



Member Update

Dear Member,

I'm writing with an important update on the club's future—and to recognise what has been a remarkable season across Oundle RFC. In the senior section, our newly formed Women's 1st XV and our Men's 2nd XV have both won their respective league titles, unbeaten all season. Our Men's 1st XV having reached the play-off final in its first season in the National Leagues after a win over Tynedale RFC in the semi-final, away.

With this on-field success comes the responsibility to ensure we can operate effectively at the highest level, while remaining a sustainable, thriving community club for everyone—from our U6s upwards. Behind the scenes, we are reshaping our operating model so we can support elite performance in the National Leagues without losing sight of what makes our club special. Our Academy planning is already paying dividends, raising junior playing standards and strengthening a clear pathway for every player to reach their potential.

As part of this work, the committee has been reviewing governance to ensure that no individual is placed in a compromised position as we consider a potential new structure. Aly Kachra has stepped down as Chairman. The committee has appointed me as Interim Chair until the next AGM to lead the club through this period and represent the membership as we explore a possible change to our constitution. Graham Snelling will serve as President until the September meeting. The committee is working hard to bring forward options that ensure we are fit for purpose at both amateur and elite levels—while protecting our identity, culture and legacy for every current and future player.

We will shortly confirm the date of a Special General Meeting, where we will present our recommended proposal to the membership. This is a significant moment for the club, and your engagement will be vital to ensuring our success on and off the field is supported, recognised and sustained.

If you have questions in the meantime, please do speak to me. We are currently working through the legal, governance and financial implications, so there may be areas I can't comment on in detail until that work is complete—but I will share more as soon as we are able.

Regards,

Pete

Yours in Rugby