

2025-26 BUCS LACROSSE SAG - MEETING 2 - MINUTES

Date Wednesday 20th May 2026
Time 10:30-12:00
Location Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Michael Armstrong
 Helen Amos
 Hannah Underhill
 James Goldsmith
 Jamie Nicholson

APOLOGIES

Molly Marvin
 Sam Patterson

ORGANISATION

Chair / The University of Nottingham
 England Lacrosse
 BUCS
 University of Bath – Student Rep
 The University of Manchester

ORGANISATION

University of Exeter – Student Rep
 Nottingham Trent University

Agenda Item	Action
1. Apologies / Welcome	MA
2. Minutes and Matters Arising from Meeting 1	MA
3. 2025/26 Season Review Numbers & stats	MA HU
4. BUCS Sixes Planning	HA
5. Rules & Regs Changes Review (inc League Structure)	MA
6. Men's Premier League Week 4 Discussion	MA
7. Welcome Fair Resources	MA HA
8. A.O.B.	ALL
Key Takeaways	
Team entries for 2026 are up: Men's to 71 (+2) and Women's to 126 (+5), indicating steady program health alongside a couple of withdrawals.	
Fallow Week Proposed: A blank game week on Nov 4 (L4) has been proposed for Men's Prem North to accommodate a Senior England tour. Consultation Required: The group agreed the fallow week needs consultation with all Prem North teams to ensure transparency and avoid setting a controversial precedent.	
BUCS Restructure Pauses SAG Work: SAG-led league restructure talks are paused pending the BUCS-wide review.	

Agenda Items

2025/26 Season Review

Fixture Completion: The season ran smoothly, with ~1,000 fixtures completed. Some disparity that will be fully revealed in the stats to be released in the coming weeks. Review Meeting 1 2026/27.

Other Issue: Weather-related postponements, especially on grass pitches in the Southern Prem.

BUCS Sixes Planning

25th October @ MMU – same structure as 25/26 with teams given option on which competition to enter (Championship or Trophy). 24 team cap.

Main issue to solve – Volunteers, HA to seek support from teams entering, as well as MMU (and JN offering support from MU).

Rules & Regs Changes Review (inc League Structure)

Discussions on SAG-led league restructures are paused. Reason: BUCS is conducting a major, university-wide league restructure review (Phase 1 begins 2027/28).

BUCS Review Timeline: Roadshows: Currently underway. Feedback: To be presented at the BUCS conference in early July.

Rationale for Pause: Await the BUCS review's outcome to make informed, comprehensive changes, avoiding redundant work on short-term fixes.

Men's Premier League Week 4 Discussion

Proposal: Create a blank game week 4 on Nov 4 for Men's Prem North to accommodate a Senior England tour. Rationale: Prevents calendar conflict, if this was left to mutual agreement for rearrangements is unlikely when one team gains a competitive advantage.

Impact: Affects a portion of Prem North teams (mainly NTU & UON, MMU, possible Loughborough & Durham but less likely). Little flexibility with available game weeks to move to.

Note: Some teams impact is disproportionately high, as their best players could be absent, others it is squad depth, but equally a larger number. Additionally it wouldn't prevent teams arranging on this game week if it suited both teams.

Decision: The group agreed the proposal needs consultation with all affected Prem North teams to ensure transparency and avoid setting a controversial precedent. MA to email HU & HA with the details. Possible work around is for BUCS to schedule the perceived conflicts that week that in-turn would necessitate a rearrangement that is mutual.

Welcome Fair Resources

Goal: Create a central resource pack for university clubs to support recruitment at September welcome fairs. EL Resources: England Lacrosse is developing resources that can be shared. ULO Programme: A re-branded club development program offering support. Digital Resource Hub: A new website section with free, downloadable content (posters, lesson plans).

Collaboration: Michael and Helen will connect to align BUCS and EL support efforts.

NOTING SPECIAL THANKS

To James & Molly for their support as Student Reps.

Meeting Actions

Helen:

Arrange Welcome Fair Resources discussion with MA and internal Marcomms at EL.

Hannah:

Provide Season Review Stats to SAG when they are published.

Consult internally on Prem North fallow week.

Michael:

Schedule the next SAG meeting for Autumn 2026.

Email re: England Tour impact.

Dates and times of meetings for 2025-26 season.

Meeting 1 – 6/11/25 – 14:30

Meeting 2 – 20/05/26 – 10:30

Meeting 3 – TBC

Meeting 4 – TBC