

2025-26 BUCS CRICKET SAG - MEETING 3 - MINUTES

Date Tuesday 31st March 2026
Time 09:00-11:00
Location Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Ian Read
 Gethin Smart
 David Graveney
 Dan Roberts
 Erin Simmonds
 Hannah Underhill
 Gugan Muralitharan
 Scott Dale
 Paul Beford

APOLOGIES

Max Bergin

ORGANISATION

Chair
 Cardiff Met University
 Former NGB Rep (Consultant)
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 Student Rep
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Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies / Welcome</p> <p>Apologies were received from Max Bergin. IR welcomed the group and the meeting commenced at 0905.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes and Matters Arising (Meeting 3rd November 2025)</p> <p>Two items within the minutes and matters arising were covered as substantive agenda items (T10 Update & UCCE Structure). The following actions and matters arising were discussed:</p> <p>Regulation changes were discussed as part of the first item in the last set of minutes. HU confirmed that several regulation changes (including number of players for finals) had been taken to the Competition Group meeting in March and all were approved. In addition to the above, these included the clothing colour change, requirement for hospitality at finals, start times and coaching from the sidelines.</p> <p>ES confirmed the Trophy final would take place on 10th June (reserve date 11th June) @ John Fretwell Complex in Nottinghamshire.</p> <p>DR/HU explained that BUCS can't at this stage make the use of Play Cricket compulsory and therefore include it in regulation changes, but teams are welcome to use it and then transfer fixture results on to BUCS Play.</p>	

<p>DG advised he had spoken to the cricket regulator who was happy to oversee BUCS Fixtures. HU advised that Nick Burley (NB) was due to have a call with the Cricket Regulator and would pass on the details of that conversation once it has taken place.</p> <p>Action: BUCS to feedback on the conversation with the cricket regulator.</p>	BUCS
<p>3. Participation/T10 Update</p> <p>SD confirmed that the Southeast would run a pilot event this coming summer. Post this, a survey would then be sent to those participants to gain some insight into the perceived success. If all went well, a further survey will be sent to the wider membership outlining the details and structure of running a T10 festival and gauging appetite across the membership. If appetite is shown across the membership, we would look to role this model out, subject to costs/funding.</p> <p>DG spoke to members of the ECB about the above and whilst cautious, they were keen to hear a little more detail once it has taken place. DG suggested that once a successful pilot has been run, we should then seek some potential external funding from a number of sources, including the ECB, MCC, SACA and ACE.</p> <p>Action – SD to send through full details of pilot proposal to allow the group to have an understanding of how it will be run.</p>	SD
<p>4. UCCE Structure</p> <p>DR confirmed that BUCS were in the process of establishing a process for joint teams and that this was an ongoing piece of work. DR also confirmed that an MOS for UCCE’s was a work in progress and that he hoped to share with this group in the coming months for implementation for the 26/27 season.</p> <p>Action – Pull together an MOS for UCCE programmes.</p> <p>Action – Establish a process for joint teams.</p> <p>Ongoing conversations with a select number of this group need to take place regarding the potential creation of a Women’s National League. This will happen once the above actions have been completed.</p>	DR HU/NB
<p>5. Cricket Season Start – Access to Grounds</p> <p>GS raised a concern with the group around access to grounds, particularly during early season and with the wet weather we have had in the run up to the start of the season. A lot of institutions don’t own their own cricket grounds so rely on external facilities to provide them a venue to play. With the inclement weather over the winter period, many of them are refusing to allow games to be played early in the season, potentially causing an issue with completing of BUCS fixtures. Whilst GS expressed there was little we could do about it, he wanted to raise it with the group to ensure it was in the forefront of our and BUCS minds.</p> <p>Action – Review of Appendix 2b during next meeting to discuss if any changes need to be made to fixture dates for next season.</p> <p>Off the back of this conversation GM asked whether we could consider playing cricket during September. This sparked a very good conversation between members of the</p>	

<p>group with suggestions of potentially starting the season in September (GS) rather than finishing it. Could we run a T10 or mini festival (PB) during this time?</p> <p>Lots of considerations were discussed if this were to be implemented, some of which were mentioned during the meeting, including, but not limited to; academic eligibility, season end dates, season start dates, individual institution term start dates.</p> <p>It was agreed that this group would continue to investigate the possibility of finishing or indeed, starting the cricket season in September and that conversation would continue at the next meeting.</p> <p>Ultimately PB asked the group, 'how do we get more games of cricket played?'</p> <p>Action – SAG to consider further considerations/ideas as to how we could make September cricket possible.</p> <p>Off the back of this conversation GS raised an issue with the awarding (of lack thereof) of points when teams travel to fixtures only for the game to be abandoned without a ball being bowled. GS requested a regulation change to allow both teams to be awarded 1 point each.</p> <p>Following the meeting HU provided clarity on the regulation via email. Reg CRI13.1 allows both teams claim a point each in the event of an abandonment, therefore no further regulation change is needed.</p> <p>GS and GM both expressed a potential change to how points are awarded. BUCS currently run the 3 points for a win, 1 for a draw and 1 for an abandoned game. Most cricket leagues run a different points structure (20pts for a win) and provide points for batting and bowling. Is this something that BUCS/the membership would be willing to change?</p> <p>Action - GS to make a formal points proposal change</p>	<p>SAG</p> <p>GS</p>
<p>6. SAG Chair Change – Passing the Baton</p> <p>IR explained that after 5 years as Chair of the Cricket SAG he would be stepping down. GS had kindly agreed to take over the Chair role and IR would remain on the group as Performance Representative. Several members of the group thanked IR for his services and contribution to the group and cricket overall, welcomed and wished GS all the best for the future.</p> <p>Action – IR to arrange a meeting with GS to complete a more formal handover.</p>	<p>IR</p>
<p>7. AOB</p> <p>DR informed the group that BUCS had more resource within the social media channels space and were keen to utilise this for cricket engagement during the coming season, taking us right up to the Championship Final.</p> <p>No further action required.</p> <p>Action – IR to speak with GS on the arrangement of the next meeting. Once complete, GS will send out a doodle poll of dates to the group.</p>	<p>IR/GS</p>

Dates and times of meetings for 2025-26 season.

Meeting 1 – 3rd November 2025

Meeting 2 – 8th January 2026

Meeting 3 – 31st March 2026

Meeting 4 – TBC