

2025-26 BUCS SQUASH SAG - MEETING 3- MINUTES

Date Friday 12th May 2026
 Time
 Location Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Simon Tunley
 Hannah Underhill
 Guy Cole
 James Marenghi
 Jon Tate
 Nick Burley
 Dan Busby

ORGANISATION

Chair N/A
 BUCS
 University of West of England
 University of Manchester
 University of Birmingham
 BUCS
 University of Warwick

APOLOGIES

Zena Wooldridge
 Thomos Rosser
 Phil Lyon

ORGANISATION

World Squash Federation
 Squash Wales
 Scottish Squash

Item	Action*
1. Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above 	
2. Microsoft Teams Space Introduction and Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JM has now created a team-based account for the squash SAG which ensures we can store all relevant documents and upload information. BUCS are using us as a pilot as plan to use for other SAG groups. JM provided a quick demo showing the landing page and how it works in principle. Simplifies things by centralising the information so easier to access, comment and edit for all and less reliance on the need to email. JM will probably use it to communicate to the SAG from now on and members encouraged to use tagging for notifications. HU thanked JM for the work he had done setting this up and confirmed would resolve any access issues for members not yet onboarded. 	HU
3. Matters Arising from minutes 20/03/2026	

Rules and regs review and questions around the gender query. NB stated the gender issue is still being reviewed based on the steer from the group from the last meeting (see previous minutes). They are looking at this across several sports and the wider implications. Agreement that duplication across male and female programmes on the same day should not be permitted if allowed HU stated it is important once a decision is agreed we ensure it is communicated to all teams so they can make a call on their entries and rankings. On the squash proposed changes around the tier 1 seeding weekend and the lower tin they have gone forward to the national committee. NB is still keen to have a conversation around the seeding of the trophy. JM suggested JT should pick it up with NB outside the meeting although this needs to be by the 24th of May 2026. TR has sent through information on the types of ball and how used. ZW has sent her thoughts, and it was agreed that ZW and TR should link up to discuss the infographic and others feedback where applicable.

JT/NB

TR/ALL

4. Audit of Group Membership

JM has created an audit of group roles based on the survey he sent around and the feedback. JM stated he felt there were several people with overlapping skills sets however JM showed a draft doc defining roles for the group. He is keen to get feedback on the thinking and confirmation from individuals they are happy with their selected remits. GC/ST supported the thinking and stated it provided more clarity and focus for the group. JM confirmed with DB he was happy with his delegated role. JM stated he had not heard back from England Squash however will follow up with Mark Williams the Chief Executive. HU confirmed advert had gone out for student reps and was keen for us to help publicise. ST agreed to draft a quick role requirement for the individuals as keen to draft some new volunteers for the future to replace Zena and Alison.

JM

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ST

5. Squash SAG Objectives

JM showed the planned SAG objectives for the coming season which link with the roles and responsibilities of the group members. Everyone agreed they covered the core areas. GC asked about data and whether we had the information on event evaluation especially around satisfaction. HU stated we could draft questions for future feedback and potentially look at break out subgroups to lead on what we need to be looking into. JM asked GC about setting up a working group to look at the student experience around squash post receiving feedback from last years individual. HU to provide any relevant data from past event surveys. GC agreed to look at options.

GC

6. Season Review

ST confirmed as stated in the March minutes the individuals had good numbers although standard was slightly down especially in the women's event. Keen to try and ensure we review the A grade draw to see if we can increase the draw size and look at streaming matches and providing an MC and music for the show court. JT/ST agreed to meet with Erin to discuss in the summer. JT stated stage 2 premier league went well apart

ST/JT

from potentially the scheduling in the sense of not putting the key matches on the show courts. Hosting in Scotland was expensive and would be good to know what the tender process is looking like for next season. JT confirm also exposure could be a lot better via social media. DR mentioned looking to send out the tender ASAP however trickier as you need to know which teams are in the premier league unless a non-premier league team is happy to host. DR also stated the budget does dictate venue and resource for the premier league. DR to consider dual venue option in future tenders. JM to reconvene competition review group (including National League discussion).

JM

7. Graded Events Approach

JM asked if wanted to have some graded events. DB happy to lead on this. Conversation was had on the purpose of these events and what the incentive is to enter. Need to look at how they are packaged and what it is students are wanting from these events and who are the target audience. DB to start mapping what a graded series might look like and with the help of HU have a landing page on BUCS page showing what other events are happening so all the student squash community are aware.

DB

HU

8. BUCS Leagues and Knockouts Dates and deadlines

JM stated BUCS requested feedback on the squash calendar; it does mirror previous seasons, and we just need to agree the seeding weekend for tier 1 winning teams for the championship knockouts. JM to check with ES dates of the junior nationals as potential could clash with premier stage 1 event.

JM

9. World University Squash Championships Update

ST confirmed we have managed to select and agree to send 5 players two women and 3 men although it was all last minute and there is the need to try and improve the communications to those players who meet the criteria to apply for selection. JT confirmed the NGB are not prepared to fund our players although happy to support their attendance. He also stated the forms are very long winded to complete, and this tends to delay applications. GC stated non-GB players at UWE were attending and were getting funding from their countries. There is intent to try and find opportunities and have an aspiration to find resource to deliver our squash programme. A conversation is required on how we could source and use sponsorship money to better develop, expand and support the HE squash programme including subsidising athletes going to the WUC

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10. NGB'S Updates

N/A to report

GC/JT

<p>11. AOB</p> <p>GC mentioned the Ryder cup idea and JT stated he would reach out to GC to discuss further to see if there is any mileage in the event.</p> <p>JM to book next SAG meeting between July and September</p>	<p>JM</p>

Action Point List

Simon Tunley

1. Set up a meeting with JT and ES to review options on the future delivery of the individuals and review tender to ensure includes live streaming and MC
2. Draft a role specific paper for volunteering at the individuals

James Marenghi

1. To send digital minutes to ST
2. To book SAG meeting 4
3. To contact ES to see if they have someone to sit on our SAG and to check there are no clash of dates with our premier league stage 1
4. To reconvene competition review group (including National League discussion).

Jon Tate

1. To draft thinking on seedings for the trophy and send to JM and try and link up with NB from BUCS to discuss
2. Meet with ST to look at the format of the individual's event
3. To have a conversation with GC about the Ryder Cup concept

Guy Coles

1. To have a conversation with JT about the Ryder Cup concept
2. To coordinate review of available survey data and explore student working group

Tomos Rosser

1. To contact ZW to review squash ball poster

Dan Busby

1. To share insight from Warwick inter-university event feedback

Hannah Underhill

1. To resolve access issues for any members not yet onboarded onto Teams page

2. To provide access to event and survey data where available.
3. To explore adding “additional opportunities” section to BUCS squash webpage around graded events

Dan Roberts

1. To consider dual-venue option in future tenders for premier league weekends
2. To map existing competitions across regions in relation to proposed graded events

Dates and times of meetings for 2025-26 season.

Meeting 2 – 20/03/26

Meeting 3 – 12/05/2026

Meeting 4 – TBC