESTIC
TOURNAMENTS

UR7s
TOURS

UR7s
NATIONAL
SEVENS
ACADEMY

SENIOR
ACADEMY

JUNIOR
ACADEMY

SOUTH
WEST

SOUTH
EAST

NORTH

MIDLANDS

HIGH
PERFORMANCE
ENVIRONMENT

COMMUNITY
PLAYING
OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOOL
TOURNAMENTS

TALENT
DEVELOPMENT
DAYS

ROSSLYN
PARK
National
Schools
Sevens

SCHOOLS & CLUBS

GRASSROOTS
DEVELOPMENT
BOYS & GIRLS

RECENT ACADEMY GRADUATES

ELLA CROMACK

Eng 20s/ Harlequins

TOM BURTON

Exeter Chiefs / GB7s

CHARLIE GRIFFIN

Bath

JOSH BELLAMY

Eng 20s / Harlequins

LUCAS FRIDAY

Eng 20s / Harlequins

MEET SOME OF OUR COACHES



TOM MITCHELL
UR7s Academy Graduate



DOM TRIPP
England Touch



TOM MITCHELL
England & GB 7s Capt. Oxford Blue



AMY WILSON HARDY
England & GB 7s



ABI BURTON
England & GB 7s



ALEX DAVIS
England & GB7s



ROSS MCCANN
Scotland & GB 7s



WILL WILSON
England 7s, UR7s Academy Graduate



MEG JONES
Leicester Tigers, Red Roses



FIN ROSSITER
London Irish



MATT JACKSON
UR7s Academy Graduate



FERGUS GURRY
England 7s & UR7s Academy Graduate



CHRIS BALLARD
UR7s Wanderer, UR7s Academy Graduate



WILL EDWARDS
Harlequins, England 7s



SAOPE SOKO
Zimbabwe 7s



ADAM MCLEAN
UR7s Academy Graduate



HELENA ROWLAND
Red Roses & England 7s



CHANTELLE MIELL
England & GB7s



SAMIR KHARBOUCH
England 7s



EVA WOOD
Sale Sharks & UR7s Academy Graduate



GRACE CROMPTON
Bristol Bears, GB 7s



LAUREN TORLEY
Harlequins, GB 7s



TOMEK POZNIAK
Poland 7s



ROSS MCKNIGHT
Scotland & GB7s



TOM BOWEN
England & GB7s



HOLLY THORPE
Sale Sharks



NIKITA PROTHERO
Sale Sharks

COACHING ADVISORY GROUP & AMBASSADORS



ABI BURTON
England 7s, GB7s



ALEX DAVIS
England 7s, GB7s



AMY WILSON HARDY
England 7s, GB7s



MEG JONES
Red Roses, England
7s, GB7s



TOM MITCHELL
Ex-England 7s
Captain,
Ex-GB7s Captain



ROSS MCCANN
Scotland 7s



CHRIS DAVIES
Coach Fiji 7s, Fiji
XVs, Poland 7s

We are lucky enough to work with some of the best sevens players in the world and are great ambassadors for Ultimate Rugby Sevens and the game in general.

These players input into our curriculum, offer their experiences as professionals, provide off-field education to players and coach the Academy players, when not on international duty.

PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES

Towards the end of each Academy season players get the opportunity to be selected to represent UR7s and play in either Academy development and/or performance teams in tournaments across the country.

Players are selected based on their performance in training across the season, including the summer residential, in-season sessions, mentoring programme and virtual series. Squad members are expected to have a good attendance record and have met any requirements that have been set by the coaches.

The UR7s Rangers was set up to bridge the gap between junior and adult rugby. The squad is selected from members of the Senior Academy section along with academy graduates and some of our core group of coaches. The Rangers tour domestically and give valuable experience to players wanting to take the next step into adult sevens.

The UR7s Wanderers first toured New York in 2008, winning the competition that year. Since then they have toured all over the world, often following the World Series where invitational tournaments are available. The Wandies embrace the spirit of touring and aims to integrate ex-internationals with young up and coming players. Our pink and blue strip is the highest level of accomplishment for any Academy graduate.



JUNIOR SEVENS TOUR

14 - 17 FEB 2025 | LISBON - PORTUGAL

Sports Ventures and Agronomia Rugby Club are pleased to announce that the Junior 7s will be on the 15 & 16 FEBRUARY 2025 at the Agronomia Rugby Club in the beautiful city of Lisbon, Portugal.

Lisbon offers so much for the visiting touring teams attending the rugby festival with hotels for all budgets, restaurants, entertainment and of course great rugby and a first class tournament venue at Agronomia Rugby Club for all teams to enjoy.

For more information, visit www.junior7s.com



OFF-FIELD SUPPORT

All players in the academy will receive access to the following services:

1. STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

All players in the academy will receive a base level of strength and conditioning support. At our residential camps we will help to build a physical profile in order to inform future training and our S&C partners will be present at sessions throughout the year, running specific drills.

2. MENTORING PROGRAMME

All players at the residential camp will receive a mentor coach as a key point of contact for pastoral support and for playing feedback. We are looking to implement report cards from these coaches to better support the parents in educating and supporting their children's development.

3. PHYSIO COVER

All sessions will have appropriate medical cover, following the RFU's guidance.

4. SPORT PSYCHOLOGY SUPPORT

We have a dedicated sports psychologist who will present during the summer residentials and virtual series

There is an opportunity to upgrade the support provided above in all of our 'PLUS' packages.



PLAYER WELFARE & SAFEGUARDING

Players welfare is critical at the UR7s National Sevens Academy. This is true for both mental and physical wellbeing. We work with a team of top physios, with specific rugby experience, to offer players advice and guidance where needed. If players choose to, we can also connect directly with these physios so that they can provide more dedicated support at a reasonable rate.

Our UR7s team are mental health first aid trained, and we have a number of coaches who have also received this training.

In addition, we are taking a lead on player welfare management through our partnership with Prime Practice, a leading sports medicine company, which provides world-class injury management solutions. We are working to offer our players the opportunity to opt into a package that will support remote support and face-to-face discounts with the practitioners.

We're conscious that players will often have school and club physio/medical support so are careful to compliment this and share any notes where required.

We also uphold a clear safeguarding policy, which is promoted across our coaches and supported by the management team.

PARTNERS

We work with some great partners and with their help are able to subsidise the cost of the Academy, contribute to our Bursary fund and offer some exclusive discounts to our members. Some of our key partners are shown below.



THE PRIME PRACTICE
RECOVER • REFINE • RESTORE

Physiotherapy partner



EMPOWERING
EXCELLENCE

Sport Psychology partner

SYSTEM

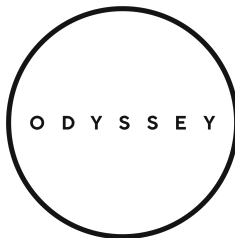
Strength and Conditioning partner



Streaming partner

TAP

Official partner



Website and player profile partner

ROSSLYN
PARK | National
Schools
Sevens

COACHING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME & WORK EXPERIENCE

Over the years we have used our philosophy of working with role model coaches to design an in-house coaching development programme. Academy graduates are afforded the opportunity to apply to become graduate coaches and start to develop their skills delivering Sevens based coaching sessions, alongside the more senior Academy coaches to begin with.

We have a number of examples of players who have been members of the Academy and become coaches with UR7s, all of whom enjoy the opportunity to develop their skills in leadership, planning, organisation and creativity within the structure offered Tom Mitchell as Head of Performance & Player Experience.

In addition to this, and wherever possible, we develop opportunities for work experience so that our players can develop their skills away from the rugby pitch. Previous opportunities have included working in financial institutions, marketing and PR.

In keeping with the Academy's strategic plan, we believe that rugby 7s can be a vehicle to understand high performance in all walks of life and this element of the programme is therefore something we are passionate about.



REFERENCES FROM PARENTS

Our son has really enjoyed and benefited from being part of the UR7s Academy. Not only has he had access to professional coaching from players at the top of their game, he has also found the one to one mentor sessions where he gets feedback on how to improve his performance really helpful. The academy really focuses on developing the whole player on and off the pitch, we're impressed he's even learnt to cook though the online cookery sessions.

Dave & Chrissy C. - Parents of North Region Academy Player

Being part of the UR7s Academy has not only given my son massive development opportunities through access to high level coaches, but he has also made strong friendships with other boys he may not otherwise have met, bonding over the love of the game and action packed shared experiences thanks to tournaments and Residentials. Over and above the rugby development opportunities, the Coaches are relatable and have great rapport with the boys. They are fantastic role models and mentors, I cannot recommend UR7s enough!

Tandi N. - Parent of South East Region Academy Player

I have been impressed with the professional approach of the UR7s team from the very start. The standard of communication has been nothing short of excellent and I am pleased to say my son's experience on the pitch has been just as good. My son was lucky enough to gain work experience with UR7s sponsors, which he really enjoyed and has helped him form a career path. Despite all the recent challenges from Covid, we continue to recognise the efforts made by UR7s and this has helped my son to develop both as a rugby player and a confident young man

James H. - Parent of North Academy Player

UR7s has been great for my son both on and off the pitch and especially so in helping him overcome his mental health issues and difficulties at school level at the time UR7s first scouted him back in 2017. UR7s was the light in his otherwise dark world and all the coaches and team at UR7s have supported him throughout. Special mention also for your continued support for all the boys during this past, very difficult Covid year.

Mark E. - Parent of South West Region Academy Player

My son has enjoyed the structure and content of the sessions and meeting up & playing with 'new' rugby friends throughout the region. The coaching is excellent and he has gained so much more understanding of the 7's game and particularly loves the relaxed manner & banter he has with the coaches. He loves it and his game has developed and improved, not only 7's, but his vision in the 15's game too. He now looks at his health differently, what he eats, his exercise etc. All round it has benefited him and his lifestyle, without actually realising.

Alan J. - Parent of North Academy Player

The coaching, support and encouragement is superb and is pitched at exactly the right level for each age group. The coaches are young with real experience of the game of 7's. They build great connections with the players and can relate to them in a way much older coaches cannot. Most importantly, UR7s is just as concerned about the activities and development of their young people off the pitch; something that has stood out from the start of my son's involvement with UR7s.

Cordelle S. - Parent of South East Region Academy Player

PACKAGES & PAYMENT OPTIONS

2025-26 PACKAGE DETAILS

IN SEASON ONLY

£455

- ✓ IN SEASON SESSIONS
- ✓ REGIONAL FESTIVAL
- ✓ PLAYING KIT
- ✓ VIRTUAL SERIES
- ✓ MENTORING
- ✓ BASIC S & C

IN SEASON PLUS

£595

- ✓ IN SEASON SESSIONS
- ✓ REGIONAL FESTIVAL
- ✓ PLAYING KIT
- ✓ VIRTUAL SERIES
- ✓ MENTORING
- ✓ S & C PLUS
- ✓ PSYCH PLUS
- ✓ ADDITIONAL KIT ITEM

FULL SEASON

£795

- ✓ SUMMER TOP-UP SESSION
- ✓ SUMMER RESIDENTIAL
- ✓ IN SEASON SESSIONS
- ✓ REGIONAL FESTIVAL
- ✓ PLAYING KIT
- ✓ VIRTUAL SERIES
- ✓ MENTORING
- ✓ BASIC S & C

FULL SEASON PLUS

£945

- ✓ SUMMER TOP-UP SESSION
- ✓ SUMMER RESIDENTIAL
- ✓ IN SEASON SESSIONS
- ✓ REGIONAL FESTIVAL
- ✓ PLAYING KIT
- ✓ VIRTUAL SERIES
- ✓ MENTORING
- ✓ S & C PLUS
- ✓ PSYCH PLUS
- ✓ ADDITIONAL KIT ITEM

PLUS PACKAGE DETAILS

ADDITIONAL KIT

- ✓ As well as the standard kit package all players will receive, as part of the Plus Package, these players will also receive an additional UR7s training vest designed by our kit partners.

S & C PLUS

- ✓ Access to our s&c app for an enhanced user experience, including video demos and helpful tips
- ✓ 3 x 6-week programmes uploaded via the app
- ✓ Regular updates and group feedback access to challenges across the season to compare to teammates
- ✓ 10% discount off one-2-one tailored programmes and sessions

PSYCH PLUS

- ✓ An initial 20-minute consultation with our sports psychology specialist a psychology workbook to complete over the season
- ✓ Access to group sessions on monthly basis over the course of the season
- ✓ 10% discount on one-2-one sports psychology support

All bookings for 1-2-1 sessions must be made directly with the third party and may be subject to availability at the time

DELIVERY PARTNERS

S&C

SYSTEM
(Harrison Edgson)

- ✓ S&C coach for: Richmond, Ealing Trailfinders and Esher RFC.
- ✓ Head of Athletic Performance at St John's Leatherhead.
- ✓ Harrison is also a specialist 'Speed Works' coach - where he uses his skills to develop speed, acceleration and agility for pathway athletes.

PSYCH


EMPOWERING
EXCELLENCE

- ✓ Becca worked with Loughborough lightning netball, supporting their superleague win in 2023
- ✓ Becca works with England Touch - supporting their Men;s team to a 5th European Championship win in a row
- ✓ Becca was at the northern residential in 2023 and received excellent feedback

PHYSIO


THE PRIME PRACTICE
RECOVER • REFINE • RESTORE

- ✓ They work with major rugby schools across the country
- ✓ All physios have been outstanding
- ✓ The communication on injury and management is excellent
- ✓ They have an online portal that we will use to signpost players who opt into the physio package

PAYMENT PLAN OPTIONS

PACKAGE	TOTAL COST	PAYMENT OPTIONS	
		FULL AMOUNT	3 MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS
IN SEASON	£455	£455	£151.67
IN SEASON PLUS	£595	£595	£198.33
FULL SEASON	£795	£795	£265.00
FULL SEASON PLUS	£945	£945	£315.00

KIT

Kit includes:

Basic Packages - Bespoke shirt and shorts

PLUS Packages - Bespoke shirt, shorts and vest.

KITLOCKER 

 **SAMURAI**

UR7s

NATIONAL SEVENS
ACADEMY

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