RUGBY LEAGUE EUROPEAN FEDERATION ANNUAL REPORT 2018





EUROPE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

2018 will remain inscribed in golden letters in the history of RLEF. In 2018, the largest number of official matches were played in the official RLEF competitions since the founding of the RLEF, 27 full 13-side matches were played in four official RLEF competitions, Rugby League European Championships A, B, C and Rugby League U19 European Championship, of which 15 were in the senior competitions European Championship A (6 matches), European Championship B (3 matches), European Championship C (6 matches) and 12 matches in the Rugby League U19 European Championship.



After successful consultations with nations throughout 2017, RLEF returned the official competition for under-19s players after 12 years, the last one under-19s competition was played in 2006 in. This was a great success of RLEF and enabled further development of younger players, which was one of the priorities of RLEF development strategy.

In terms of members, Albania (ARL) has become a new nation to join the RLEF family, an observer member of RLEF, while Turkey (TRLA) and Greece (GRLA) were promoted to affiliated members.

After three successful years of work on the Erasmus plus program entitled the 'Training and Education Portal' (TEP) and implemented via six clusters, the program was successfully completed and achieved excellent results and strengthened the human resources of the RLEF member nations in the field of coaches and match officials.

Jovan Vujosevic

Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe

John Coppudel

MEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

After Lebanon's successful world cup campaign in 2017, which saw them automatically qualify for England 2021, a governance dispute marred much of 2018. While the collegiate and schools competitions ran as normal, the five-team club championship was suspended and later awarded to Tripoli RLFC as the only club in compliance with the sports ministry willing to continue the champion ship.



Ghana restarted activity with the appointment of UK based development officer Sam Leach, whose sixmonth presence helped revitalise the young Rugby League community.

Further positive developments took place in Nigeria with the new Nigeria Rugby League Association taking over from its dormant predecessor.

There was also a change of guard within the Federation Marocaine de Rugby League with Yamina Abdeselem elected president, and with a manifesto to obtain government recognition and strengthen the clubs.

Cameroon welcomed a level 1 match official and coaching course led by Regional Director Remond Safi which prompted the local championship and its completion.

Remond Safi

MEA Regional Director

AMERICAS REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The Americas Region has maintained a steady level of activity amongst its active members, USA, Canada and Jamaica in 2018. Trinidad and Tobago continue to be inactive.

Domestic 13-a-side Championships in the member nations continue to be the highlight of growth and rugby league culture. In 2018, Canada recorded 22 games, USA 42 games and Jamaica 164 games.



The highlight of the international season during the period was the staging of the 2018 RLWC Qualifiers in Jacksonville which also doubled as the annual Americas Championship. Chile made its debut in the tournament and became the first South American country to play games against its Northern neighbors. Jamaica emerged victors of the tournament and qualified for its first RLWC with wins over Canada in the semi-finals and the USA in the Finals.

Throughout the region limited Coach and Match Official education activities were executed by the respective governing bodies.

Romeo Monteith

Americas Regional Director

MEMBER ACTIVITY EUROPE

SENIOR [community | military | professional | student | wheelchair | women]

	TEAMS 2017	TEAMS 2018	MATCHES 2017	MATCHES 2018
CZECH REPUBLIC	11	12	21	30
ENGLAND	440	100+	3116	100+
FRANCE	81	100+	752	100+
GERMANY	4	4	6	6
GREECE	4	7	13	21
IRELAND	12	8	37	22
ITALY	8	7	6	14
MALTA	0	2	0	0
NETHERLANDS	4	4	12	17
NORWAY	12	11	21	14
RUSSIA	14	2	13	2
SCOTLAND	6	7	8	17
SERBIA	15	14	57	64
SPAIN	8	5	27	10
TURKEY	8	14	13	14
UKRAINE	14	14	32	37
WALES	25	30	*	100+

^{*} Wales recorded 256 club + 150 school games without specifying the Sr/Jr split of the 256 games.

YOUTH [clubs | schools]

	TEAMS 2017	TEAMS 2018	MATCHES 2017	MATCHES 2018
CZECH REPUBLIC	7	6	12	15
ENGLAND	1280	100+	3616	100+
FRANCE	259	100+	4025	100+
GERMANY	0	0	0	0
GREECE	0	0	0	0
IRELAND	6	1	5	4
ITALY	3	3	0	0
MALTA	0	0	0	0
NETHERLANDS	2	2	0	0
NORWAY	1	1	0	2
RUSSIA	0	0	0	0
SCOTLAND	1	0	0	0
SERBIA	8	7	17	13
SPAIN	2	2	4	2
TURKEY	0	0	0	0
UKRAINE	31	24	26	24
WALES	86	87	*	100+

^{*} Wales recorded 256 club + 150 school games without specifying the Sr/Jr split of the 256 games.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES [national | regional | women | wheelchair | student]

	YOUTH 2017	YOUTH 2018	SENIOR 2017	SENIOR 2018
CZECH REPUBLIC	5	0	5	3
ENGLAND	28	N/A	28	N/A
FRANCE	2	5	2	7
GERMANY	0	0	2	3
GREECE	0	0	2	6
IRELAND	9	3	9	9
ITALY	6	6	6	4
MALTA	1	0	1	8
NETHERLANDS	0	0	2	2
NORWAY	3	0	3	4
RUSSIA	3	0	3	2
SCOTLAND	16	5	16	8
SERBIA	10	7	10	7
SPAIN	5	0	5	4
TURKEY	0	1	0	4
UKRAINE	2	4	2	2
WALES	15	6	15	11

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS [coaches | match officials | players]

CZECH REPUBLIC 195 146 ENGLAND 39,992 43,201 FRANCE 12,822 7,220		2017	2018	Notes
FRANCE 12,822 7,220	CZECH REPUBLIC	195	146	
	ENGLAND	39,992	43,201	
	FRANCE	12,822	7,220	
GERMANY 86 96	GERMANY	86	96	
GREECE 126 124	GREECE	126	124	
IRELAND 550 369	IRELAND	550	369	
ITALY 459 255	ITALY	459	255	
MALTA 352 564 Large majority of players registered in Australia	MALTA	352	564	Large majority of players registered in Australia
NETHERLANDS 124 133	NETHERLANDS	124	133	
NORWAY 493 332	NORWAY	493	332	
RUSSIA N/A N/A ARLK did not keep a register, in breach of RLIF regulations	RUSSIA	N/A	N/A	ARLK did not keep a register, in breach of RLIF regulations
SCOTLAND 335 236	SCOTLAND	335	236	
SERBIA 542 679	SERBIA	542	679	
SPAIN 260 309	SPAIN	260	309	
TURKEY 99 394	TURKEY	99	394	
UKRAINE 713 774	UKRAINE	713	774	
WALES 1585 146	WALES	1585	146	

MEMBER ACTIVITY MIDDLE EAST AFRICA

SENIOR [community | military | professional | student | wheelchair | women]

	TEAMS 2017	TEAMS 2018	MATCHES 2017	MATCHES 2018
BURUNDI	12	14	24	4
CAMEROON	3	4	-	12
DR CONGO	-	-	-	-
ETHIOPIA ¹	-	-	-	-
GHANA ¹	-	4	-	8
LEBANON	18	15	76	53
MOROCCO	-	6	-	-
NIGERIA ¹	-	-	-	-
PALESTINE	-	2	-	-
SAUDI ARABIA ¹	-	-	-	-
SIERRA LEONE ¹	-	-	-	-

^{1.} No activity

YOUTH [clubs | schools]

	TEAMS 2017	TEAMS 2018	MATCHES 2017	MATCHES 2018
BURUNDI	-	-	-	-
CAMEROON	-	4	-	12
DR CONGO	-	-	-	•
ETHIOPIA ¹	-	-	-	-
GHANA ¹	-	-	-	•
LEBANON	6	6	14	14
MOROCCO	-	-	-	· •
NIGERIA	-	-	-	-
PALESTINE	-	1	-	-
SAUDI ARABIA¹	-	-	-	-
SIERRA LEONE ¹	-	•	-	-

^{1.} No activity

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES [national | regional | women | wheelchair | student]

	YOUTH 2017	YOUTH 2018	SENIOR 2017	SENIOR 2018
BURUNDI ¹	•	-	1	1
CAMEROON	-	-	-	-
DR CONGO ¹	-	-	-	1
ETHIOPIA	-	-	-	-
GHANA	-	-	-	-
LEBANON ²	4	-	10	-
LIBYA	-	-	-	-
MOROCCO	-	-	-	-
NIGERIA	-	-	-	•
PALESTINE	-	-	-	-
SAUDI ARABIA	-	-	-	-
SIERRA LEONE	-	-	-	-

Unsanctioned match

^{2.} No international activity player boycott 2018

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS [coaches | match officials | players]

	2017	2018	Notes
BURUNDI	1650	784	
CAMEROON	80	80	
DR CONGO	96	96	
ETHIOPIA ¹	-	-	
GHANA	180	80	
LEBANON	984	850	264 registered in Australia
MOROCCO	-	360	
NIGERIA	-	-	
PALESTINE	90	90	
SAUDI ARABIA¹	-	-	
SIERRA LEONE ¹	-	-	

^{1.} No activity

MEMBERSHIP AT 31/12/2018

Full























Affiliate





















New members

Observer

Albania Rugby League, Belgian Rugby League Association, Bosnia and Herzegovina Rugby League Association, Bulgarian Rugby League Federation, Burundi Rugby League, Cameroon Rugby League XIII, Dansk Rugby League Forbund, DR Congo Rugby League Association, Ethiopia Rugby League, Rugby League Federation of Ghana, Hungarian Rugby League Federation, Latvia Rugby League, Libya Rugby League Association, Fédération Marocaine de Rugby League, Nigerian Rugby League, Palestine Rugby League, Polska Rugby XIII, Sierra Leone Rugby League Federation, Svenska Rugby League Förening.

Demoted member

AFFILIATED COMPETITIONS

AMERICAS RUGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP



	VV	L	D	PF	PA	+/-	PIS
JAMAICA	2	0	0	54	18	36	4
USA	1	1	0	72	16	56	2
CANADA	1	1	0	70	50	20	2
CHILE	0	2	0	124	12	-112	0

RESULTS		
13 NOV 2018	CAN 8-38 JAM	Jacksonville
13 NOV 2018	USA 62-0 CHL	Jacksonville
17 NOV 2018	CAN 62-12 CHL	Jacksonville
17 NOV 2018	USA 10-16 JAM	Jacksonville





EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP



	W	L	D	PF	PA	+/-	Pts
FRANCE	3	0	0	106	38	68	6
WALES	2	1	0	108	74	34	4
IRELAND	1	2	0	54	74	-20	2
SCOTLAND	0	3	0	124	12	-112	0

RESULTS		
27 OCT 2018	IRL 36-10 SCO	Santry
27 OCT 2018	FRA 54-18 WLS	Carcassonne
02 NOV 2018	SCO 12-50 WLS	Galashiels
03 NOV 2018	IRL 10-24 FRA	Santry
10 NOV 2018	FRA 28-10 SCO	Carcassonne
11 NOV 2018	WLS 40-8 IRL	Wrexham





EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP B



	W	L	D	PF	PA	+/-	Pts
RUSSIA	1	1	0	60	50	10	2
SPAIN	1	1	0	52	48	4	2
SERBIA	1	1	0	42	56	-14	2
RESULTS							
06 OCT 2018	ES	SP 32	-24 RI	24 RUS Valencia			
13 OCT 2018	RU	RUS 36-18 SRB		N	loscow		
20 OCT 2018	SF	SRB 24-20 ESP		Galashiels			





EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP C



GROUP NORTH	W	L	D	PF	PA	+/-	Pts
NORWAY	1	1	0	52	42	10	2
GERMANY	1	1	0	46	44	2	2
CZECH REPUBLIC	1	1	0	24	36	-12	2

RESULTS		
16 JUN 2018	CZE 20-12 NOR	Vrchlabi
25 AUG 2018	DEU 24-4 CZE	Osnabrück
12 SEP 2018	NOR 40-22 DEU	Porsgrunn



GROUP SOUTH	W	L	D	PF	PA	+/-	Pts
GREECE	2	0	0	88	30	58	4
UKRAINE	1	1	0	60	50	10	2
MALTA	0	2	0	26	94	-68	0

RESULTS		
30 JUN 2018	MLT 22-34 UKR	Marsa
08 SEP 2018	UKR 26-28 GRC	Kharkov
15 SEP 2018	GRC 60-4 MLT	Athens





WHEELCHAIR RUGBY LEAGUE CELTIC CUP



	W	L	D	PF	PA	+/-	Pts
WALES	2	0	0	196	71	125	4
IRELAND	1	1	0	98	120	-22	2
SCOTLAND	0	2	0	77	180	103	0

RESULTS		
28 APR 2018	IRL 68-36 SCO	Deeside
28 APR 2018	WLS 112-41 SCO	Deeside
28 APR 2018	WLS 84-30 IRL	Deeside





U19 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

	W	L	D	PF	PA	+/-
FRANCE	3	0	0	134	30	104
ENGLAND	2	1	0	136	30	106
WALES	2	1	0	136	66	70
SCOTLAND	1	2	0	54	74	-20
SERBIA	2	1	0	90	114	-24
IRELAND	1	2	0	68	74	-6
ITALY	1	1	0	68	102	-34
UKRAINE	0	3	0	32	202	-170



RESULTS		
05 AUG 2018	SRB 0-64 ENG	Belgrade
05 AUG 2018	IRL 18-30 SCO	Belgrade
05 AUG 2018	UKR 0-90 WLS	Belgrade
05 AUG 2018	FRA 70-0 ITA	Belgrade
08 AUG 2018	SRB 54-26 UKR	Belgrade
08 AUG 2018	WLS 4-48 ENG	Belgrade
08 AUG 2018	IRL 26-10 ITA	Belgrade
08 AUG 2018	FRA 38-6 SCO	Belgrade
11 AUG 2018	ITA 58-6 UKR	Belgrade
11 AUG 2018	SRB 36-24 IRL	Belgrade
11 AUG 2018	SCO 18-42 WLS	Belgrade
11 AUG 2018	FRA 26-24 ENG	Belgrade





OTHER INTERNATIONALS

Below is a list of all internationals with at least one RLEF Member national team participating.

SENIOR INTERNATIONALS

DATE	FIXTURE	CATEGORY	VENUE
18 FEB	Malta 40-0 HUNGARY	MEN	St Marys
18 FEB	PACA 12-4 ITALY	WOMEN	Sydney
24 JUN	SOUTH AFRICA 30-24 MALTA	MEN	St Marys
30 JUN	HUNGARY 0-70 IRELAND	MEN	Budapest
08 JUL	TURKEY 4-26 SERBIA	MEN	Istanbul
14 JUL	CZECH REPUBLIC 64-10 HUNGARY	MEN	Chrudim
15 JUL	ITALY 0-70 ENGLAND LIONHERATS	MEN	Catania
18 JUL	ITALY 0-76 ENGLAND LIONHERATS	MEN	Catania
01 SEP	NORWAY 76-0 POLAND	MEN	Stavanger
01 SEP	NETHERLANDS 38-22 GERMANY	MEN	Rotterdam
08 SEP	TURKEY 4-50 GREAT BRITIAN PIONEERS	MEN	Istanbul
22 SEP	SWEDEN 4-24 NETHERLANDS	MEN	Gothenburg
07 OCT	SERBIA 2-54 FRANCE	MEN	Belgrade
13 OCT	SWEDEN 6-46 NORWAY	MEN	Sweden
17 OCT	ENGLAND 44-6 FRANCE	MEN	Leigh
27 OCT	ENGLAND 18-16 NEW ZEALAND	MEN	Hull
4 NOV	ENGLAND 20-14 NEW ZEALAND	MEN	Liverpool
11 NOV	ENGLAND 0-34 NEW ZEALAND	MEN	Leeds

YOUTH INTERNATIONALS

DATE	FIXTURE	CATEGORY	VENUE
18 FEB	PACA 20-6 ITALY	U19	Sydney
31 MAR	BULGARIA 20-26 SERBIA	U19	Sofia
13 MAY	ITALY 36-20 SERBIA	U19	Fogliano
09 MAY	ITALY 50-0 UKRAINE	U19	Fogliano
10 JUL	FRANCE 24-20 ENGLAND	U16	Port Barcares
13 JUL	FRANCE 25-16 ENGLAND	U16	Port Barcares
29 JUL	SERBIA 20-30 ENGLAND	U19	Belgrade
29 SEP	SCOTLAND 6-44 ENGLAND COMMUNITY LIONS	U19	Edinburgh
12 OCT	ENGLAND COMMUNITY LIONS 44-6 WALES	U19	Manchester

STUDENT INTERNATIONALS

DATE	FIXTURE	CATEGORY	VENUE
19 MAY	ENGLAND 42-4 NEW ZEALAND	MEN	Featherstone
26 MAY	ENGLAND 10-26 NEW ZEALAND	MEN	Newcastle
17 JUL	ENGLAND 58-18 SCOTLAND	MEN	Pontypridd
17 JUL	WALES 48-10 IRELAND	MEN	Pontypridd
19 JUL	WALES 16-23 SCOTLAND	MEN	Pontypridd
19 JUL	IRELAND 0-80 ENGLAND	MEN	Pontypridd
22 JUL	WALES 8-36 ENGLAND	MEN	Pontypridd
22 JUL	SCOTLAND 44-12 IRELAND	MEN	Pontypridd

FINANCE

Statement of Financial Position As at 31 December 2018

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	4	109,596 236,088 345,684	15,471 51,868 67,339
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	133,709	27,893
Net current assets		211,975	39,446
Net assets		211,975	39,446
Reserves			
Income and Expenditure account		211,975	39,446

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to Companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A – small entities.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of directors on 30th September 2019 and were signed in its behalf by:

C Kleyweg Director

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THE BOARD

MAURICE WATKINS CBE

Maurice became RLEF chairman in August 2012 when serving as the interim chair of the RFL. He is Senior Partner in a prominent law firm and a former Director of Manchester United. Maurice is on the board of the Lancashire County Cricket Club and is currently chair of British Swimming and Barnsley Football Club. He is President of the British Association for Sport and Law.

MARC PALANQUES

Elected president of FFRXIII in July 2016, Marc joined the RLEF in September. A former captain of France and ranked in the world's top 10 players in 1986, he won four cups and three championships. Outside his rugby career, Marc founded sports equipment company Kingsport, was responsible for trade negotiations with INTERSPORT France, and sold his company in 2014 allowing him to return to a leadership role in rugby league.

CHAIRMAN



VICE CHAIRMAN



SALLY BOLTON OBE

Currently the Head of Corporate Affairs at the All England Lawn Tennis Club, Sally is the former Managing Director of World Athletics Championships 2017 and led the team that delivered the Rugby League World Cup 2013. Sally has extensive experience in event management and rugby league, holding several roles within the RFL, as well as being the former Chief Executive at Wigan RLFC.

INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR



PAUL NICHOLSON

Paul Nicholson is a sports media specialist who has worked with a number of governing bodies and federations. He is currently the CEO of Insideworldfootball magazine. He worked with London Broncos in the early days of their set up and coached a development group in the community. Paul is a former international water polo player for Wales.

INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR



BLAGOJE STOILJKOVIC

Currently the Serbian Rugby League Federation Vice President. He has been involved in rugby league in Serbia from 2003, and has served as Acting President, Board Member, and Director of the Technical Staff. A career engineer, Blagoje has been responsible for project managing several SRLF initiatives, including the 2016 tour to Australia, many schools projects, and has represented Serbia internationally since 2004.

MEMBER-ELECTED DIRECTOR



GRAEME THOMPSON

The RFL's former Performance Director and England team manager during the 2008 Rugby League World Cup, Graeme, a former Scotland rugby league international, was elected to the RLEF Board in 2010. He is currently the Performance Director for GB Curling, having also served as the performance director for GB water polo. Graeme is the second RLEF representative on the RLIF Board.

MEMBER-ELECTED DIRECTOR



APPENDIX 1: RLEF ORGANISATION

COUNCIL: 21 MEMBERS

Board (6 Directors): 1 FFRXIII, 1 RFL 2 member-elected, 2 independent

General Manager

3 Regional Directors:

Caribbean | Centarl and Eastern Europe | MEA

Media:

Media Manager

Technical:

Coach Manager | MO Manager

AMERICAS

JAMAICA

EUROPE

ENGLAND, FRANCE, IRELAND, ITALY, RUSSIA, SCOTLAND, SERBIA, UKRAINE, WALES

MIDDLE EAST AFRICA LEBANON

CANADA, USA

CZECH REPUBLIC, GERMANY, GREECE, MALATA, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SPAIN, TURKEY

ALBANIA, BELGIUM, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, BULGARIA, DENMARK, HUNGARY, LATIVA, POLAND, SWEDEN

TRINIDAD &TOBAGO

BURUNDI, CAMEROON,DR CONGO, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, LIBYA, MOROCCO, NIGERIA, PALESTINE, SIERRA LEONE

KEY:

Full Members

Affiliate Members

Observers

Staff

APPENDIX 2: DOMESTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEMBER	LEVEL	Sr. LEAGUE [teams] CHAMPIONS	2 ND DIVISION* [teams]	Jr. LEAGUE [teams]
ENGLAND 2018	FULL	Betfred Super League XXIII [12] Wigan Warriors	Betfred Ch. [12] Betfred Lg. 1 [14] Multiple amateur comps	Multiple
FRANCE 2017-18	FULL	Elite 1 [10] SO Avignon	Elite 2 [11]	Multiple
IRELAND 2018	FULL	Rep. of Ireland League [5] Ulster League [3] Longhorns RL	-	-
1TALY 2018	FULL	Serie A [6] Not assigned because Sicily team had no finances to travel to final	-	-
JAMAICA 2017-18	FULL	Championship [6] Duhaney Park Red Sharks	Division 2 [8] Intercol [6]	U19 [9] U16 [11] U14 [8]
LEBANON 2017-18	FULL	Championship [6] Tripoli RLFC	College Division 1 [4] College Division 2 [5]	U18 [4] U16 [4] U14 [4]
RUSSIA 2018	FULL	No domestic competition	-	-
SCOTLAND 2018	FULL	National League [2] Edinburgh Eagles	Development games [2]	-
SERBIA 2018	FULL	Championship [6] RLC Red Star Belgrade	-	U18 [4]
UKRAINE 2018	FULL	Championship [5] Legion XIII-Giants	-	U19 [4] U16 [4] U14 [4]
WALES 2018	FULL	South Wales Con' & Merit League [7] Valley Cougars Various RFL leagues [6]	North Wales Conf. [3] BUCS Student comps [7]	Multiple
CANADA 2018	AFFILIATE	British Columbia [4] Alberta [2] Ontario [3]	-	
CZECH R.	AFFILIATE	First Division [4]	Second Division [6]	U18 [4]

2018		Slavia Hradec Kralove	Rugby league 9s	
GERMANY	AFFILIATE	Bundes League [4]	-	-
2018		Moorteufel		
GREECE	AFFILIATE	National Championship [4]	-	-
2017-2018		Rhodes Knights		
MALTA	AFFILIATE	Men's First Division [2]	-	-
2018		MRL Origin		
NETHERLANDS	AFFILIATE	NRLB Championships [4]	-	-
2018		Amsterdam Cobras		
NORWAY	AFFILIATE	Norway Premiership [7]	-	-
2018		Stavanger		
SPAIN	AFFILIATE	Serie A [6]	-	-
2017-18		Tigers Torrent		
TURKEY	AFFILIATE	Men's first Division [10]	Women's first Division [4]	-
2017-2018		Kadikoy Bulls	Izmir Bati Gucu	
USA	AFFILIATE	USARL Championship [11]	-	-
2018				