



## High-level summary of CRB Minutes, 28 January 2026

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### KEY UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS

#### Chair Opening Remarks & Member Reports and Questions

**SRRA Constitution Review:** CRB confirmed support for the SRRA request to review the constitution, which would be reviewed by SCOG.

**SCOG review of the CRB:** sub-groups were established and meetings underway. A discussion paper would be produced for sharing with Foras for consultation before submission to the SRU Board.

**Schools & Youth Ticket Offers:** Members raised their concerns regarding the removal of ticket offers for Schools & Youths.

**Male Adult Rugby:** decline in male adult participation was discussed, with Rugby Development department noting the need to strategically look into investment.

#### Safeguarding

**Governance:** CRB roles and responsibilities for safeguarding were discussed, following recent training.

**Safeguarding Advisory Panel:** current panel to be disbanded and replaced with a new sub-committee reporting to CRB.

Priorities for 2026: several priority areas discussed including: improved data systems, mixed ability clubs and visibility and retention of Safeguarding Officers.

#### Rugby Development Budget

**Proposed areas of investment:** timeline for budget approval was discussed, noting proposed areas of increased investment.

#### Scottish Rugby Charity

The timeline for the establishment of the charity was discussed, including the targeting of donors.

#### Strategy

Updates and papers provided covering:

- Key Measures progress tracker
- State School Strategy
- W&G Strategy

**Standing Committee on Club Game Strategy:** the purpose of the Committee and expectations around it were noted, focussing on informing the next Rugby Development Strategy.



### **Rugby Development Reports**

**Regional Reports:** updates on Rugby Matters courses, staffing withing the Regional Pathway team and recent festivals were provided.

### **Competitions & Compliance**

Updates were provided on season progress and planning for next season, the upcoming Club XV fixture, and references template questions to provide club for feedback on fixture fulfilment. The Womens structure and Cup competition scheduling was discussed, noting the upcoming High Performance review into the Women and Girls space.

### **Championship Committee Review Committee**

Updates were provided by the Chair of the Committee, noting the need for clearer roles, responsibilities and communication within the committees and the need for clarification on CRB roles.

NCRs needing to be reviewed and simplified were discussed, with a pilot for greater engagement into NCR review agreed for the East Area.

Agreement of the terms of reference for each of the groups being reviewed with pilots in the East and Caledonia areas as the first step. The regional Competitions Committees would be reviewed at a later date due to the ongoing SCOG review and potential change in governance.

### **Match Official & Talent Pathway – Recommendations**

Reference to a recent Match Official Panel working group having recently met with the objective to improve support with resources to match officials and to ensure a pipeline of match officials to support the club and High Performance games. Members agreed to proceed with the proposed recommendations with more information at the April CRB Meeting.

### **SBDU National Sevens Strategy ToR**

Understanding the role of Sevens and it's impact on clubs was discussed. The timeline of the paper was discussed and Members approved the implementation of a short-life sub-group to inform the role of 7s.

### **People & Governance**

MO abuse was discussed, linked to pitchside behaviour.

Queensferry Rugby Club application to become an associate member club was agreed by Members.

### **President Update**

Updates included recent tour of the North and noting to Members of recognition of club members wo had passed away, or experiencing difficult times.

### **AOB**

Discussions included:



- TTD and the need for Members to promote this for U18 also.
- Upcoming Community Game Conference on 22 May.
- Number of successful age banding applications needing to be wider communicated.