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Summer Rugby Discussion

Proposed Season Changes

Start Sunday 13th March

Stop Sunday 26th June

Break Summer holidays

Start Sunday 7th August

Finish season Sunday 2nd October

1st half of season would be a 15 week block

2nd half of season block would be an 8 week block

We feel as a club that this new season would allow the flexibility for holidays for families and allow for the local Festivals to be worked around by individual clubs.

Pros of new season

- Better weather (firmer pitches)
- Increase numbers of players
- Development of skills in players would be higher
- More contact time in sessions
- Less chance of training being called off
- Shorter season more productive though
- More parents around clubs
- Flexibility of training sessions i.e. different days or even nights

Cons of new season

- Clashes with different sports i.e. tennis, cricket, golf, football
- Different holidays for families
- Local Festivals

Injuries

A lot of clubs have raised the issue over more injuries on firmer ground throughout the summer. This would be closely monitored over the first season, recorded and compared to other seasons.

Interested

If you think your club would be interested in this proposal the next step would be to get all the clubs together and sort out some fixtures and the way forward. We will make the first season a pilot scheme and assess it throughout the season. At the end of the day we can go back to the way it was if it doesn't work out we don't have anything to **LOSE** so let's give it a **TRY**. Rugby is a huge part of our lives in the borders let's make borders rugby something to be proud of for years to come.