



AGENDA

RFL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Location RL HQ, House of Sport,
Gate 13, Rowsley Street, Manchester, M11 3FF
(Parking in Blue Car Park, M11 2DU)

Date & Time Wednesday 29 March 2023,
1100hrs until 1500hrs

Dinner Tuesday 28 March
2023, 1900hrs until late
(Piccolino Caffè Grande
Manchester, M2 4DW) (Joint
with RL Commercial Board,
facilitated by SRI)

Present Simon Johnson, Tony Sutton, Robert Hicks,
Sandy Lindsay, Rimla Akhtar and Cherrie Daley.

Chair Simon Johnson

Ed Mallaburn (IMG)

Observers Alison O'Brien, Laura Fairbank, Prof Ben Jones,
Prof Chris Brookes & Rob Graham

In attendance

Item No	Agenda Item		Who	Timing
1.0		Apologies		
2.0		Declarations of Interest		
3.0		Minutes from the previous meeting and Action Tracker	Simon Johnson	
	3.1	<i>Draft Board Meeting minutes – 15 February 2023</i>		
	3.2	<i>Action Tracker from the meeting – 15 February 2023</i>		
4.0		Matters Arising from Minutes	All	

Items for Discussion/Decision

5.0		<p>Grading Criteria</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to:</p> <p>5.1 Consider and if thought appropriate confirm the recommendation from RL Commercial regarding the club grading model ("the Model");</p> <p>5.2 Consider and if thought appropriate confirm the RFL Board's view on the Resolution to be proposed at RFL Council on 19 April 2023; and</p> <p>5.3 Consider how the Board and Executive will engage with Clubs prior to the Council meeting on the Model;</p> <p>5.4 Discuss how Minimum Standards will interact with the Model.</p> <p><i>Paper and Presentation circulated in advance</i></p> <p>ITEM 5.1 & 5.2 FOR DECISION; ITEMS 5.3 & 5.4 FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Tony Sutton / Robert Hicks / Alison O'Brien	60 min
6.0		<p>Concussive & Sub-Concussive Impacts</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on the latest research data in rugby league and if thought appropriate approve the CAG recommendations regarding lowering tackle height, player load and the creation of a dedicated Board sub-committee to manage matters relating to head impacts within the sport.</p> <p><i>Paper and Presentation circulated in advance.</i></p> <p>FOR DECISION</p>	Laura Fairbank/ Prof Ben Jones/ Prof Chris Brookes	60 min
7.0		<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on the 2022 Management Accounts and Forecast Outturn to include the impact of RLWC 2021.</p> <p><i>Paper attached and Presentation on the day.</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Rob Graham	30 min
Governance and Operational				
8.0		<p>Governance and Operational</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to:</p> <p>8.1 Discuss the outcomes from the Board Evaluation; and</p> <p>8.2 Consider and if thought appropriate approve the Paper on compliance with Sport England's Governance Code for 2023</p> <p><i>Papers attached</i></p> <p>ITEM 8.1 FOR DISCUSSION; ITEM 8.2 FOR DECISION</p>	Robert Hicks	15 min

Interim Chief Executive Officer & Executive Reports

9.0		Chief Executive Officer's Report <i>Paper by Tony Sutton</i>		
10.0		Operations & Legal Report <i>Paper by Robert Hicks</i>		
11.0		Operational Plan & Insight Report <i>Paper by Alison O'Brien</i>		
12.0		Finance & Central Services Report <i>Paper by Robert Graham</i>		
13.0		Performance, Development & Match Officials Report <i>Paper by Dave Rotheram & Marc Lovering</i>		
14.0		People Report <i>Paper by Victoria Sinacola</i>		
		Other		
15.0		Litigation <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board with an update on existing or pending litigation.</p> <i>Paper by Richard Yates.</i>		
16.0		Rugby League World Cup & RL Commercial <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive the minutes of Rugby League World Cup 2021 Ltd and RL Commercial Board meetings within the period.</p> <i>None within the period</i>		
17.0		Board Sub-Committee Minutes <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive minutes and/or Chair reports from any Sub-Committee meetings or Club meetings held within the period.</p> <p><i>Nominations Committee – 15 February 2023</i> <i>Remuneration Committee – 15 February 2023</i> <i>Community Board 22 March – Chair Summary</i> <i>Clinical Advisory Group – 23 January 2023 minutes enclosed</i> <i>Clinical Advisory Group – 20 March 2023 minutes enclosed</i> <i>Inclusion Board – 2 March 2022</i></p>		

18.0		Risks The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Registers of any risks that arise from the meeting.		
19.0		Any Other Business		
20.0		Date of Next Meeting – 24 May 2023 (Dinner on 23 May)		