

2025-26 BUCS VOLLEYBALL SAG - MEETING 2 - MINUTES

Date Wednesday 11 February 2026
Time 10:00-12:00
Location Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Simon Loftus, Rob Payne (attending for Laura)
 Nick Burley, Joshua Joseph-Iyanda
 Rowan Johnston, Freddie Fairbairn
 Hannah Underhill, Tyler Hurdle
 Paul McPate

ORGANISATION

Chair Simon Loftus
 Kingston University

APOLOGIES

n/a

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Volleyball

Item	Action
1. Apologies / Welcome Simon opened the meeting, noting it should be a shorter session. Rob confirmed attendance on behalf of Laura. Group introduced themselves to Tyler.	
2. Minutes and Matters Arising (Meeting '4' 2022-23) None	
3. Competition Format – Proposal for Change –Volleyball – Structure Review Thank you to Freddie for all the work that went into submitting the paper SAG Members to encourage institutions to vote on the paper, and answer any questions to justify change Update will come from Comps group following meeting on 3 rd March	ALL
4. Rule & Reg Review Nick raised concerns about institutions not following the regulation requiring five sets. He emphasised the importance of approaching this supportively rather than via disciplinary action. The intention is to provide guidance that encourages compliance and prompts institutions to engage with their students regarding why the five-set rule matters. Nick aims for a positive, collaborative approach rather than escalation via disciplinary channels. Post protection should be mandatory at all Prem levels 26/27 and rolled down in subsequent years. Note this is to support financially and not a reflection on importance of level	
5. Discussion Point - Beach Volleyball Event Dates (Volleyball England Calendar) Issue:	ALL

<p>Freddie questioned the dates listed by VE (3rd–4th), which fall midweek and move earlier into the exam period, potentially reducing student involvement.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Rowan confirmed the 3rd–4th dates are deliberately chosen. Hosting Thursday–Friday and extending into the weekend would be logistically difficult. A recommendation from last year's review suggested shifting operations forward by one day.</p> <p>4. Internal Programme Updates</p> <p>Rowan: Working with Chris on BUCS Beach summer planning. Substantial updates expected in ~4 months.</p> <p>Nick: Encouraged clearer and supportive communication around rule adherence.</p> <p>5. Championship Tier Discussion</p> <p>Simon, Freddie and Rowan will meet separately to discuss championship tier structures. Rowan will confirm availability when emailed.</p>	
<p>6. A.O.B.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Next meeting 22April</p>	

Dates and times of meetings for 202X-XX season.

Meeting 1 – 29/10/25

Meeting 2 – 11/02/26

Meeting 3 – 22/04/26

Meeting 4 – TBC