

# 2025-26 BUCS HOCKEY SAG - MEETING 1 - MINUTES

**Date** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October  
**Time** 10:00-12:00  
**Location** Microsoft Teams

## ATTENDEES

Aaron Campbell  
 Dan Roberts  
 Dan Tilley  
 Heather Williams  
 Ian Cordwell  
 Jamie Carnegie  
 Nick Burley

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## APOLOGIES

Maz Veater  
 Rich Beer  
 Behrad Koohy  
 Jo Duff

## ORGANISATION

Umpiring Representative  
 BUCS Representative  
 Chair  
 NGB Representative (Performance)  
 Coaches Rep  
 Scottish Universities Representative  
 BUCS Representative  
 Welsh Universities Representative  
 Workforce Representative  
 Performance Representative  
 Student Representative (Women's Hockey)

## ORGANISATION

BUCS Representative  
 NGB Representative  
 Student Representative (Men's Hockey)  
 NGB Representative

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies / Welcome</b></p> <p>Apologies noted above, and it was also noted that Behrad Koohy had finished his tenure as a student representative and had stepped down from the Group. Our heartfelt thanks to him for his contribution to the Group had been passed on.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes and Matters Arising (Meeting '4' 2024-25 – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025)</b></p> <p>a) Provision of umpires for the National League and the crossover between Scotland and NPUA. (3)  <a href="#">An SLA had been signed, with Scottish Hockey taking on the requests for appointments. Both Ian and Jamie reported the umpires for their game were good. There is one NPUA umpire living in Scotland which has helped.</a></p>	DR



<p><b>Rule 9.10 being trialed</b> (highlighted in bold)  <i>“Players must not approach within 5 metres of an opponent receiving a falling raised ball until it has been <b>touched by the receiver</b>. The ball may be intercepted within 5 meters but outside of playing distance provided it is done safely.</i>  <i>The initial receiver has a right to the ball. If it is not clear which player is the initial receiver, the player of the team which raised the ball must allow the opponent to receive it.”</i></p> <p><b>The rationale behind this new rule is:</b>  <i>Previously the wording read “...received, controlled and is on the ground.” So, the need for the ball to be under control and on the ground is no longer required. As soon as the receiver touches the ball, the opponent can then engage within the 5m.</i>  <i>This change is to allow defenders to close down a receiver and compete for the ball once they have touched the ball, even inside the circle, rather than the current situation, in particular within the circle, which stops defenders being able to do anything about a shot at goal with a second touch if the ball is not yet on the ground.</i>  <i>The initial 5m will still have to be respected in order to allow safe initial control of the ball, but once touched by the receiver the contest will be allowed.</i></p>	
<p><b>4. Technical Official Guide for BUCS Hockey</b> (see attached file)</p> <p>It was confirmed that this was now live on the website within the regs.  <b>DR</b> would add it to the LMC agenda for awareness.          It was noted that an MO would be needed for Vase Games, and therefore teams outside the LMC would need to be forewarned. Action for DR.</p>	<p>DR</p>
<p><b>5. Future shape of SAG</b> – vacancies on the group &amp; chair role.</p> <p>The Group were informed that BUCS is currently reviewing the operation of sports advisory groups across the organisation, noting that there is a level of inconsistency between them, and some are more effective than others.</p> <p>The sense was that the Hockey SAG was effective and useful, noting the strong relationship with England Hockey, the size of the programme and successful initiatives such as the links to NPUA, the Conference and the National League.</p> <p>It was noted there are a number of vacancies at the moment – workforce rep, Welsh Rep, performance rep and two student roles, so please help promote and share these.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p><b>6. LMC Update</b></p> <p>The aforementioned rules re face masks and aerals had been discussed.</p> <p>Footage sharing, there is a request to use Hudl, noting the catapult partnership had ended. Nothing in place yet and DR very conscious of budget challenges, so in the meantime a google drive is being used. <b>DR</b> will update if anything changes re Hudl.</p> <p>There was a comment in the LMC about a desire for a coaches conference, although that seems to have gone quiet. More would need to be understood about the</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>DR</p>

<p>rationale for it – who is it aimed at and what outcomes are wanted. DR will see if it gets raised again.</p>	
<p><b>7. EH Update</b></p> <p>It was noted that EH have a new CEO in Rich Beer, and therefore he would no longer be part of the SAG. DT has already sent him a note of congratulations.</p> <p>Pro-league tickets and European champs tickets are now on sale.</p> <p>EDP – the men are currently in Johor, and the load management has gone well. There are still some challenges in the female programme, compounded by lots of illness in universities currently. There is a plan to discuss in Spring with BUCS how the university programme sits in the player pathway. HW to arrange.</p>	<p>HW</p>
<p><b>8. Behaviour &amp; Initiations</b></p> <p>There was a general discussion as to whether we should be looking to mirror the BUCS-RFU model. See: <a href="#">England Rugby Universities   Membership</a></p> <p>It was noted by NB that it continues to be a problem. It was also noted there is a desire from both CEOs (BUCS and EH) to address the matter, and it was likely to be picked up by BUCS centrally, working with a number of NGBs.</p> <p>NB / DR would raise it with BUCS exec and see if there is a further action for the SAG in supporting this work.</p>	<p>NB / DR</p>
<p><b>9. A.O.B.</b></p> <p>No other business was raised.</p>	
<p><b>Meeting Closed</b></p>	

**Dates and times of meetings for 2025-26 season.**

- Meeting "2" 2025/2026 – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1pm – 3pm
- Meeting "3" 2025/2026 – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 12pm
- Meeting "4" 2025/2026 – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 10am – 12pm