



SPORT REVIEW UPDATE: CYCLES THREE AND FOUR

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Cycle Three concludes with three new events adopted into BUCS

As the implementation stage of Sport Review Cycle Three comes to an end, and after working extensively with the Sport Review Implementation Group and National Competitions Group, BUCS is pleased to announce that we will adopt three new event sports into the competition programme for the 2022-23 season.

Powerlifting

In tandem with [British Powerlifting](#), the main University Championships will be brought under the BUCS delivery umbrella for the coming season. You can watch a snippet of the 2022 British University Championships [here](#).

Commenting on the acceptance of powerlifting into the BUCS programme, British Powerlifting CEO Richard Parker stated *"We are delighted at this exciting development; British Powerlifting University Championships have been running for several years, with increased participation annually. The University Championships are a key growth area for British Powerlifting and its inclusion in the BUCS programme will provide a huge boost for the sport and give many more students the opportunity to compete in powerlifting."*

The 2022-23 BUCS Powerlifting Championships are provisionally booked to take place from Saturday 1 to Tuesday 4 April 2023 with all dates, timings and venues to be confirmed by the BUCS events team.

Flatwater Sprint Canoe

To add to the already successful canoe polo, wild water racing and canoe slalom disciplines within BUCS, the 2022-23 academic year will see the Flatwater Canoe Sprint event debut as BUCS works alongside [British Canoeing](#) to successfully bring the event to the sector.

Keir Worth, Director of Paddlesport for British Canoeing said; *"We are delighted that canoe sprint will be included in the BUCS programme in the next academic year. As part of our canoe sprint strategy, British Canoeing has committed to offering a greater range of quality competitive experiences to help inspire a love of the sport as well as development, opportunities and we believe this partnership with BUCS will help us to deliver that. Together with one of our Talent Club Partners, Norwich Canoe Club and the Sprint Racing Committee, we are looking forward to adding another high-quality regatta to the events programme next year."*

The 2022-23 BUCS Canoe Sprint Racing Championships are provisionally booked to take place from Saturday 18 to Sunday 19 March 2023 with all dates, timings and venues to be confirmed by the BUCS events team.

Touch Rugby

The 2022-23 season will also see the inclusion of the University National Touch series (Uni NTS) with five rounds of mixed touch rugby being made available for our athletes. The series being managed and facilitated by the England Touch Association.

England Touch CEO Chris Simon commented "We are hugely excited by the inclusion of touch rugby within the BUCS programme for 2022-23. It is recognition of the speed in which touch rugby has grown within universities across the country, and the benefits that a sport like ours can bring to the BUCS programme, such as full gender parity, a proactive diversity and inclusivity agenda, and low barriers to entry."

England Touch are also planning to hold a virtual pre-season briefing event in late September to provide further information on the series. In the meantime, if you wish to find out more, contact the ETA's university lead **Jack Harris**.

The 2022-23 BUCS Touch Rugby Regional Qualifying Series (North and South) are provisionally booked to take place from October to November 2022, and the BUCS Touch Rugby National Championships are provisionally booked for February to March 2023. All dates, timings and venues are to be confirmed by the BUCS events team.

Thank you's

The BUCS office would like to extend its sincere thank you to the Sport Review Implementation Group, National Competitions Group, all members, NGBs and stakeholders who engaged with the team during Cycle Three to ensure our processes were robust enough to allow for the inception of these three new events.

Talking of each sport, BUCS Head of Events Alice Robinson stated "Extending the opportunity to compete to new sports will no doubt be a gateway for participation for many students within higher education. We are looking forward to working closely with England Touch, British Powerlifting and British Canoeing on embedding the offers this year."

For more information, each proposal can be found **here** which details the original concept of each event.

Cycle Four begins with the creation of the new Sport Review Implementation Group

With the conclusion of Cycle Three and the departure of the previous Sport Review Implementation Group (SRIG), the BUCS office are also pleased to announce the recruitment for staff to drive Cycle Four and beyond forward has now been completed. Meeting for the first time on Thursday 25 August, the group will now focus their attention on the current landscape of our sporting offers within BUCS, how we review those offers and ultimately support all stakeholders engaged in our delivery to ensure we both maintain and improve the student experience.

The new group is noted below with more information to be released around Cycle Four, all associated timelines and how to interact with the process when the season begins.

Name	University	Job Title	Role
Adrian Ibbetson	University of Central Lancashire	Director of Sport	Group Member
Ali Cutler	University of Chester	Sport Development Co-ordinator	Group Member
Andrew Miller	University of Manchester	Business Operations Manager	Group Member
Chris Campbell	Nottingham Trent University	Head of Performance Sport	Group Member
Dan Tilley	University of Nottingham	Director of Sport	Group Member
Ed Nicholas	Independent Chair	Independent Chair	Chair
Fraser Kennedy	Newcastle University	Performance Sport Manager	BUCS National Competitions Group Chair
Joel Adebajo	Robert Gordon University	President Sport and Physical Activities	Group Member
Madeleine Cannell	Sheffield Hallam University	Club Sport Co-ordinator	Group Member
Samantha Walsh	Loughborough University	Performance Programme Manager	Group Member
Tom Drewett	University of Birmingham	Head of Rugby and Coach Lead	Group Member

Andy Gilvary	BUCS	Head of Competitions and Performance	BUCS Staff
Tonye Dukobo	BUCS	BUCS American Football Co-ordinator	BUCS Staff

If you have any questions regarding Sport Review, please contact BUCS Head of Competitions and Performance **[Andy Gilvary](#)**.



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