

2025-26 BUCS FOOTBALL AND FUTSAL SAG - MEETING 3 - MINUTES

Date Friday 6th March 2026
Time 14.00 – 16.00
Location Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Paul Jones
 Dan Matthews
 Sean Lofting
 Nick Burley
 Mark Hawkins
 Gareth Smith
 Joe Ryan
 Mark Hawkins
 Steven Dovey
 Jamie Hallas

ORGANISATION

Chair – Cardiff University SU
 BUCS
 BUCS
 BUCS
 Bangor University
 Manchester Metropolitan University
 University of Liverpool
 Lancaster University
 University of Lincoln
 De Montfort University

APOLOGIES

Aonghus Sellar
 Chris Knowles
 Hannah Underhill

ORGANISATION

Scottish Student Football
 Hartpury University
 BUCS

Item	Action
1. Apologies / Welcome Apologies were received from...Aonghus Sellar, Chris Knowles and Hannah Underhill	
2. Minutes and Matters Arising (Meeting '2' 2025-26) Football Lower Tier Engagement survey to be revisited in September. National Futsal Series: Conversation to be picked up by Hannah Underhill and update in next meeting. BUCS Football Development Officer: Beth Edwards started role on Monday 2 nd March with a focus on the Women's Leadership Programme, Club Committee Leaders events and the new coaching hubs model which will launch 2026-27.	MH HU -
3. SAG Roles Update Dan Matthews moving into new role with BUCS commercial team. Sean Lofting will represent the BUCS Football Development Team moving forwards.	

<p>Chris Knowles stepping away from role due to commitment/time pressures of full time role at Hartbury.</p>	
<p>4. NGB Updates</p> <p>FA Grassroots 2040 is a review of the county FA system in England, which was last reviewed in 2021. The review will focus on six key areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business Optimisation 2. Proportionate Funding 3. Boundary Alignment 4. Standardised Pricing 5. Partnership Agreement 6. A New Network Ambition 	
<p>5. Football Premier Tier Minimum Operating Standards Working Group</p> <p>Chris Knowles stepping back from SAG duties, Football Performance Rep role vacant and will be advertised in due course. Paul to speak with Hannah to decide timeline although this may depend on when the Football and Futsal strands of the SAG are separated.</p>	<p>PJ</p>
<p>6. Football and Futsal Rules and Regs Review</p> <p>Paul has circulates the tracker document.</p> <p>Review and make comment if appropriate via email to PJ. Nothing received to date.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>7. Member Updates</p> <p>Manchester Metropolitan University rebrand no longer to be referred to as MMU as part of a rebrand.</p> <p>FA University League Proposal individual not associated with BUCS or a university has proposed a league to The FA which BUCS have rejected and sent back detail back to The FA for consideration.</p>	
<p>8. BUCS Football and Futsal Awards</p> <p>Applications for awards are open.</p> <p>Open invite to SAG members to be part of the judging panel. Let Alai know by 20th March if you want to support.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>9. FA Council Awards</p> <p>Nominations open for The Charlton Award (professional award) and The Hope Award (National Game Award). Further info on Dan's e-mail sent 6th March.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>10. A.O.B.</p> <p>SAG split summer 2026 Football and Futsal will split and have separate SAG groups from the summer onwards. Current member positions will continue.</p> <p>England Futsal Coaching Conference 2026 @ Loughborough University</p> <p>Coaching Conference 2026 – England Futsal</p> <p>Find Courses, Tournaments, Spectator Events Sport:80</p>	

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Dates and times of meetings for 2025-26 season.

Meeting 1 – 02-10-25

Meeting 2 – 07-01-26

Meeting 3 – 06-03-26

Meeting 4 – TBC (May – Jul)