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# RUGBY BLACK LIST AWARDS

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“The Rugby Black List Awards are a great way to celebrate and amplify the positive work, involvement and activity that people from the Black community do in rugby. There is diversity in rugby, but it’s not seen enough and it’s not given the amplification it needs so the Black List Awards is one way of addressing that”

**JAMES BAILEY**

## WHAT IS IT?

Inspired by Football’s The inaugural Rugby Black List Awards took place on 16th January 2023 at the House of Lords, celebrating and bringing together the Black community within rugby, inspiring others from diverse backgrounds to thrive in one of the nation’s most loved sports.

## WHO IS INVOLVED?

Sagan Daniels, founder of the Rugby Black List began conversations in 2017 around the black experience in rugby, which continued and gathered momentum with the Rugby Black List Steering Group officially launched in August 2022. He worked with the RPA’s James Bailey in his role as the RPA’s Diversity and Inclusion Advisor to the company. Since the 2023 Awards, the group have been working hard to establish plans to build the network and community around the Rugby Black List and have started planning for the 2025 Awards Event.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Awards were divided into eight categories and over 150 guests attended the inaugural event from playing legends to stars of the future, MPs and key stakeholders from across sport and business, as well as community players, coaches and volunteers.

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