RFU Council Representative Report

Date: 16th October 2025

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Matters since last report:

- **RWC25 Semi Final and Final** – huge congratulations to England's Red Roses for winning RWC25. I sent a message of support on behalf of Northumberland CB and Clubs prior to the final and also congratulated the team for their win.
- **World Rugby Meetings attended:**
  - 23/09 World Rugby Council Meeting
  - 24/09 General Assembly
  - 25/09 Women's Global Summit
  - 26/09 Women's Global Summit
- **Women and Girls Activity Days around Northumberland and Rugby Fest 4-6th October 2025**
  - Wallsend RFC Girls Rugby Fun Day
  - Continental Tyres x Love Rugby Festival at Kingston Park (around 150 Y7 girls attended together with Katy Daley McLean and Alex Matthews)
  - Northern FC – girls festival
  - Berwick RFC – several schools festivals undertaken at Club
  - Novo's RFC – girls festival
  - Whitley Bay Rockcliff RFC – Rugby Fest event
- **Turning Rugby World Cup Interest into Girls' Participation Webinar**
  This webinar held on 13th October – if anyone would like the slides/recording let me know.
- **Every Rose: Our Time**
  This RFU action plan was launched on 5th October 2025 and sets out the strategy and actions for growing the women and girls game up to 2030.
- **RFU Council Meeting – 3rd October 2025**
  See attached Post Meeting Briefing
- **Northumberland Club Visits**
  - Medicals
  - Gosforth
  - Blyth
  - Percy Park
- **Ongoing RFU workstreams:**
  - RFU NGB Governance and Representation Review Recommendations presented to RFU Council on 3rd October 2025 for discussion
  - Nominations Standing Committee – ongoing monthly meetings

Coming up:

1. **Northumberland Club Visits with President up to 31 Dec 25**
   North Shields, Northern, Morpeth, Wallsend and Alnwick
2. **Governance and Representation Review**
   Stage 2 of the Review commences 16 October 2025
3. **RFU Council Meeting – 23rd November 2025**
4. **RFU Competitions Engagement Workshops – 20th to 25th October 2025**
   Really need all clubs to attend please
5. **Attending and hosting dignitaries at Autumn Internationals**