

RUGBY LEAGUE FEDERATION GHANA 2026 JUNE REPORT



OVERVIEW

June 2026 marked one of the most significant months in the Rugby League Federation Ghana (RLFG) calendar, with major developments across competition, grassroots expansion, national team preparation, gender inclusion, and community engagement. The month reflected strong progress in both performance and development pathways, reinforcing RLFG's long-term vision for rugby league growth in Ghana.

Within this report all activity related to the following subjects will be covered:

1. Stakeholder engagement
2. Development
3. Volunteer Workforce
4. Up Next

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1. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

1.1 Men's 13s Championship – Round 1 Concludes

The **RLFG Men's 13s Championship** concluded its first round after five weeks of competitive action, officially bringing the opening phase of the season to an end.

The **Dragons** completed a perfect Round 1 campaign to top the standings with **15 points**, followed by the **Bulls (12 points)**, **Panthers (9 points)**, **Tigers (6 points)**, **Skolars (3 points)**, and **Titans (0 points)**.

The Dragons' unbeaten run highlighted their consistency and dominance, while the Bulls and Panthers remained strong contenders heading into the next phase of the competition. The Tigers, Skolars, and Titans will look to regroup as the season progresses.

The **second round is scheduled to commence on 2 August 2026**, setting the stage for an exciting continuation of the championship race.

[Results](#) || [Standing](#) || [Videos](#)



1. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

1.2 Mental Health & Father's Day Awareness Campaign

On 21 June 2026, RLFG marked Father's Day alongside **Men's Mental Health Awareness Month** with a dedicated campaign and video message.

The initiative honoured fathers, mentors, coaches, and male role models while raising awareness on the importance of mental wellbeing. The message encouraged open conversation and reminded communities that strength also includes vulnerability and seeking support.

The campaign concluded with the message: **"Speak. Listen. Support."**

[Video](#)

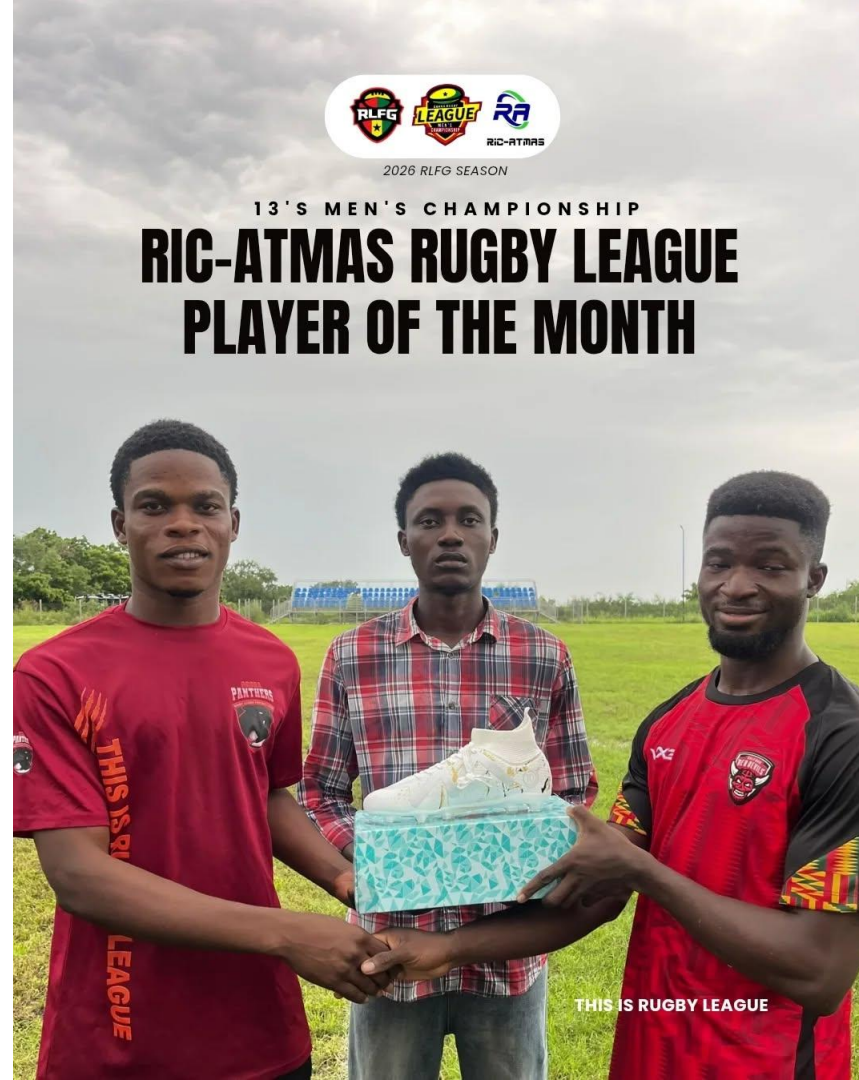


1. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

1.3 Player of the Month Recognition

RLFG also recognised outstanding performance through its **Player of the Month (April Award)** presentation. **Godfred Akwei Adotei** received his award, presented with a pair of boots sponsored by **Ric-Atmas**.

The partnership continues to highlight the importance of rewarding excellence and supporting player development within Ghana's rugby league system.



2026 RLFG SEASON

13'S MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

RIC-ATMAS RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE MONTH

THIS IS RUGBY LEAGUE

1. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

1.4 President's Cup – National Team Selection Fixture

On 21 June 2026, RLFG staged the **President's Cup**, a key national team selection match at the University of Ghana Rugby Stadium. The fixture concluded with the **Ghana National Team** defeating the **President's XIII** 6–4 in a closely contested encounter.

Following the match, several players earned selection into the national squad ahead of the Cambridge University Rugby League Tour. Selected players included:

Godfred Akwei, Godfred Aikins, Godwin Asamoah, Michael Egyri, Leslie Boadu, Chris Da-Gama, David Nartey, Osman Abugre, William Pearce-Biney, Tony Agbemenu, Adams Ibrahim, Amoako Yeboah Maxwell, William Abbam Bolfrey, Riddick Alibah, Kevin Boadu, Colins Ofofu, Jonathan Adotey, Adam Marsuu, and Kofi Montchon.

The President's XIII also featured strong performers who remain in contention for future national selection.

[Video](#)



2. DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Rising Stars Tournament – Accra Edition 2.0

The month began with the successful staging of the **Rising Stars Rugby League Tournament – Accra Edition 2.0** at the University of Ghana Rugby Stadium. The competition featured both boys’ and girls’ divisions, showcasing emerging talent from school-based programmes.

In the boys’ division, **Rangers Team A (Rangers Rugby League School)** emerged as champions after an unbeaten run, defeating all opponents including Queensland Team A in a decisive final fixture. Defending champions **Queensland International School** finished as runners-up.

In the girls’ division, **Queensland Team A (Queensland International School)** successfully defended their title, securing back-to-back championships with strong performances throughout the tournament.

The event once again highlighted RLFG’s commitment to grassroots development and talent identification at school level.

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2. DEVELOPMENT

2.2 RLFG Women's Homecoming

Also on 21 June, RLFG Women's Wing hosted the inaugural **Women's Homecoming**, celebrating SHS graduates returning to rugby league after completing their WASSCE examinations.

Held at the University of Ghana Rugby Stadium, the event featured a friendly exhibition match between the **Old Guard** and **Next Gen**, with the Old Guard securing a 20–4 victory.

Beyond the match, the initiative emphasized education, mentorship, and reintegration of young female athletes into rugby league pathways, strengthening the women's development structure.

[Video](#)



2. DEVELOPMENT

2.3 School Outreach – “These Girls Can” Campaign

As part of the “These Girls Can” campaign, the RLFG National Women’s Team visited La PRESEC and Accra Girls Senior High School, engaging close to 100 female students.

Students participated in passing drills, catching exercises, fun skill-based activities, and touch rugby games. The outreach also included motivational talks from national team players, focusing on discipline, education, and opportunities within rugby league.

The initiative aimed to inspire participation and strengthen the women’s development pipeline.



2. DEVELOPMENT

2.4 Ashanti Region Youth Championship – Season 2 Launch

June also marked the start of the **2nd Edition of the Ashanti Region Youth Rugby League Championship** at Our Lady of Grace Senior High School.

The competition continues to provide structured opportunities for boys and girls to develop skills and gain competitive experience, strengthening grassroots participation across the region.

Participating teams: Akrofrom Rugby League School, Aduman SHS, St. Michael SHS and Afigya Sec Tech

[Boys Fixtures](#) || [Standings](#) || [Girls Fixtures](#)



2. DEVELOPMENT

2.5 GES Approval – School Expansion in Ashanti Region

A major structural milestone was achieved in June as the **Ghana Education Service (GES)**, **Ashanti Region**, approved RLFG's expansion into additional schools.

This development increases the number of participating schools to **13 schools and one community team** Akrofrom Rugby League School, significantly strengthening RLFG's grassroots footprint.

Approved institutions include:

- Kumasi Senior High School
- KNUST Senior High School
- Prempeh College
- T.I. Ahmadiyya Senior High School
- Kumasi Anglican Senior High School
- Opoku Ware Senior High School
- Dwamena Akenten Senior High School
- Namong Senior High School
- Osei Kyeretwie Senior High School

This expansion represents a major step forward in talent identification and long-term player development.



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15th June, 2026

HEADS OF 2ND CYCLE INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED

RE: REQUEST TO EXPAND RUGBY LEAGUE IN BASIC AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE ASHANTI REGION

The Rugby League Federation of Ghana (RLFG), in collaboration with the Ghana Education Service (GES) introduced Rugby activities in the Afigya kwabre South District in 2024.

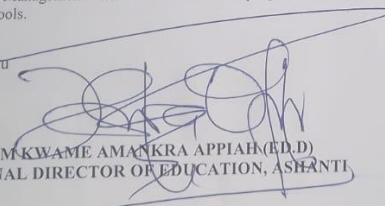
The positive impact of the programme has been very eminent in the district. The Federation therefore wishes to extend the League activities to other basic and Senior High Schools in the region.

Please find attached, list of schools concerned.

We wish personnel of the Federation are given the needed assistance to enable them identify talents to be groomed to represent the nation during national and international tournaments

However, Management wishes to advice that the programme should not disrupt the teaching and learning periods in the schools.

Thank you


WILLIAM KWAME AMANKRA APPIAH (ED.D)
REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, ASHANTI

3. VOLUNTEER WORKFORCE

3.1 Deployment of workforce

Alongside the Rugby League Development Manager, 8 additional volunteer staff have been deployed, focusing on promoting rugby league across 4 key regions: Greater Accra, Central, Ashanti and Northern

Volume of activity

The period between June 1 to June 30, 2026 resulted in:

- 24 Training & Playing Sessions
- 217 Total Male Throughput
- 156 Total Female Throughput
- 4 Regions
- 6 schools
- 3 communities

NB: In the context of training sessions, throughput refers to the total number of player sessions completed over a specific period. If you coach the same players multiple times within a week, throughput is calculated by multiplying the number of players by the number of sessions. For example, coaching 30 players in 2 sessions results in a throughput of 60 player-sessions per week



4. UP NEXT

Cambridge University Rugby League Tour – Ghana

RLFG now turns its attention to the upcoming international series against the **Cambridge University Rugby League Team (6–13 July 2026)**. The tour will provide international exposure for selected national players and further strengthen Ghana's presence on the global rugby league stage.

Launch of the DIVA Rugby League Series

Preparations are also underway for the official launch of the **DIVA Rugby League Series**, a landmark women's competition aimed at expanding elite female participation, strengthening competition structures, and building a clear performance pathway for women's rugby league in Ghana.



RUGBY LEAGUE TOUR

CAMBRIDGE GHANA



JULY 6 - 13, 2026 | UG RUGBY STADIUM

07.07

UNIVERSITY OF GHANA
RUGBY LEAGUE SCHOOL TEAM

09.07

PRESIDENTS XIII
NATIONAL TEAM B

12.07

LEOPARDS
NATIONAL TEAM

A CLASH OF NATIONS, A WEEK TO REMEMBER!

4. CONCLUSION

June 2026 reflects RLF^G's continued commitment to **building pathways and strengthening futures** through structured competition, grassroots expansion, stakeholder collaboration, and inclusive development. From school programmes to national selection fixtures, the federation continues to lay a strong foundation for the sustainable growth of rugby league in Ghana.

