

Executive Summary

Sport Development Committee

Date of Meeting: 26 May 2026

1. The Head of Development gave an update on the Safeguarding Audit. Further member communications are planned to aid awareness.
2. Mid-season rule eligibility communications to be sent to members highlighting the correct use of spurs and the opportunity for pre-class steward tack checks.
3. The Steward Working Party has reviewed current rates of pay for stewards, with a recommendation being proposed to the Board at the next meeting in June. The introduction of Marshals at competitions is currently being trialled, with 10 venues taking part in the pilot scheme.
4. The Head of Development gave an overview of the new qualification framework for Coaches, which is planned for launch on 1 June 2026.
5. The Test Committee has reviewed the current provision of long arena tests, with further test development underway.
6. The Head of Sport presented a proposal to introduce several new Training opportunities with a focus on inclusion and increased participation at all levels, whilst attracting new members to the sport.
7. Rule changes for 2027 were discussed including an invitational Big Tour competition, broken tack and equipment, and permissible colour of hats.

Date of next meeting: 28 September 2026