

BUCS TENNIS SAG – MINUTES

Date 25/09/2025
Time 10:00 – 12:00
Location Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Matt Wildt (MW)
Sophie Kitson (SK)
Carl Baldwin (CB)

APOLOGIES

Alistair Higham (AH)
Claire McCulloch (CM)
Harrison Fernandez Lewis (HFL)
Amy Lees (AL)
Arum Akom (AA)
Mike Castle (MC)

ORGANISATION

Chair, Nottingham
BUCS
Competition Representative

ORGANISATION

NGB Rep, LTA
Parasport Representative, St Andrews
Workforce Development, Nottingham Trent
Student Representative, Durham
EDIA Representative
Welsh & Recreational Representative, Cardiff Met

Item	Action*
1. Welcome and Apologies MW sent apologies for Alistair Higham, Claire McCulloch, Harrison Fernandez Lewis, Amy Lees, Arum Akom and Mike Castle.	
2. Minutes and Matters Arising The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as an accurate record. SK noted that since the previous meeting, the group had resolved the Premier (North/South) dates issue in January which now aligns well with the introduction of the National Vase competition for the 2025/26 Season.	

3. BUCS Update

SK provided an update from BUCS:

- SK confirmed that the National Vase has now be introduced for the 2025/26 Season. This will mean the National Championship will include Premier (National) teams only, the National Vase will include Premier (North/South) teams only and the National Trophy will include Tier 1 teams only.
- As noted in the previous meeting, BUCS opened recruitment for several additional SAG roles. Recruitment has so far has been unsuccessful. Recruitment for the vacant roles is now live and will be shared with the group. The group are reminded to share these roles within their networks.
- SK provided an update on the Doubles Championships. Entries for which are now open and close for students on Tuesday 28 October. SK also informed the group that with the change of venue BUCS had been able to secure more court time which means for the first time a consolation draw will also be played, ensuring all students are guaranteed 2 matches. This addition will hopefully improve the student experience of the event.
- Super Weekend 2 has now been confirmed and will take place on 14-15 February 2026 at the National Tennis Centre. All other venues have been confirmed for the rest of the season and can be seen on the [BUCS Tennis](#) webpage.
- SK shared that the GB University Tennis Network WhatsApp community has now been setup. The purpose of the community is to allow for easy distribution of information relating to BUCS and wider University Tennis matters.
- SK shared that BUCS have introduced mandatory Sport Specific Affiliations for the 2025/26 Season. These will include:
 - LTA Venue Registration
 - LTA Advantage Membership (all students competing BUCS must have a current membership before being listed on a ranking list, this also must be listed beneath their name on the ranking list)
 - This is an important one for members, communications have previously been sent out by BUCS detailing these changes. It will be important for international students to be aware of this and a previous WTN will be able to be linked to their LTA account by contacting the LTA.
 - The LTA will contact those submitted as Web Admins as soon as the LTA Venue Registration window is open.
- An update will soon be shared regarding LTA results submission for this season. This process will look a little different as we will be using the LTA's new Online League Planner, but more details will be shared once the leagues are live on the platform.

Action: SK to share SAG vacant roles with the group.

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Action: ALL to share SAG vacant roles within their networks.

ALL

Action: SK to share link to WhatsApp community.

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4. LTA Update

No major update as AH currently on leave.

5. Ace The Start Campaign The Ace The Start Campaign is now live, having been launched by MW at the National University Training at Nottingham Trent University in early September. SK shared the finalised resources with the group ahead of these being sent out to participating universities.	
6. AOB MW noted that following the National University Training and his work in the sector already, Tom Hands would be invited to the next SAG meeting to discuss some potential ideas for sustainability in the university tennis space.	
7. Date of Next Meeting Action: MW to send out poll for establishing the best date/time for the next meeting.	MW