

Honorary Secretary Report to Buckinghamshire RFU AGM 2025

CB Executive & County Club Meetings

Bucks RFU Executive has formally met 5 times this season (online) to ensure that it remains on top of all matters. The CB has continued to communicate directly with Club Chairs, holding 3 meetings this season, including one face to face meeting. We will continue to hold Chairs meetings in Sept (Face to Face), January and May each season. (AGM each July is an additional short meeting)

Tour / Festival / Camp Approvals

This season, once again, 10 different clubs applied for Tour approvals covering around 40 age group and senior tours. The Tour approval process we currently run for Age Group tours is to look at the documentation submitted on Safeguarding and to validate that a club officer has signed the Tour Approval form, acknowledging that they are satisfied with their club's tour arrangements. We have no capability to do any more than this.

The RFU do not appear to be making any progress on an 'online' Tour / Safeguarding approval process to replace the current manually intensive sign, scan, email, print process and we will look at adopting online processes used by a couple of other CBs

Revisions to Bucks RFU Rules

After a long drawn out process with Financial Control Authority Mutuals team we got our Revised Rules accepted. Heads up to Clubs – this can be a painful exercise!

RFU Governance and Representation Review (GRR)

As all clubs will be aware, this topic has taken up a good deal of time this season with many documents to review, webinars & meetings to attend, an SGM to prepare for and attend, responses to surveys, briefings to clubs etc. Matters will come to a head in the next few months following the completion of the GRR survey responses, drafting of a proposal to go to Council and subsequent voting.

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