

2025-26 BUCS BASKETBALL SAG - MEETING 2 - MINUTES

Date Friday 23rd January 2026
Time 09:30-11:00
Location Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Hannah Underhill
 Johnathan MacLeod
 Iain Molyneux
 Dan Cox –
 Basketball England
 Sten Mayunga
 Tosin Oyelese
 Kevin Coleman

APOLOGIES

Duncan MacKenzie
 Callum Jones
 Rob Fairley
 Keira Boucher
 Martin Ford
 Fin Lachlan

Item	Action
1. Apologies / Welcome Apologies were received per above.	
2. Minutes and Matters Arising (Meeting '1' 2025-26) 3x3 Development Competition Structure Regulation Update	All matters covered in agenda
3. BUCS Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting is scheduled with Basketball England (NK) to discuss affiliations and representation. Female participation and affiliation in university basketball compares very positively to the national picture. The group agreed this represents a strong good-news story for student sport and women's basketball. Action: Explore promotion of Female statistics with BUCS digital team.	HU
4. 3X3 Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing discussions within BUCS regarding formal integration of 3x3. Potential desire to work with Ball Out 3x3, either in partnership or delivering for us. Desire for events to generate FIBA 3x3 Points/Rankings 	HU/JM

- Proposal supported for regionalised 3x3 events, potentially leading to a centralised final.
- Commonwealth Games (2026) seen as a major opportunity to increase visibility and engagement.
- Post BUCS Wednesday is ideal time, next comps meeting deadline not until 1st May.
- Infrastructure considerations discussed:
- Shot clocks (12 seconds) not consistently available or programmable.
- Outdoor events previously managed without shot clocks via referee counts.
- Agreement that lack of shot clocks should not be a barrier in a trial year.
- Indoor vs outdoor hosting considered, noting weather risk and public access issues outdoors.
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Action:

Hannah to provide updates on BUCS' position on 3x3 once internal discussions progress (Ball Out).

Johnathan & Hannah to explore requirements for FIBA 3x3 ranking points and potential routes to accreditation.

Group to consider an expression of interest process for potential host institutions (including facility capability).

JM to get paper written with groups support by 30th Jan deadline – HU to send over required paperwork.

5. Competition Format

National League Review

- Agreement to progress next steps by forming a subgroup to develop the proposal in more detail.
- JM to work with interested parties (via Duncan) and set up the subgroup – include BUCS and ideally CJ as Performance rep.
- Aim is to refine the document Hannah shared, gather feedback, and draft a proposal for institutions. [[National Comps Feedback Tracker](#)]
- Both coaches and institutions to be surveyed, more feedback, but receiving both operational and basketball specific needs.
- Timelines (BUCS process):
 - Deadline for submitting a paper to the final Competitions Group of the year: 12 July.
 - This would allow further refinement before the January 30 cutoff for changes affecting the 2027–28 season.
 - Alternative would be submission at the first meeting of next season (around 1 August), but this is less ideal due to summer timing.
- Agreed approach:
 - Target 12 July submission to maintain control of the timeline and allow post-feedback adjustments.

JM,

- Subgroup to:
 - Review feedback on the draft document
 - Consult institutions
 - Produce a formal proposal for submission
- This will reduce discussion time in full SAG meetings, with only standing updates provided going forward.
- Involvement:
 - Representation sought from
 - Competitions (Hannah / BUCS)
 - Performance / Premier perspective (Calum suggested)
- Any additional interested members to email Johnathan to join the subgroup.

Minimum Operating Standards

JM to catch up with CJ around current Prem standards, need for review/refresh/re-implementation.

Live Scoring

BE Play HQ potential option. Desire to get data out to public around BUCS fixtures and results.

Re-visit streaming/recording games in the future – this is part of minimum standards.

JM to explore HUML partnership with BUCS and actual usage for basketball.

BUCS Big Wednesday

Update from IM

- All basketball finals (including wheelchair basketball) will be hosted in the Netball Centre this year.
 - Key benefits:
 - Full inclusivity for wheelchair basketball.
 - Improved scoreboard visibility.
 - Increased seating capacity.
 - Enhanced media and presentation opportunities.
 - Officials (referees and table officials) will all receive medals this year.
 - Officials will be centrally appointed by Basketball England.
 - Scheduling challenges acknowledged, particularly early tip-offs for Trophy finals.
- JM – desire to potentially include Scottish officials in appointments where possible by Shaun Williams – NBL/BCB group.

6. Regulation Updates

JM/DC

Affiliation update

- Update provided by Daniel Cox
- No change in process, only wording updates required.
- Physical licence cards replaced by digital membership via PlayHQ.
- Regulations 2.2 and 8.3 to be updated to reflect this change.

Hi everyone,

My apologies for this one slipping!

Using Nick's amendments I have made a slight tweak to the wording - we have some inconsistencies about where they are called licence card v membership card but the predominate wording seems to be membership card. Using the wording for 2.2.2 have also added similar to 8.3.

Happy for this to be checked and challenged.

"BAS 2.2 Licensing of Coaches and Players

BAS 2.2.1 All players and coaches must hold a valid licence issued via the relevant NGB as per the requirements of the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document.
BAS 2.2.2 Before each match, teams must present to the Match Officials the licences of all players and coaches who are to participate in the match. For Premier Tier/National Championship matches, in the event of a valid licence not being produced for a player or coach, that person shall not be permitted to participate in the match in question. For all other matches, players and coaches unable to present a valid licence at a fixture should be noted on the scoresheet but are able to participate, however, any institution/Playing Entity found to have fielded any player(s) and/or coach(es) without the appropriate licensing in place will face sanctions as outlined in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document.

Please note: Basketball England have "digital membership cards". To meet the requirements of BAS 2.2.2, an individual must be able to present an active membership card using the HoopsHQ app. This should be shown on the day via HoopsHQ but a screenshot can be accepted. These players and coaches will not have a licence number to be recorded on the scoresheet."

"BAS 8.3 Before each match, all Match Officials must present their licence card if requested by the teams involved.

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BASKETBALL FOR ALL

Daniel Cox (he/him) Manager - Leagues, Competitions and Member Services

Referee Fees

- Widespread concern about regional "bidding wars" for referees.
- Recognition of disparities across institutions and regions.
- Discussion of potential tier-based fee structures, aligned loosely with National League benchmarks.
- Acknowledged that any changes would be for future seasons, not the current one.
- JM to include referee fees as a discussion point in the upcoming institutional framework conversations.
- Daniel to share relevant National League and Academy fee guidance.
 - <https://basketballengland.co.uk/resources/document-finder/match-officials-fees>

10.13. In all competitions, the Home Club shall be responsible for paying the Officials match fees and expenses.

The following match fee and expense rates are a guideline of the payment of officials:

Qualification Level	Referees	Table Officials & Statisticians
Level 5	£26.00	£20.00
Level 4 / Advanced Statistics Award	£25.00	£18.00
Level 3 / Introduction to Statistics	£24.00	£15.00
Level 2	£22.00	£13.00
Level 1	£21.00	£12.00

7. A.O.B.

Wheelchair Basketball rep – is there a group, or should we have a WC rep on group to aid with overall development of Basketball?

JM to explore with HU.

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Action:

Dates and times of meetings for 2025-26 season.

Meeting 3 – TBC per doodle poll results.

Meeting 4 – TBC