

RUGBY LEAGUE SPORT REVIEW PROPOSAL

PREPARED BY BUCS RUGBY LEAGUE SAG | October 2019

CYCLE TWO- Appendix Documents

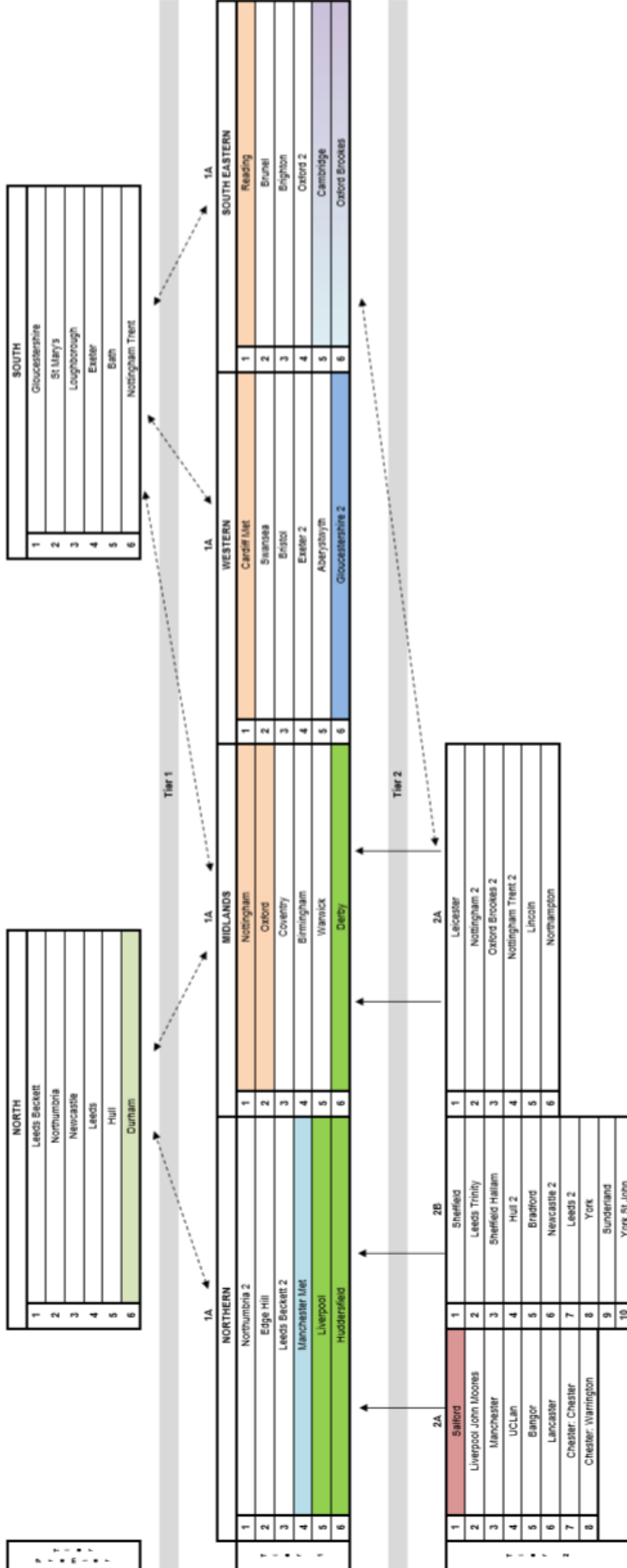


APPENDIX A

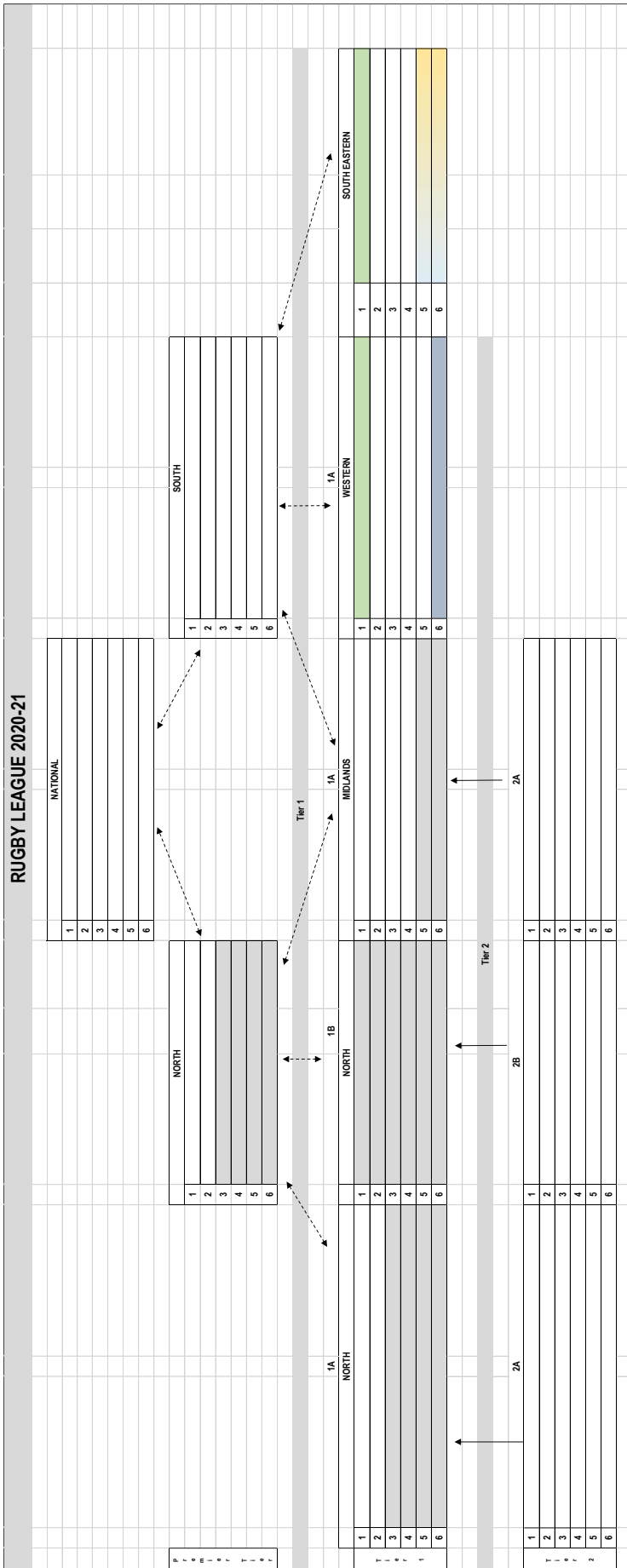
See RFL Strategy 2015-2021- RFL Reset including Mid-term Strategy Review- March 2019

APPENDIX B

RUGBY LEAGUE 2019-20



APPENDIX D



APPENDIX E-

University Rugby League Origin Train On Squads 2019

The train-on squads for the University Rugby League Origin game have been announced, with 30 of the leading players in the north and south respectively now in the hunt for a place in the final 22-man squad for the annual Origin game.

The game takes place on Saturday February 9, 2.30pm Kick Off at Loughborough University, and sees the North looking to retain their title against the South in what is always a hotly-contested fixture.

"We're delighted to be returning to Loughborough University for this important fixture in the England pathway" said RFL Higher Education Manager, Adam Hughes.

"The quality of the regional games further emphasised the quality of Rugby League which is being played each Wednesday in the University game and the Origin game is bound to be another good example of that quality."

31 Universities and Colleges are represented across the two squads, showing the breadth of talent across the University game and, having battled through the round of Regional Games in early December, the Origin game gives players their final chance to stake a claim to be in the England Universities squad for 2019.

The 30 man squads for both sides are as follows:

NORTH

- Jacob Sharp (Durham / North East)
- Alex Bielby (Northumbria / North East)
- Sean Croston (Northumbria / North East)
- Charlie Fothergill (Northumbria / North East)
- Rory Nettleton (Northumbria / North East)
- Jack Quinn (Northumbria / North East)
- Craig Banks (Sunderland / North East)
- Charlie Frost (York St John / North East)
- Lewis Fairhurst (Edge Hill / North West)
- Nathan Taylor (Edge Hill / North West)
- Alex Eckley (Liverpool John Moores / North West)
- James McDaid (Liverpool John Moores / North West)
- Alexander Smith (Liverpool John Moores / North West)
- Andrew Joy (Manchester College / North West)
- Conner MacCallum (Manchester Metropolitan / North West)
- Daniel Munt (Salford / North West)
- Jack Thompson (UCLan / North West)
- Ryan Langton (Huddersfield / Yorkshire)
- Thomas Jubb (Hull / Yorkshire)
- William Jubb (Hull / Yorkshire)
- James McDaniel (Hull / Yorkshire)
- Kieran Smith (Hull / Yorkshire)
- Matthew Chrimes (Leeds Beckett / Yorkshire)
- Henry Davetanivalu (Leeds Beckett / Yorkshire)
- Callum Fletcher (Leeds Beckett / Yorkshire)
- Kingsley Okra-Overton (Leeds Beckett / Yorkshire)
- Lee Registe (Leeds Beckett / Yorkshire)
- Lewis Davey (Leeds Trinity / Yorkshire)
- Kai Fagan (Sheffield Hallam / Yorkshire)
- Ben Gray (Sheffield Hallam / Yorkshire)

APPENDIX G



SOUTH

- Alex Best (Birmingham / Midlands)
- Daniel Gover (Coventry / Midlands)
- Lewis Munyoro (Coventry / Midlands)
- Kieran Sherratt (Coventry / Midlands)
- John Sipawa (Coventry / Midlands)
- Jacob Jones (Loughborough College / Midlands)
- Joshua Boulger (Loughborough / Midlands)
- Robert Branton (Loughborough / Midlands)
- George Prewett (Loughborough / Midlands)
- Ciaran Dean (Nottingham / Midlands)
- Tobias Cornish (Nottingham Trent / Midlands)
- Joshua Spearing (Bedfordshire / South East)
- Thomas Davidson (Cambridge / South East)
- Joshua Bull (Reading / South East)
- Sam Jones (Reading / South East)
- Sam Bloomer (St Mary's / South East)
- William Budd (St Mary's / South East)
- Eric Sims (St Mary's / South East)
- Sam Bragoli-Jones (Bath / South West)
- Caley Gray (Bath / South West)
- Michael Holden (Cardiff Metropolitan / South West)
- Jack Elliss (Exeter / South West)
- Chris Booth (Gloucestershire / South West)
- Errol Carter (Gloucestershire / South West)
- Brett Davies (Gloucestershire / South West)
- James Mason (Gloucestershire / South West)
- Callum Merrett (Gloucestershire / South West)
- Jack Daynes (Hartpury College / South West)
- Henry Beer (UWE / South West)
- Aedan Coleman (UWE / South West)

Support for lower tier adjustment:

Hi Adam,

Hope all is well?

I've completed the survey but thought I should just add a little detail. I do think there is potential at the lower end but this is just my opinion and not one discussed through the team. I do think a more flexible and smaller sided option from (a new) tier 3 and below. I'm on the Rugby SAG and led on the men's rugby proposal through the first BUCS structure review. IT's not obvious from the paperwork but I've created a framework for growth in the structure and includes two entry points either at the lowest level or at tier 4. The idea being from tier 5 and below will see de-regulation and more flexible options. As numbers increase tier 4 will increase from two to four divisions before pushing the deregulation level down to tier 6 and below. Those who can compete to full regulations can go straight in at tier 4, this allows some of the big institutions to go in at an appropriate level and not be creating the massive scores which are putting some teams off playing.

You could look at something similar in RL. Create a tier 3 and below which allows for 9 aside fixtures and flexible to get games on. Teams who are established can enter straight at tier 2. IT would allow opportunity to grow the game. It might be a million miles away from what you are thinking but thought it might be useful and worth letting you know. Happy to chat if easier, good luck with it!

Cheers

Ryan Amos

Sport Performance Manager



Sheffield Hallam University
Pearson Building
Collegiate Crescent Campus
Sheffield S10 2BP
Mobile +44 (0)7917 894715
Direct line +44 (0)114 225 5765

Support for lower tier adjustment:

Hi Steve

As discussed on the phone, I'm emailing to recap the request from UoM and the BUCS NW region.

UoM RL 1st team currently play in an 8 team 2A league, the top half (LJMU/Liverpool/UoM/UCLAN) are relatively competitive with each other, with the bottom half (Lancaster/Bangor/Chester/Chester Warrington) giving multiple walkovers most years and being very uncompetitive. We have also noticed that 2B has a similar issue. UoM also considered entering a 2nd team into BUCS for the 2019/20 season, with the current uncompetitive league structure being one of the reasons we opted not to. UoM and the NW Region (Apart from Chester) support the creation of a division 3 to allow the top/bottom half of the current 2A & 2B to play more competitive matches. This structure would also make entering a 2nd team for institutions much more likely as the tier 3 would be a more appropriate talent level for 2nd teams. There has also been a lot of dissatisfaction over the past two years with the better teams only playing each other once, the home/away format is supported by the majority of HW institutions. Overall, we would support a change in structure to better align the leagues with the needs of the teams in them.

Thanks, James

James Plowright | Club & Coach Development Coordinator

UoM Sport | The University of Manchester

Sport Head Office, William Kay House, 333 Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PG

tel: +44 (0)161 306 2306 | mobile: +44 (0) 7880176653 | james.plowright@manchester.ac.uk

APPENDIX I

Reserve Grade Criteria



APPLICATION FOR ENTRY INTO RESERVE GRADE COMPETITION 2020

NAME OF CLUB		
PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS APPLICATION	Name:	
	Position:	
	Email:	
LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT		EVIDENCE
Does this application have the approval of the club Board of Directors	click here	
Does the club have a 4 year strategic player development plan in place that has been approved by the club's Board of Directors	click here	
Are all potential staff compliant with RFL operational rules in terms of qualification, DBS, safeguarding and IMMOPF	click here	
Does the club have sufficient approved finance budgeted to sustain an 18 game reserve season	click here	
Can you supply a forecast of your projected income and expenditure for the proposed reserves programme?	click here	
Does the club have a Player Welfare Manager who is employed as per RFL operational rules	click here	
MEETING THE NEEDS OF PLAYERS		EVIDENCE
Does the club intend to offer a minimum 6 hour per week of training time for reserve team players	click here	
Do you intend to have private medical insurance for all players at the club?	click here	
Does the club intend to have a physio present at all training sessions?	click here	
Does the club have a formal relationship with a Further Education College and/or Higher Education Institution?	click here	
Where amateur players are concerned, will you encourage them to keep links with their community clubs?	click here	
PROGRAMME DELIVERY		EVIDENCE
Does the club have an operational delivery plan for U-12 to U-14 talent development	click here	
Does the club have an operational delivery plan for ETP 14+	click here	
Does the club have a Further Education partner and Category 3 Academy status	click here	
What interventions for strength and conditioning are you planning for reserve team players?	click here	
Is the (proposed) head coach of the reserve team fully qualified to UKCC Level 3 Coaching Rugby League?	click here	
Do the proposed match day facilities to be used by the reserves meet the minimum Academy standards?	click here	

PLAYER RECRUITMENT		EVIDENCE
Can you demonstrate how you will search for and recruit players that are not existing community club players	click here	
Do you have a dual registration agreement with a club in a higher league already in place for 2020?	click here	
Do you intend to use 'Reserve team dual registration'?	click here	
<p>In no more than 500 words, please provide a summary of this application stating how, by having a reserves, it is beneficial to your club and player progression and retention for the whole sport.</p>		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 118px;"></div>		

APPENDIX J- RFL Senior Manager Support

Director of Participation and Development

Hi Adam,

University Rugby League and the competitions that sit within BUCS form a key part of our Sport England contractual interventions.

As part of the Rugby Football League's reset and strategic plan for 2019 onwards there has been emphasis placed on the Higher Education setting and ensuring we have competition structures to support the following;

1. National League akin to BUCS Super Rugby
 - a. to raise the profile of Rugby League within Universities
 - b. potential to stream University games through Our League
 - c. to aid retention and progression of players within the professional game
 - d. to form partnerships between Super League clubs and Universities to raise standard
 - e. to drive a dual career pathway for talented athletes who are wanting to pursue a career alongside rugby league
2. Restructuring of the BUCS leagues to ensure that players have the opportunity to identify as Rugby League players
3. Consistent playing opportunities for those who want to commit to playing in a league (home and away format)
4. The introduction of a Women's offer within the Higher Education setting
 - a. This will be aligned to the 21,000 female players by 2021
 - b. Potential for progression to Women's Super League and England Women
 - c. Retention into the community club game

These are important milestones and objectives we need to achieve by 2021.

Regards



Marc Lovering

Director of Participation and Development

The Rugby Football League

07515 753884 | Marc.lovering@rfl.uk.com

Head of Coaching & Player Development

Hello Adam,

The reintroduction of reserves will mean that clubs will need to find some extra players for their squads.

Clubs that have first, reserve and academy teams can have 75 players on register. As an incentive, we have challenged them to find players from outside of community clubs; i.e. RU and universities. These players will be 'free' registrations.

Making partnerships with Unis is advantageous to the clubs; players getting opportunities in a pro environment, facilities, education opportunities/scholarships.

I will ask the HOYs about how they may see it working.

Attached is a criteria we will be shortly sending out to clubs outside SL to apply for entry into the reserves.

You can easily apply this to unis wanting to be part of the elite competition.

However, defining the environment is harder; it depends what the purpose of the new elite league is. Is it to be solely a competition or an environment that we are saying is part of our talent pathway to produce SL and championship players and that is how we define success?



Dave Rotheram

Chief of On Field (interim)

The Rugby Football League

07775022808 | dave.rotheram@rfl.uk.com

Our League member #139144

