



Cheshire Rugby Football Union

(EST. 1875)

Cheshire RFU Area Committee Chair – Role Description

Purpose of the Role

To lead and represent rugby clubs and schools within a designated area of Cheshire RFU, promoting and growing the game through Support, Administration, and Encouragement ensuring Sustainability, Enjoyment, and Success. The Chair will provide strategic leadership, foster collaboration, and ensure effective governance and communication between the area and the wider Cheshire RFU.

Key Responsibilities

1. Leadership and Vision

- Provide clear leadership and direction to the Area Committee.
- Champion the values and strategic goals of Cheshire RFU at the local level.
- Inspire and support clubs and schools to grow participation and improve standards.

2. Governance and Planning

- Chair Area Committee meetings, ensuring inclusive and productive discussions.
- Oversee the development and implementation of area-level development plans aligned with Cheshire RFU's strategic objectives.
- Ensure compliance with RFU policies, safeguarding, health and safety, and welfare standards.

3. Communication and Representation

- Act as the primary liaison between the Area Committee and Cheshire RFU's Executive Committee.
- Represent the area at Cheshire RFU meetings and events, and ensure local voices are heard.
- Promote transparency and effective communication across all clubs and schools in the area.

4. Club and School Support

- Encourage collaboration and knowledge-sharing between clubs and schools.
- Support initiatives that enhance player, coach, referee, and volunteer development.
- Facilitate access to RFU and Cheshire RFU resources, funding, and training.

5. Succession and Sustainability

- Identify and mentor future leaders within the area to ensure long-term sustainability.
- Promote diversity and inclusion in all aspects of rugby governance and participation.
- Encourage volunteer engagement and recognition.



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Is This Role for You?

You could be an ideal Area Committee Chair if you:

- Are a charismatic and inspiring leader with a passion for community rugby.
- Have experience in strategic planning, governance, or business administration.
- Possess strong communication, diplomacy, and interpersonal skills.
- Are committed to collaboration, inclusivity, and continuous improvement.
- Can dedicate time to attend meetings, engage with stakeholders, and drive initiatives.

Essential and Desirable Person Specifications

Essential

- Proven experience in leadership roles.
- Strong understanding of rugby governance and administration.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to inspire and motivate others.
- Strategic thinking and planning abilities.
- Commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion.

Desirable

- Previous experience in a similar role within a sports organization.
- Knowledge of RFU policies and procedures.
- Experience in fundraising and resource management.
- Familiarity with the local rugby community.
- Ability to manage conflicts and mediate discussions.

How to Apply

Please submit your CV and cover letter outlining your relevant experience and motivation for the role to: johndownham57@sky.com