



RECORD OF DOMESTIC MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING 15 JULY 2015

Present:	Kirsty Clarke	GBWR National Development Director
	Stuart McLindon	GBWR Youth Programme Manager
	Jo Arnold	GBWR Regional Development Officer (North & Midlands)
	Lee Stutely	GBWR Events & Competition Officer
	Luke White	GBWR Projects Officer
	Lorraine Brown	GBWR Performance Director
	Adam Simmons	West Country Hawks
	Caroline Brimacombe	West Country Hawks
	Tony Stackhouse	RGC
	Rebecca Daley	RGC
	Graeme Smith	North East Bulls
	Rob Tarr	MTWRC
	Vince Barton	Solent Sharks
	Brian Pitchford	Canterbury

Apologies:	Daniel Hook	GBWR Corporate & Membership Secretary
	Ospreys	
	LWRC	
	Woodbridge	
	Gloucester	
	Gaelic Warriors	

1. Previous minutes

1.1. The minutes were accepted.

2. Competition 15-16

2.1. Super Series schedule

2.1.1. Dates confirmed and advised that not all would be held at Fenton Manor.

2.1.2. New teams expected to join the league: Liverpool, Glasgow, Yorkshire and Stoke Mandeville.

2.1.3. Advised that new clubs would compete in 1 day competitions and that clubs were happy with this as they were not ready to compete or fund 3 full weekends.

2.2. Nationals schedule

2.2.1. Advised Nationals dates 23 – 24th April, pending further discussion before confirmed.

2.2.2. New formats for the Nationals were discussed, and it was noted that it is important to ensure the competition is not a repetition of SS D1, and the competition should maintain the 'special' experience factor of many teams present (especially important for new teams). Issues over 3 day / Bank Holiday competition were discussed. LS suggested a survey be distributed so that we may better understand what is wanted.

ACTION: Proposals to be made at the next DMG (LS)

2.3. Transfers from team to team within club

2.3.1. Issues with clubs transferring players between teams on the same club were discussed, where this can give an unfair tactical advantage.

2.3.2. It was noted that transfers are limited to 1 per player per season.

2.3.3. The benefits for developing players moving to a more advanced team were noted, and it was suggested that transfers within a club should only allow a player to move up.

2.3.4. It was suggested that the DMG should decide.

ACTION: Survey to be distributed (DH)



ACTION: E-mail to be sent at season start to identify any players looking to play for a team which is short of players (LS)

- 2.4. Classification
- 2.4.1. Clubs to advise of players needing classification asap at training / friendlies etc.
- 2.4.2. Look to have a classification panel of experienced classifiers rather than event classification panel made of club coaches.

ACTION: Rules to be updated (LS)

- 2.4.3. Avoid situations where players are brought to competitions but found to be ineligible.
- 2.4.4. Temporary classification cards should mostly be where a payer has misplaced / damaged their card.
- 2.5. Nationals eligibility
- 2.5.1. Discussion was held over whether domestic players must compete in a given number of SS weekends before the Nationals, as present rules only place this restriction on international players.
- 2.5.2. It was noted that this may be restrictive where a player suffers injury or a GB player plays overseas.
- 2.5.3. Also restrictive if a player joins the game during a season, however the restriction could be lifted for new players.

ACTION: Survey to be distributed (DH)

- 2.6. It was suggested that the Super Series should be the qualifier for Europa Cup entry, not the Nationals.

ACTION: Survey to be distributed (DH)

- 2.7. Kit colours (light / dark) to be included in game schedules.

ACTION: LS

- 2.8. Rule changes to be confirmed at next DMG meeting
- 2.8.1. Entry requirements: clubs must be on affiliation pathway and meet safeguarding requirements.

3. New staff / Youth

- 3.1. KC announced SM as Youth Programme Manager, and LW as Projects Officer, supporting Youth Programme and game variants.
- 3.2. Clarification was requested on the minimum age for youth players to participate in the league

ACTION: JA

4. AOB

- 4.1. It was discussed whether reps have time to discuss issues with club before responding to surveys.
- 4.2. NGB and club dates clashing
- 4.2.1. I was discussed that on occasion NGB plans clash with club schedules, and there should be arrangements to avoid this – a calendar system and guidance over how priority is established should clashes arise.
- 4.2.2. It was agreed that this would be helpful for GBWR too and the NGB is looking into online calendar options.
- 4.2.3. It was noted that Performance often gets dates confirmed very late and does work to avoid clashes with the domestic season and provide a camp / competition calendar.
- 4.2.4. The importance of dialogue between club coaches, GB Head Coach and GB players was noted.



- 4.2.5. It was discussed that GB players are contractually obliged to perform some duties, and it was questioned whether clubs could have input however it was clarified that the contract is provided by UK Sport.
- 4.2.6. It was highlighted that clubs will have 2 weeks access to players for league training before competition.
- 4.3. Coaching courses being developed with Level 2 in late Summer and 2 tutors trained for Autumn pilot.