

2025-26 BUCS BASKETBALL SAG - MEETING 3 - MINUTES

Date Thursday 19th March 2026
Time 11:00-12:30
Location Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Johnathan MacLeod
 Iain Molyneux
 Dan Cox (BE)
 Sten Mayunga
 Kevin Coleman
 Keira Boucher
 Duncan MacKenzie
 Callum Jones
 Martin Ford

Nick Burley (BUCS)
 Max Bergin (BUCS)
 James Dyina (BWB)

APOLOGIES

Rob Fairley
 Fin Lachlan
 Tosin Oyelese
 Hannah Underhill
 Jo Rutavičius (BWB)

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies / Welcome</p> <p>Apologies were received per above.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes and Matters Arising (Meeting '2' 2025-26)</p>	<p>All matters covered in agenda</p>
<p>3. 3x3 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender process underway for a third-party deliverer and potential host venues. • Regulations being developed based on FIBA 3x3 rules. • Requirement discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whether all players must be registered on FIBA's 3x3 portal for points eligibility. ○ Aim to balance inclusivity with official points accreditation. • Wheelchair basketball categories now included • Open, Female, Mixed (WC) <p>Wheelchair Basketball Integration – wider conversation</p> <p>Welcome to new British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB Rep)</p> <p>Universities are keen to grow wheelchair provision; recognition of current workforce shortages.</p> <p>BWB offering free crossover courses to increase the number of qualified table officials/referees.</p>	

<p>4. Competitions</p> <p>Big BUCS Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event preparations largely complete; officials, facilities, tables, and chairs all arranged. • All games (including wheelchair basketball) confirmed being held in a single venue. • Some observers and assessors will be in attendance; supporting officials development. Invitation for officials passed to BasketballWales and BasketballScotland. BasketballScotland rejected invitation. <p>Competition Structure & National League Paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement to form a subgroup to draft a competition restructure paper for June/July deadlines. • Members volunteering/approached: Callum, Iain, Duncan, plus additional interested parties (e.g., Essex, ARU). • Operating standards at Prem and potential National League to be revisited. Subgroup with JM, CJ and other interested parties to be formed. Potential provision for Tier 1. Refresh current expectations and align. • Objective: streamline SAG discussions and progress work more efficiently. <p>Huddle Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group sought clarity on what tangible benefits Huddle offers to basketball (e.g., stats, live scoring). • BUCS staff have limited information; action raised for BUCS to investigate and report back. <p>Action:</p> <p>Johnathan & Hannah to explore requirements for FIBA 3x3 ranking points and potential routes to accreditation.</p> <p>Send subgroup invitations out.</p> <p>BUCS to provide further clarity on HUDL partnership.</p>	<p>HU/JM</p>
<p>5. Future Development/Regulations</p> <p>Disciplinary Procedures</p> <p>Only five recorded cases this season, but it is believed many incidents are unreported. Concern that lower-tier games particularly under-report due to inexperienced officials.</p> <p>Need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify BUCS regulations on disciplinary processes, updating wording to be included in regs – NB. • Establish a centralised reporting mechanism via BUCS website, taking away only access being BE. • Ensure Home Nations understand the BE-led process. • Potential for updated process if required. No concerns currently raised via member institutions. <p>Referee Fees & Officiating Challenges</p>	<p>JM,</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widespread issues securing officials across England, Scotland, and Wales. • Current “postcode lottery” creates inequity and fee-inflation (bartering between institutions). • Discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Potential standardised or tiered referee fee structure. ○ Risks of mandating fees (institutional pushback; difficulty policing). ○ Agreement to start with an evidence-gathering survey of officiating provision and fees. • Action: Duncan to lead creation of the survey for distribution. <p>Regulations Review (General)</p> <p>Score Sheets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move towards clarity on acceptable score sheet types. • Running score sheets preferred; traditional sheets still accepted. • Potential future transition to digital scoring (PlayHQ / NGB systems). • Agreement to keep paper copies for now; white copy must be retained. <p>Match Ball Requirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to make the Wilson EVO NXT mandatory at all levels (not just Prem/Championships). BUCS currently provide 40% discount to members, been grandfathered in for a few years. • BUCS may resist mandating equipment due to commercial policy changes. • Group supports proposal; JM to submit it anyway. 	
<p>6. A.O.B.</p> <p>Home Nations Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted by Wales on 9-10 May. • Four teams (England, Scotland, Wales, Wales Select). 	

Dates and times of meetings for 2025-26 season.

Meeting 4 – TBC per doodle poll results.