AGENDA

RFL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Location	Boardroom, RL HQ, House of Sport, Gate 13, Rowsley Street, Manchester, M11 3FF	**Date & Time**	17 August 2026, 10:30hrs until 13:30hrs

Present	Nigel Wood OBE, Dermot Power, Lord Jonathan Caine, Sara Symington, Emma Rosewarne MBE, Martin Coyd OBE & Rhodri Jones	**Chair**	Nigel Wood OBE
Observers	Jo Drapier & Ed Mallaburn		
In attendance	Robert Hicks (agenda items 5.0 & 8.0), Alison O'Brien (meeting secretary)		
Apologies in advance			

Item No		Agenda Item	Who	Timing
1.0		**Welcome & Apologies**	NJW	
2.0		**Declarations of Interest**	NJW	
3.0		**Minutes from the previous meeting and Action Tracker**		
	3.1	Draft Board Meeting minutes and summarised minutes – 21 July 2026	NJW	15 mins
	3.2	Action Tracker – August 2026		
		Copies of documents attached.		
4.0		**Matters Arising from Minutes**	All	
Items for Discussion/Decision				
5.0		**Club & Competition Matters**		
		The purpose of this agenda item is to;		
	5.1	receive a presentation from Huddersfield Giants relating to home ground plans for the 2027 season and beyond.	Club Representatives	
	5.2	receive an update on matters relating to Featherstone Rovers.	RJ/RG/RH	
	5.3	receive an update on the financial position and operations of certain clubs.	RJ/RG/RH	90 mins

	5.4	receive an update on proposed Championship structure for the 2027 season. *Papers in advance and discussion on the day.* **FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION**	RH	
6.0		**Recapitalisation & Broadcast Update** The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on progress since the last Board meeting. *Discussion on the day.* **FOR DISCUSSION**	RJ	15 mins
7.0		**Big Offer** The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on progress since the last Board meeting and to invite further Board input. *Update provided on the day.* **FOR DISCUSSION**	RJ	15 mins
8.0		**Laws & Innovation** The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on the Executive's work relating to possible on and off-field innovation to focus on improving the marketing appeal of Rugby League and to find ways to reduce stoppages. This will include an update on medical and welfare matters and potential amendments to regulation, research projects and laws that balances the costs clubs incur with player safety. *Paper in advance and discussion on the day.* **FOR DISCUSSION**	RH	30 mins
		Additional Reports		
9.0	9.1 9.2 9.3 9.4 9.5	2026 Management Accounts Rugby League Cares Agreements Governance Update Community Game Strategic Advisory Group (CSAG) Terms of Reference (FOR APPROVAL) Microsoft Office Guide – RFL Board Email Use	RG RJ AO AO AO	
		Other		
10.0		**Board Sub-Committee Minutes** 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.		

		Audit & Risk Committee – No meetings *Remuneration Committee – No meetings* *Nominations Committee – No meetings* *Brain Health Committee – No meetings* *Community Game strategic Advisory Group – 8 July 2026*		
11.0		**Risks** The purpose of this agenda item is to update the risk registers for any risks that arise from the meeting. *Risk register paper attached.*		
12.0		**Any Other Business**		
13.0		**Date of Next Meeting – Monday 21st September 2026**		