

2025-26 BUCS CRICKET SAG - MEETING 1 - MINUTES

Date Monday 3rd November 2025
Time 09:00-11:00
Location Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Ian Read
 Scott Dale
 Paul Bedford
 Dan Roberts
 Erin Simmonds
 Hannah Underhill
 Max Bergin

ORGANISATION

Chair
 Canterbury University
 Former NGB Rep
 BUCS
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APOLOGIES

Gaby Reeves
 Gugan Muralitharan
 Laura Macleod

ORGANISATION

Student Rep
 Student Rep
 Bears Women's Cricket

Item	Action
1. Apologies / Welcome Apologies were received from Gaby Reeves, Gugan Muralitharan, and Laura Macleod	
2. Minutes and Matters Arising (Meeting 25th April 2025) Minutes and matters arising were covered in agenda items for this meeting	
3. Participation/T10 Cricket Update Aiming to introduce regional participation level T10 tournaments, aimed at non-BUCS team players. Introducing these events into the BUCS programme will require going through <i>Route 4 (new disciplines; events only)</i> of the 'Making Changes to BUCS Competitions - Framework'. Action SD to liaise with BUCS staff on when to submit a paper through Route 4 and begin implementing the regional events. Options include trialling the events in the Southeast and LUSL during the Summer of 2026, or, progressing through route 4 if fully supported by the SAG and BUCS with a full regional series to be implemented in the Summer of 2026. I've asked Erin whether this is realistic or whether a full launch in the Summer of 2027 is more appropriate.	SD/BUCS

4. Final's Venues 2026 Neal Kington had spoken to the ECB about venues and unfortunately, Lord's isn't available again for 2026. Erin Simmonds is to meet with the MCC regarding funding to find an alternative venue. Once this meeting has taken place, a decision on venue will be made by the SAG. A discussion was had about a rotation of both the Men's & Women's Championship final taking place at Lord's in future years. Action: ES to feedback once she has met with the MCC.	ES
5. Cricket Finals Event Review ES raised the issue of squad sizes for finals as the current regs state only 12 players can be named, and teams were bringing more. A discussion was had, and the SAG believe that a regulation change is required to increase the number of players named for both Men's & Women's Championship finals from 12 to 14. This would not apply during league fixtures. Action: ES to speak with Nick Burley about a change in regulation.	ES
6. UCCE Structure – Leeds Beckett Request A conversation was had regarding the continuation of UCCE's across the UK, with IR explaining that teams were happy with the current set up and approval had been sought and agreed with the ECB to continue using the UCCE name. Leeds Beckett had raised a question to BUCS should their women's Leeds/Bradford UCCE split, as they felt this may provide a better playing offer for Leeds Beckett students. They raised that should this happen one of the institutions would keep the Premier (North) place and the other would be required to start at the bottom of the structure. For the sake of these players, and their opponents, it didn't seem right that UCCE level players would be required to do this and it may put people off playing. The SAG agreed that this situation would be negative for student experience within BUCS cricket and advised BUCS that if UCCEs were to split they should run a one-off process to place the team that didn't keep the highest ranked place at a suitable level within the structure for safety and student experience reasons. DR raised the point about where or what does UCCE cricket now look like given the funding loss from the ECB and how much support are institutions giving their UCCE programmes. Action – IR to convene a meeting with UCCE's to find out the above.	IR
7. Cricket Regulations Tracker None of the SAG had made any recommendations for regulation changes other than those minuted above. It was agreed that there is still time for us to make recommendations and that this would need to be done before the end of January. Action – All SAG members to read the current cricket regulations and complete the regulation tracker with recommended changes.	ALL
8. NGB Update No NGB update as there is currently no representative on the group	
9. AOB Indoor cricket venues were discussed, and BUCS staff asked the group to consider what venues might be appropriate for this to take place.	ALL

David Elworthy at the ECB has made a recommendation to change the way in which Premier Tier umpire appointments are made. It is now recommended that these go to Counties and not regional appointment officers.

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BUCS to attain feedback on cricket finals dates.

It was noted that Gethin Smart from Cardiff Met should have been invited to the meeting. IR apologised as this was an oversight on his part and ensured he would not be missed next time.

Action – IR to send out doodle poll for the next meeting for either pre-Christmas or early January.

Dates and times of meetings for 2025-26 season.

Meeting 1 – 3rd November 2025

Meeting 2 – TBC

Meeting 3 – TBC

Meeting 4 – TBC