

2025-26 BUCS FOOTBALL & FUTSAL SAG - MEETING 2 - ACTIONS/MINUTES

Date Wednesday 7th January
 Time 14:30
 Location Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Dan Matthews

Paul Jones

Hannah Underhill

Nick Burley

Chris Knowles

Gareth Smith

Jamie Hallas

Steven Dovey

APOLOGIES

Joe Ryan

Aonghus Sellar

Mark Hawkins

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies / Welcome</p> <p>Apologies: See list above.</p> <p>Welcome to the new members of the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Dovey – Futsal Participation Rep • Jamie Hallas – Futsal Performance Rep <p>It was also announced Gareth Smith has been appointed as Vice-Chair of the group and will conduct this role alongside his responsibilities as Football Workforce Rep.</p>	DM / PJ
<p>2. Minutes / Actions / Matters Arising (Meeting '1' 2025-26)</p> <p>Action(s):</p> <p>Football Lower Tier Engagement: Draft survey to be circulated with the group for comment. Mark was unable to attend the meeting, so action rolled to meeting 3 although it was noted Mark had shared a draft of the survey with DM and PJ.</p> <p>National Futsal Series: Conversation to be reignited between BUCS & NFS once the fixture schedule is released. NB advised there is no update on this yet, so the action is rolled to the next meeting.</p> <p>Futsal Workforce Survey: To be recirculated, more responses needed. JR was unable to attend the meeting, so action is rolled to the next meeting.</p>	MH NB JR

<p>Discipline: Nick B still talking to relevant staff across the Home Nations in regards to understanding where BUCS fixtures sit in the hope we can work on alignment of processes, sanctions etc as best possible. Will continue to update in future meetings.</p> <p>NGB Rep Proposal: To be sent to The FA, SFA and FAW with a request to have a nominated rep who can be a filter/sign poster for the group. DM to update again in the next meeting.</p>	NB DM
<p>3. Vacant SAG Roles</p> <p>Covered in item 1 and see actions from previous meeting regarding NGB rep proposal.</p>	
<p>4. NGB and BUCS Football Updates</p> <p>Action(s):</p> <p>No NGB relevant actions.</p> <p>DM to update on BUCS Football Development Manager recruitment.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>BUCS Workforce update: DM advised the group that Maddy Massey had moved on from her role as BUCS Football Development Manager. The role description was tweaked and then advertised with over 140 applications received. DM and the team are currently assessing these. DM will update again after the next meeting</p>	DM
<p>5. Prem Tier Minimum operating standards</p> <p>Action(s):</p> <p>CK to roll out survey to Women's teams across BUCS Prem Leagues and Tier 1.</p> <p>PJ will continue to update in future meetings.</p> <p>NB to share opportunity for SAG members to feed into annual regulations review when process starts.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Prem Tier MOS Working Group: A group has been created from within the SAG. They will look at, then draft, a MOS for BUCS Prem Football with the aim of improving player experience and quality of product at that level. This will be based on experiences of those within the group as well as the responses to the survey that CK has sent out to institutions and is in the process of doing the same for the Women's side of the competition framework.</p> <p>Warm Up allocation: Time allocation to be reviewed following initial feedback from members (concern over teams arriving late and still demanding their 30-minute allocation). NB advised Comps Group concerned about if / when buses arrive late etc. NB will share opportunity to feedback into all regs to this group again shortly as it is nearly that time of year when regs review / suggested changes take place again.</p>	CK PJ NB
<p>6. 25-26 Season objectives – Breakout rooms</p> <p>Action(s): To be revisited and discussed each meeting</p> <p>Notes on Member Objectives:</p> <p>Breakout room 1 was focussed on Futsal with PJ, NB, JH and SD present. With JH and SD being new to the SAG there was a general discussion about what the group have already worked on in relation to Futsal and what opportunities there may be to develop the game within the BUCS framework in the future. This included the potential of creating a MOS to better improve player experience and quality of the 'product' (if the</p>	ALL

current work on the Football MOS is successful and provides a good model to follow) as well as the proposals from England Futsal and the benefits they may bring.

Breakout room 2 was focussed on Football with DM, HU, GS, CK and TD present. Notes from DM to follow.

DM

7. Member updates

Action(s): None

Notes:

Some individuals within the group have seen their 'day job' roles change slightly since the last meeting but nothing to the level of impacting their roles within the SAG.

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8. England Futsal – BUCS Competition Review & EUS Proposals

Action(s):

PJ to share proposals with NK and update of any progress at the next SAG meeting.

PJ

PJ and AS to raise the EUS proposal with relevant staff / groups within SSS and WSS respectively, to gauge whether there is an interest to develop a Home Nations Futsal programme.

PJ / AS

PJ to share both England Futsal docs / proposals with the group for comments and continue to liaise with SK / England Futsal after advising NK of the update.

PJ

Notes:

Sion Kitson (England Futsal Head of Development and Technical) has shared a proposal for England Futsal to conduct a BUCS Futsal Competition Review with both PJ and DM. The aim is to understand the experiences of those participating in competition and identify whether or not positive change can occur.

PJ also advised of the EUS proposal England Futsal have shared (via SK), that has received positive feedback from EUS. The aim of creating EUS Futsal squads is to provide high-potential university futsal players with access to a structured talent development programme that accelerates their technical, tactical, and physical growth. The programme will also strengthen the connection between the England Futsal Performance Pathway and the existing EUS university framework, with the long-term ambition of increasing the number of students progressing to senior international representation with England Futsal.

No comments from SAG members other than both proposals sound positive and we should engage with them as best possible. PJ to share both docs with the group for comments and continue to liaise with SK after advising NK of the update.

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9. International representation – EUSA & FISU Summer World Uni Games

Action(s): None

Notes:

PJ advised of the BUCS International Sport Webinar taking place on Thursday 8th January and encouraged those interested to attend if possible.

10. Football and Futsal Knockout Finals – Dates, venues etc

Action(s): DM to share invites with the group to BBW and BUCS Futsal Finals

DM

Notes:

BUCS Football Championship and Trophy Finals will again be part of BUCS Big Wednesday on Weds 25th March in Loughborough

BUCS Futsal Championship and Trophy Finals confirmed to be on and Weds 13th May in UEA

SAG members will be invited to both and there is hope for some activation activity as there has been in recent years.

11. Upcoming events

Action(s):

DM to share information and request for support with Awards panels with the group when relevant to do so

DM

BUCS Football Network and Awards Day in Warwick again this year. SAG members will be invited to attend and to be part of Awards decision-making panels again.

12. A.O.B.

Action(s): N/A

Dates and times of meetings for 2025-26 season.

Meeting 1 – 02-10-25

Meeting 2 – 07-01-26

Meeting 3 – TBC (Feb – Apr)

Meeting 4 – TBC (May – Jul)