**Northumberland schools rugby meeting 4th June 2026**

Attendance

Rob Snow Kings Priory, Laurence Patton Gosforth High School, Pete Gault Gosforth Academy, Lee Hogarth NSB, Adam Hay Dame Allans, Andy Sutherland Bede academy, Dave Massie Longridge Towers, Gavin Beasley Newcastle Falcons, , Sophie Scotland Prudhoe, Cai Cooper The Blyth Academy Joel Conlon RGS,

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**Chairman's report**

Thank you all for your efforts with schools rugby this year.
Well done to the schools who have managed to get games played and to the various events.
Thank you to schools who managed to get the county cups sorted and finished
U18 – NSB beat KEVI
U16 Gosforth Beat Hexham
U15 – not finished, initial rounds played at coast and KEVI
U14 **had a festival on the 24th September 12 teams potentially there, not sure of results**
U13 – **the county cup competition was actually cancelled**
County 7s was very successful, thank you to Joel and Charlie for running the tournaments on the day.

There are still many challenges facing schools, one major one is transport as the cost is considerable and if a game gets cancelled they may still have to pay for the coach

**Schools rugby plan with falcons**

This was shared by Gavin Beasley last year, the plan was to get a rugby ball in as many pupils hands as possible. The falcons will run the programme with a small committee of Rob Snow, Gavin Beasley and another checking how it is going. That committee has morphed into a county committee with trustees on and numerous other people.

This plan is continuing for next year if agreed here, looking at the numbers we hope it is working, suggestions from teachers around the table to see if they have any ideas.
Some issues – coaches getting into school, transport, schools cancelling at last minute

**County cups**
**Tried a new format the group stages worked? Room thought that this worked better**
**Were any fixtures added to that after? Some fixtuers but thought better adding in another round robin format**
Will it stay the same for next year? **Yes** decided to keep format of group stages and then finals in end of march April
**Dates for group stages**
**School will be told where to go when entries have been submitted decided to keep it to 2 groups, City and west, coast and north**
**At u14 u16 u18 this will boys and girls competitions**
Year 9 23rd September
Year 8 26th September **this will be at Bede Academy for all schools** Andy Sutherland to organise
U18 2nd October possibly all together due to number of schools
Year 10 1st October
U16 8th October

**Suggestion for more CVL type evenings**
Starting with Yr10 10 a side at bede academy 12th November and 11th Feb 3pm start

Andy Sutherland suggested yr 8 as well, but Rob Snow said lets keep it to one at first and if it works book in another

RS will circulate an entry form and dates.

When this is done it will be circulated to the competition organisers

Organisers: U13 – Andy Sutherland; U14 – Pete Gault, U15 – Matt Short, U16 – Lee Hogarth & u18 Adam Hay

Girls festivals were organised by Lydia at Ponteland, u12 u14 and u16, Lydia will chat woth Gavin and organise more noext year dates to be confirmed.

U18 is developing with 3 teams entered into the 7s

Established Schools may enter the ERFSU National U15 & U18 Cup

County 7s
U13 – Thursday 19th March
U12 - 27th march
U18 – Wednesday 1st April
U14 - Monday 30th March
U15 - Tuesday 31st March, this is the entry into the national u16 7s
Rsn to book Cochrane park for as many as possible

**Discipline**
**RSN not had any thing form county this year about red cards, thank you**
**Please continue**

**DPP/county rugby**
There is no county rugby until u17.
DPP
There is no county rugby at u15/u16 just the DPP sessions.
Adam Hay mentioned this is going more regional and therefore more competitive
There is county rugby at U17 and U18

**Has Lee been invited to the Regional Development Pathway group? Not yet still waiting**

**Committee 2025-26 TBC**

Chair – Rob Snow

President – Chris Davy

Secretary – Joel Conlon

ERFSU Representative – Andy Watt

NRU Representative – Rob Snow

Regional Development Pathway Representative – Lee Hogarth

**AOB**

Dave Massie- communications seems to be poor as information mentioned has not been getting to him regarding compettitions

RSN will speak to Claire Sharpe in county office and see what is available t us

GMS mentioned and if you on it add your school,

Whatsapp group mentioned, there is one but didn't want to have one for each age group

Thank you for all who attended