

2025-26 BUCS RUGBY LEAGUE SAG - MEETING 1 - MINUTES

Date Monday 29 September 2025
Time 13:00-14:30
Location Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Steve Curtis
 Abbie Diskin
 Dan Stanley
 Matt Thompson
 Tom Brindle
 Andrea Murray

ORGANISATION

Chair
 BUCS/RFL
 Leeds Beckett
 University of Hull
 RFL
 RFL

APOLOGIES

Maz Veater
 Ollie Cruickshank
 Josh Cummings

ORGANISATION

RFL/BUCS
 University of Edinburgh
 Student Rep

Item- Minutes	Action
1. Apologies / Welcome Apologies received from Ollie & Josh. Action- Check in with Izzy & James on membership as student reps	SC
2. Minutes and Matters Arising (March 2024-25) Minutes from last meeting of last year where taken as shared. No feedback received.	
3. BUCS Items: - General BUCS Update - Competition Update- Team Entry & Withdrawals - New Season- Preparation and support - Sport Review Update (Women's Rugby League) - RL Impact Report 24-25- To note - Rules, regs or notice of change - Finals/BBW AD present a BUCS update as per slides. Summary as below: As per slide and visual. Even geography on National League. Similar to last year. 2 weeks on Wed for National League. Lower Tiers: One consideration for other leagues is to help facilitate more friendly games for single play leagues.	

C- Good feedback on webinar & Women's Webinar. Jason Payne presented and shared a presentation. • Sheffield are new team • Thanks to Jason on sharing the information. • Potential for Dev day (Andrea Dobson) D- All institutions have been contacted, all HEIs have another month to reply, • Supported event in 25/6 with points in 26. G- Live Streaming- It was discussed we need a plan for the Student Finals Plan: We need to develop: • A Timeline with options and a critical date for agreement • An agreement in principle • MOU for Leeds Rhinos • Who at club Action- DS to reach out to Leeds Rhinos to start locking in discussions Action- AD- What is the required window for game (Plan for a 14-16 day window?) Action- AD- What BUCS timeline- (Events Team) Action- AD- Live streaming move to Headingley?? To Note: Maz maternity Cover from Oct and Maz on Nov.	DS AD AD AD
4. Rugby League (RFL) Items: - Women's workshop- Follow up - NGB Updates <u>TB provide an update on the changes at RFL and linked impact.</u> Club led coalition on pro game. Lots of change in leadership. Super League to 14 and combined Champ & 1, Salford likely not too. Team 13 & 14 to be a panel from EOI. • Player strength & finance Tony Sutton left role as CEO. How do we continue to engage with Community Game. Development Team continue this work as BAU • Women's Strategic Review as part of the structure. Impact Report has been shared which shows the connection and commitment of RFL to HE	

5. University RL Matters:

- a. Focus for 25-26 Season
 - i. Men
 - ii. Women
- b. Affiliated Player Information

Taking focus from the impact report the following are the focus areas for the year:

- Women's Elevate Competitiveness & performance
- Women's Support awareness and introduction of the game
- Women's Long Term- BUCS
- Men's Improve league health
- Workforce Development

Affiliated Player Information

Action - AD to help create a resource for club and club leaders, SAG members to sense check before going out. Target is end of Oct.

AD

6. A.O.B.

International & Rep:

MT raised some question on the HE/Uni rep programme and how we connect this more to the SAG and complete offer:

- How do we support the messages
- How do we enhance the experience?

It was agreed this need a sub meeting to focus on the Rep Offer, to do this we need additional information:

Action- What is the programme looking like this year including dates, speak to Dave Butler

Action- Pull a meeting together on rep and explore Area of focus (Is 4 nations the right product)

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Dates and times of meetings for 2025-26 season.

Meeting 1 – 29/09/2025

Meeting 2 – TBC (Window- Nov – Jan) **Action- SC**

Meeting 3 – TBC (Window- Feb – Apr)

Meeting 4 – TBC (Window- May – July)