



ANNUAL REPORT 2023





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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

I am delighted to present the 2023 European Rugby League (ERL) Annual Report. Last year the organisation celebrated its 20th birthday. It was pleasing to see that some of the key people involved the inception, such as Richard Lewis and Kevin Rudd, reminisce so positively about their involvement and the achievements over the last 2 decades.



Even though there only being two formal competitions, the annual Wheelchair Rugby League Celtic Cup and the first edition of The Americas (North) Women's Championship staged during the year, the year saw record numbers of international games played across our three geographical areas of responsibilities: Europe, the Americas and the Middle East & Africa. Congratulations to all members for staging international fixtures at whatever level, contributing to this success.

The continued growth of the Sport saw our membership expand as we welcomed both North Macedonia and Slovakia as members of the ERL. Both have progressed quickly with activity starting in their respective countries almost immediately.

However, 2023 was not all good news. We were disappointed to learn in the middle of the year that the FFRXIII had surrendered the rights to stage the 2025 Rugby League World Cups amidst reduced government funding, integral to their ambitious plans. Losing RLWC25 has been the catalyst for a series of reviews which pointed to the need for financial prudence in the international game. As a result the planned Men's and Women's Rugby League World Cup Qualifiers which would have doubled as the European Championships for the Autumn of 2023 were cancelled.

Unfortunately, as part of these changes, Romeo Monteith (Americas Regional Director) and Nigel Hansford (Finance Manager) moved on from European Rugby League, although I am pleased to report that both continue to be involved in Rugby League in various ways and have not been lost to the sport.

We also said "farewell" to Paul Nicholson who left the Board after he reached his third and final term as a director. Having given over a decade of service to European Rugby League, including a period representing us on the International Rugby League Board. Paul's knowledge and experience always added value and he also continues to contribute to Rugby League elsewhere.

Our paid staff, David Butler, Jovan Vujosevic and Remond Safi and our lead volunteer network of Phil Caplan (Media Manager), George Stilianos (Social Media Manager), James Vukmirovic (Website Manager), Martin Crick (Coaching Manager), Tom Mather (Match Officials Manager), Phil Smith (Match

Officials Tutor) and Steve Hogan (Match Officials Tutor) continue to help us take positive strides forward and bring all their enthusiasm and expertise to their roles.

Our board continues to provide a good balance of scrutiny and challenge alongside providing support and encouragement to our staff to ensure that we meet our ambitions to be a well-governed organisation.

Finally, I would like to thank our members for their continued efforts in growing Rugby League. The content of the Annual Report is predominantly the collective efforts and successes of the hard work of your clubs, coaches, match officials and volunteers who continue to give their all to make Rugby League a success.

Dean Andrew

Chairperson

ERL VISION, MISSION & VALUES

OUR VISION

To Grow Participation and Develop High Quality Rugby League

OUR MISSION

Deliver Great International Competitions and Enable Sustainable Federations to Grow Rugby League



EXCELLENCE

We deliver high quality services and events so all users have the best possible experience.

We continually seeking to improve, listen and have outstanding governance practices and behaviours.



DYNAMISM

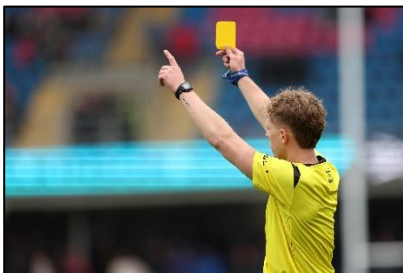
We make it as easy as possible for people to engage with the European Rugby League and be proud of their involvement.

We respect language, culture and participant needs.



INNOVATION

We look for new and better ways to achieve our goals and strive to look at positive solutions to barriers.



INTEGRITY

We create an environment of trust, respect and honesty between members of European Rugby League.

We protect the positive image of our sport.



UNITY

We generate a spirit of togetherness with members and partners by showing respect and celebrating our individual and collective successes.

EUROPE

In total, 42 Senior International Matches were played involving European teams during 2023, continuing to demonstrate the appetite for the international game in the continent. In addition to the 27 men's, 9 women's and 5 wheelchair games played, there were 23 youth and student internationals and 2 PDRL international games played, making a record 67 international exchanges!

The vast majority of these games took place as bilateral exchanges, demonstrating the robustness of the national federations to bounce back from the disappointment of the cancellation of the RLWC25 qualification competitions, which included debuts for Netherlands women's and Albania and North Macedonia's men's teams.

2023 also made history as Tonga men became the first tier two nation to meet England in a three match series, France also broke new ground with a two match series away in Kenya. Elsewhere, Netherlands and Serbia showed their continued commitment to Rugby League playing 5 men's games each, with Serbia also playing 3 women's games to boot and Germany recorded a record attendance for the annual Griffin Cup match.

Wheelchair Rugby League continued its upward rise in popularity, with Wales being made to work hard for the 7th Celtic Cup, being held to a draw by Ireland for the first time, whilst England and France wowed the masses with 2,300 in attendance at the Leeds Arena in England, before a packed house at the Palais Des Sport in Marseilles watch the rematch on French soil. Wheelchair activity took place in its most northerly location, just 500km south of the Arctic Circle in the fjords town of Sogndal in Norway, delighting the locals who took part.

At junior level, England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, in partnership with European Rugby League, added an U16s and U18s Men's "Four Nations" tournament to complement the Student version which has been in place for over 20 years. Wales lifted the U16s trophy after a clean sweep in all three games, whilst England were victorious in the U18s event despite a loss at home to Ireland. England lifted the Student trophy after three wins including inflicting a record defeat on Wales.

Domestic competitive activity put the global pandemic firmly behind it, with competitions men's competitions recommencing in Scotland and Poland whilst both Scotland and Wales launched their own domestic wheelchair competitions. Greece's men's and women's competitions notably went from strength to strength, supported by the delivery of a Match Officials course by European Rugby League Educator Andrew Pilkington and Rugby League in Italy also showed a new lease of life.

AMERICAS

In 2023, members continued a steady march towards full normality of operations post Covid. There were robust domestic championships and several representative and international games.

Canadian Provincial domestic championships were executed in both British Columbia and Ontario. The return of the Ontario Championship with three club teams marked a major milestone as the Championship had not been played for several years. Canada also executed a Women's Competition featuring Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta.

In the United States, club Championships were staged on the East and West Coasts. Four men's club took part in the USARL Championship whilst Under the Pacific Coast Rugby League banner there were 8 clubs in action between California and Utah. The winners from each conference clashed for the National Championship, with Dead Pelicans from California emerging winners over Jacksonville. There were several women 13s games played across the country as well.

In the Caribbean, Jamaica once again delivered a full calendar of competitions across U14, U16, U19, Intercollegiate and community club National Championships.

The women's domestic game continued to grow with playing of the nation's first domestic 13s Championship.

Several international matches took place in the region. Canada, USA, and Jamaica played for the Americas North Women's Championship in Kingston, with Canada emerging inaugural champions. In men's action, USA defeated Jamaica 30-26 in the only ranking men's game.

The USA governance reform is still ongoing with several clubs and League applying to join the reform process and elect a new governing body in early 2024.

MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA

The MEA Region has shown further growth in all categories with the increase in women's participation particularly encouraging. The first ever bilateral international fixtures were played (ones outside the MEA Championship) with South Africa playing Kenya in two men's senior internationals, and Nigeria playing Ghana and Kenya against Uganda in women's rugby league.

Local championships were completed by Lebanon (men), Ghana (women, men and youth), Nigeria (women, men, youth), Cameroon (women, men), Kenya (women, men, youth) and South Africa's seasons concluding in 2024.

MEA nations are expressing a growing desire for more input in the future of the game which demonstrates their growing capacity and confidence. The region welcomed its newest member, the Kenyan Rugby League Federation, as an affiliate member, showing further growth: within 12 months KRLF hosted Uganda women's national team and France men in late 2023, in what was a diplomatic success for the sport. Kenya's men also played two away games against South Africa.

The MEA Steering Committee appointed its new extended committee for the next 12 months with representatives from the two full members, Dr Frans Erasmus (South Africa) and Nayef Abi Said (Lebanon), plus elected affiliate member representative Andy Gilvary (Ghana) and observer member representative Fortnuate Irankunda (Uganda). Three independent members have also been added to the committee with Vuyolwethu Bokwe (Chair), Bolu Fagborun and Saad Boujmal. Remond Safi has been appointed as secretary of the steering committee. A subcommittee has been established to develop the region's first strategy.

Elsewhere, Ghana completed a technical L1 coaching and match official education, while English club York Knights visited Uganda with 13 tourists to deliver on ground support, helping to set up the local championship and academy.

Finally, the region continued to embrace the innovation initiated by Rugby League Federation Ghana's partnership with Salford, as London Broncos paired with South Africa, Hull KR with Nigeria, and Leeds with Kenya. The collective plan is to develop player pathways to the clubs and establishing academies to be led by local coaches. Amongst various knowledge transfer activities between the pro clubs and their African partners, the Red Devils produced a set of branded apparel that the club sold out of, with the funds raised invested in the Ghana rugby league academy project.

GOVERNANCE

Changes to the Board

Luc Lacoste (FFRXIII Nominated Director) resigned his position in July 2023 due to ill health and was replaced by Gilles Dumas as the FFRXIII's nomination to the Board. At the 2023 AGM Paul Nicholson (Independent Director) reached the conclusion of his third and final permitted term of office. It was decided not to replace the position as other organizational matters took priority.

Board meetings

The Board held 4 meetings throughout the year, on 2 February (Zoom), 28 April (Manchester), 19 May (Zoom) and 10 October (Zoom)

	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during Director's period of office
Dean Andrew	2	4
Paul Nicholson	2	4
Tatiana Doncaster	4	4
Richard Coleman	4	4
Brian Juliff	4	4
Gurol Yildiz	4	4
Ileana Iacopetti	4	4
Luc Lacoste	4	3
Gilles Dumas	1	1
Alison O'Brien	3	4

SUB-COMMITTEES

The ERL administers three sub-committees, all of which operate independently of the plenary Board and reporting to it at the subsequent Board Meeting.

Dispute Resolution Committee

The DRC was created following a Board resolution taken at its 19 February 2016 Board Meeting. It is a standing committee of the ERL and is the first instance organ for Members to lodge formal grievance. The Committee is convened by order of the Board upon formal complaint being lodged in writing to the ERL General Manager or the Board and therefore there are no sitting members or fixed terms. The DRC was not required to be convened in 2023.

Financial, Audit and Risk Committee

The purpose of the FARC, constituted in February 2012, is to advise the Board on financial management, audit and risk management matters. In 2023 FARC was chaired by Brian Juliff, with Dean Andrew and Tatiana Doncaster as sitting members. Robert Graham (RFL Finance Director) is a co-opted member with ERL General Manager David Butler in attendance.

Meetings are usually held approximately every six months, however in 2023 FARC only met in June 2023. In addition, FARC also monitored the risk register in close consultation with the executive team.

	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during Member's period of office
Brian Juliff	1	1
Dean Andrew	1	1
Tatiana Doncaster	1	1
Robert Graham	1	1
David Butler	1	1

Remuneration Committee

The purpose of the Remuneration Committee, constituted in September 2011, is to oversee a formal and transparent procedure for developing policy on executive and consultant remuneration. It is chaired by Dean Andrew, with Tatiana Doncaster and Alison O'Brien as its other members. The committee met once in November 2023.

	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held during Member's period of office
Dean Andrew	1	1
Tatiana Doncaster	1	1
Alison O'Brien	1	1

COUNCIL

National Federations represented at the 2023 Annual Council Meeting which took place on Saturday 11th November 2023:

Full Members: Alison O'Brien, England (**RFL**), Gilles Dumas, France (**FFRXIII**), Orazio D'Arro, Italy (**FIRL**), Wael Hard, Lebanon (**LRLF**), Vladan Kikanovic, Serbia (**SRLF**), Krappie Eloff, South Africa (**SARLSA**) Artur Martyrosian, Ukraine (**UFRL**), Brian Juliff, Wales (**WRL**)

Affiliate Members: Adamou Sadjou Bouba, Camerron, (**CRLXIII**), John Cameron, Canada (**CRLA**), Lukas Hergott, Czech Republic (**CZRLA**), Bob Doughton, Germany (**NRLD**), Jafaru Mustapha, Ghana (**RLFG**), Richard Nyakwaka, Kenya, (**KRLF**), Yamina Abdesselem Morocco (**FMRL**), Daan van Rossum, Fleur Van Garderen, Netherlands (**NRLB**), Ade Adebisi, Nigeria (**NRLA**)

Observers Members: Jean Du Christ Rusiga, Burundi (**BRL**), Joe Mbu, DR Congo (**CRL**), Issouf Ouattara, Ivory Coast (**CIRL**), Łukasz Łucka, Poland (**PRXIII**)

MEMBER ACTIVITY - EUROPE

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

	MATCHES 2023	MATCHES 2022
ALBANIA*	N/A	6
BULGARIA*	N/A	6
CZECH REPUBLIC	13	13
ENGLAND	100+	100+
FRANCE	100+	100+
GERMANY	9	7
GREECE	51	21
IRELAND	48	29
ITALY	16	9
MALTA	14	N/A
MONTENEGRO*	?	13
NETHERLANDS	19	16
NORWAY	16	15
POLAND*	N/A	2
RUSSIA	0	11
SCOTLAND	23	31
SERBIA	58	57
SPAIN	-	7
TURKEY	0	15
UKRAINE	N/A	N/A
WALES	100+	100+

*Observer member

YOUTH [clubs | schools]

	MATCHES 2023	MATCHES 2022
CZECH REPUBLIC	0	N/A
ENGLAND	100+	100+
FRANCE	100+	100+
GERMANY	0	0
GREECE	0	0
IRELAND	12	4
ITALY	1	4
MALTA	0	0
NETHERLANDS	3	0
NORWAY	2	0
RUSSIA	0	0
SCOTLAND	7	1
SERBIA	16	16
SPAIN	0	0
TURKEY	0	0
UKRAINE	N/A	2
WALES	100+	100+

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS [coaches | match officials | players]

	2023	2022	Notes
CZECH REPUBLIC	256	353	-
ENGLAND	97,317	92,386	-
FRANCE	8,767	9,593	-
GERMANY	92	96	-
GREECE	304	188	-
IRELAND	501	480	-
ITALY	242	193	'
MALTA	74	N/A	-
NETHERLANDS	527	404	-
NORWAY	463	413	-
RUSSIA	N/A	511	-
SCOTLAND	184	422	-
SERBIA	838	738	-
SPAIN	56	33	-
TURKEY	N/A	421	No AMA Submission
UKRAINE	N/A	N/A	No data, because of Russian aggression and war in Ukraine
WALES	3442	2,416	-

MEMBER ACTIVITY - AMERICAS

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

	MATCHES 2023	MATCHES 2022
CANADA	33	7
USA	58	35
JAMAICA	100+	54
EL SALVADOR	-	-

YOUTH [clubs | schools]

	MATCHES 2023	MATCHES 2022
CANADA	-	-
JAMAICA	100+	38
USA	-	-
EL SALVADOR	-	-

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS [coaches | match officials | players]

	2023	2022	Notes
CANADA	355	275	-
JAMAICA	696	927	
USA	725	715	
EL SALVADOR	-	0	

MEMBER ACTIVITY - MEA

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

	MATCHES 2023	MATCHES 2022
BURUNDI	11	16
CAMEROON*	-	42
COTE D'IVOIRE*	-	-
DR CONGO	-	-
ETHIOPIA	-	-
GHANA*	29	12
KENYA*	43	12
LEBANON	-	10
LIBYA	2	-
MOROCCO	-	-
NIGERIA	27	27
PALESTINE	4	1
SIERRA LEONE	-	-
SOUTH AFRICA	41	57
UGANDA*	12	-

*Ghana played 20 non contact + in 2022 Cameroon 2 wheelchair trails, Ghana and Kenya also played 9s Tournament with Men, Women and Youth teams

YOUTH [clubs | schools]

	MATCHES 2023	MATCHES 2022
BURUNDI*	2	8
CAMEROON*	-	11
COTE D'IVOIRE*	-	-
DR CONGO	-	-
ETHIOPIA	-	-
GHANA*	12	4
KENYA	12	-
LEBANON	-	-
LIBYA	-	-
MOROCCO	-	-
NIGERIA"	7	8*
PALESTINE	4	1
SIERRA LEONE	-	-
SOUTH AFRICA	6	6
UGANDA*	3	-

*Cote D'ivoire & Uganda became member in 2022, Cameroon school tag programs, Nigeria school festivals

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS [coaches | match officials | players]

	2023	2022	Notes
BURUNDI	795	440	-
CAMEROON	-	356	No AMA Submission
DR CONGO	-	233	No figures submitted
ETHIOPIA	-	-	No player registration or activity recorded in 2022.
GHANA	362	399	-
Ivorie Coast	-	-	No AMA Submission
KENYA	887	222	Became member in 2021
LEBANON	298	260	-
LIBYA	43	-	No AMA submission
MOROCCO	-	247	No Activity due to Governance dispute
NIGERIA	521	394	Additional 4500 school kid participating in schools program
PALESTINE	270	71	-
SIERRA LEONE	14	13	New administration established in 2022
SOUTH AFRICA	847	889	Re-joined ERL in 2022
UGANDA	749	147	Became member in 2022.

Full Members At 31/12/2023



England, France, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Lebanon, Russia, Serbia, South Africa, Ukraine, Wales

Affiliate Members At 31/12/2023



Canada, Cameroon, Czechia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Kenya, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Scotland, Spain, Turkey, United States

ERL Observer Members At 31/12/2023



Albania, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burundi, Denmark, DR Congo, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Hungary, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Latvia, Libya, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Palestine, Poland, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Sweden, Uganda

AFFILIATED COMPETITIONS

WHEELCHAIR RUGBY LEAGUE CELTIC CUP



	W	L	D	PF	PA	+/-	Pts
WALES	1	0	1	106	60	46	2
IRELAND	1	0	1	88	54	34	2
SCOTLAND	0	2	0	54	134	-80	0

RESULTS

18 JUN 2023	SCO 24-58 IRE	Edinburgh
18 JUN 2023	IRE 30-30 WAL	Edinburgh
18 JUN 2023	SCO 30-76 WAL	Edinburgh



AMERICAS (NORTH) WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP



	W	L	D	PF	PA	+/-	Pts
CANADA	2	0	0	94	6	88	4
USA	1	1	0	84	38	46	2
JAMAICA	0	2	0	10	144	-134	0

RESULTS

23 SEP 2023	JAM 08-80 USA	Kingston
25 SEP 2023	USA 04-30 CAN	Kingston
27 SEP 2023	JAM 02-64 CAN	Kingston



INTERNATIONAL FIXTURES

Below is a list of all internationals with at least one ERL Member national team participating:

SENIOR INTERNATIONALS

DATE	FIXTURE	CATEGORY	VENUE
28 JAN	GREECE 0-38 PHILIPPINES	WOMEN	Sydney
18 MAR	FRANCE 116-0 SERBIA	WOMEN	Avignon
29 APR	ENGLAND 64-0 FRANCE	WOMEN	Warrington
29 APR	ENGLAND 64-0 FRANCE	MEN	Warrington
13 MAY	GREECE 6-40 SERBIA	MEN	Athens
27 MAY	ITALY 4-52 SERBIA	MEN	Udine
3 JUN	ITALY 34-14 SERBIA	WOMEN	Udine
18 JUN	SCOTLAND 24-58 IRELAND	WHEELCHAIR	Edinburgh
18 JUN	IRELAND 30-30 WALES	WHEELCHAIR	Edinburgh
18 JUN	SCOTLAND 30-76 WALES	WHEELCHAIR	Edinburgh
22 JUL	SOUTH AFRICA 72-14 PHILIPPINES	MEN	Gold Coast
26 AUG	CZECHIA 16-28 SERBIA	MEN	Ostrava
16 SEP	POLAND 38-16 CZECHIA	MEN	Kalisz
16 SEP	MONTENEGRO 10-34 MALTA	MEN	Tivat
23 SEP	JAMAICA 8-80 USA	WOMEN	Kingston
23 SEP	MALTA 78-0 BULGARIA	MEN	Marsa
24 SEP	SERBIA 10-78 FRANCE	MEN	Belgrade
25 SEP	USA 4-30 CANADA	WOMEN	Kingston
27 SEP	JAMAICA 2-64 CANADA	WOMEN	Kingston
30 SEP	NETHERLANDS 58-22 NORWAY	MEN	Sassenheim
7 OCT	NETHERLANDS 58-18 ALBANIA	MEN	Zaandam
7 OCT	ITALY 38-12 MALTA	MEN	Sydney
14 OCT	NETHERLANDS 40-10 SERBIA	MEN	Zwolle
21 OCT	MALTA 30-22 CHILE	MEN	Sydney
21 OCT	GERMANY 18-44 NETHERLANDS	MEN	Hattingan
21 OCT	NORTH MACEDONIA 8-40 POLAND	MEN	Sydney
22 OCT	ENGLAND 22-18 TONGA	MEN	St Helens
28 OCT	MALTA 0-42 PHILIPPINES	WOMEN	Sydney
28 OCT	CZECHIA 2-36 NETHERLANDS	MEN	Vrchlabi
28 OCT	ENGLAND 14-4 TONGA	MEN	Huddersfield
28 OCT	MALTA 46-22 PHILIPPINES	MEN	Sydney
28 OCT	GREECE 24-38 UKRAINE	MEN	Athens
28 OCT	ITALY 50-20 SOUTH AFRICA	MEN	Sydney
29 OCT	FRANCE 14-4 WALES	WOMEN	Carcassonne

29 OCT	GREECE 12-24 UKRAINE	MEN	Athens
03 NOV	NIGERIA 40-4 GHANA	WOMEN	Lagos
04 NOV	ENGLAND 60-0 WALES	WOMEN	Leeds
04 NOV	ENGLAND 26-4 TONGA	MEN	Leeds
04 NOV	GERMANY 54-10 POLAND	MEN	Berlin
04 NOV	NORWAY 6-36 GREECE	MEN	Sandnes
05 NOV	NIGERIA 14-6 GHANA	WOMEN	Lagos
05 NOV	ENGLAND 34-43 FRANCE	WHEELCHAIR	Leeds
08 NOV	SOUTH AFRICA 56-12 KENYA	MEN	Pretoria
11 NOV	SERBIA 4-8 GREECE	WOMEN	Bojnik
11 NOV	SOUTH AFRICA 82-2 KENYA	MEN	Pretoria
25 NOV	FRANCE 18-34 ENGLAND	WHEELCHAIR	Marseilles
02 DEC	KENYA 6-78 FRANCE	MEN	Nairobi
02 DEC	JAMAICA 26-30 USA	MEN	Kingston
05 DEC	KENYA 4-108 FRANCE	MEN	Nairobi
09 DEC	GREECE 0-14 NETHERLANDS	WOMEN	Athens
16 DEC	KENYA 54-0 UGANDA	WOMEN	Kisumu

YOUTH INTERNATIONALS

DATE	FIXTURE	CATEGORY	VENUE
03 JUN	WALES 32-34 ENGLAND	U16M	Abertillery
03 JUN	WALES 6-32 ENGLAND	U18M	Abertillery
17 JUN	ENGLAND 36-10 SCOTLAND	U16M	Wigan
17 JUN	ENGLAND 34-4 SCOTLAND	U18M	Wigan
08 JUL	FRANCE 20-34 ENGLAND	ACADEMY	St Gaudens
09 JUL	ENGLAND 46-0 IRELAND	STUDENT	Pontypridd
09 JUL	WALES 10-60 SCOTLAND	STUDENT	Pontypridd
12 JUL	ENGLAND 48-18 SCOTLAND	STUDENT	Pontypridd
12 JUL	WALES 26-48 IRELAND	STUDENT	Pontypridd
15 JUL	IRELAND 34-10 SCOTLAND	STUDENT	Pontypridd
15 JUL	WALES 6-80 ENGLAND	STUDENT	Pontypridd
15 JUL	ENGLAND 14-26 FRANCE	U17M	Warrington
19 JUL	ENGLAND 20-36 FRANCE	U17M	Warrington
22 JUL	WALES 62-16 IRELAND	U16M	Rhyl
22 JUL	WALES 44-28 IRELAND	U18M	Rhyl
02 SEP	ENGLAND 18-18 IRELAND	U16M	Wigan
02 SEP	ENGLAND 24-26 IRELAND	U18M	Wigan
02 SEP	SCOTLAND 4-84 WALES	U16M	Barrow

02 SEP	SCOTLAND 26-24 WALES	U18M	Barrow
16 SEP	ENGLAND 18-38 WALES	U16M	Leigh
16 SEP	ENGLAND 32-16 WALES	U18M	Leigh
29 OCT	IRELAND 66-16 SCOTLAND	U16M	Dublin
29 OCT	IRELAND 22-18 SCOTLAND	U18M	Dublin

FINANCIAL REPORT

The following commentary is provided on the Annual Accounts for 2023:

1. This report covers the year to 31st December 2023:
2. A net loss of £24,287 for the year is reported as compared to a profit of £4,774 for 2022.
3. The Accounts have been reviewed by Howard Matthews Partnership and they have reported that nothing has come to their attention that causes them to believe that the financial statements have not been prepared so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2023.
4. Total revenues were £119k. Budgeted income was reduced drastically following postponement of the RLWC Qualifying competitions and the associated income.
5. Member fees realised approximately £6k of income and are being collected on time.
6. Expenditure at £141k was lower than planned given the postponement of the competitions and focussed on essential expenditure only.
7. Staffing costs were below budget following a restructure of consultancy services, with Americas Director Romeo Monteith and Finance Manager Nigel Hansford's consultancies being terminated during the year as cost saving measures.
8. Net assets decreased as a result of the loss in the year from £300k from £324k and are represented by £195k in bank balances; £112k EU Accrued income with debtors and creditors accounting for the difference.
9. The EU balance has been carried forward once again. It is hoped that the matter will be resolved within the 2024 financial year. If we receive more than £112k the extra amount will be taken to profit in the year but conversely if we receive less than this amount then the write down would be taken as a loss in the 2024 year income statement.
10. Cash flow was satisfactory with combined balances of £195k at the year end.

European Rugby League Federation Ltd. Accounts

Year to 31 December 2023

Prepared by Howard Matthews of Queensgate House, 23 North Park Road, Harrogate, HG1 5PD

Statement of financial position 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	6	116,164		129,508	
Cash at bank and in hand		194,759		208,951	
		<u>310,923</u>		<u>338,459</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(10,820)</u>		<u>(14,069)</u>	
Net current assets			300,103		324,390
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>300,103</u>		<u>324,390</u>
Net assets			<u>300,103</u>		<u>324,390</u>
Capital and reserves					
Profit and loss account			300,103		324,390
Members funds			<u>300,103</u>		<u>324,390</u>

The directors consider that the Company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the Company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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. The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf.

Dean Andrew

Chairperson & Director

THE BOARD

At 31/12/2023

DEAN ANDREW

Dean joined the Royal Air Force from school and achieved the rank of Air Commodore following a career based mainly overseas. His most recent appointment was as Deputy Commander NATO Air Command & USAF Command Vice in Afghanistan, where he acted as deputy commander for over 9,000 personnel from 41 nations, His love of rugby league began in his native city of Hull and was evidenced during his military career when elected president of both the Royal Air Force and UK Armed Forces Rugby League for almost two decades.

MEMBER-ELECTED DIRECTOR



TATIANA DONCASTER

Mahdi Tatiana is a chartered management accountant with extensive experience in transformative change in diverse industries and charities and is recognised as a mentor and successful business partner with global teams and high-level executives.

INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR



RICHARD COLEMAN

Paul Richard is CEO of a Sports Management Company in the UK and a highly experienced sports marketing and business advisor. He has personally brokered over \$100m of sponsorship in Formula 1, World Cycling, Cricket, Soccer, Snooker and other motor sports in a two-decade career which includes working in a range of industries working with leading global brands and rights holders.

INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR



GUROL YILDIZ

Gurol joined the board in January 2022 following the enlargement of the board, approved at the 2021 AGM. Born in Turkey, he and his parents emigrated to Australia when he was six months old but he returned to the country aged 27. He has overseen the growth of the Turkey's domestic competition which now sees men's, women's and youth sides playing.

MEMBER-ELECTED DIRECTOR



ILEANA IACOPETTI

Now retired, Ileana's career saw her working in clinical research within a cluster involving nine European nations where she managed the budgets, organising cluster meetings, lead on marketing and organising medical congresses and product launches. In Rugby League, she joined the board of the Italian Rugby League Federation as treasurer as well as supporting FIRL's national teams with hosting and travelling to games and tournaments.

MEMBER-ELECTED DIRECTOR



BRIAN JULIFF

Brian is a member elected director and joined the board in September 2020. Now Chairman of Wales Rugby League, he made 8 appearances for Wales between 1979 and 1985 in a career spanning 270 professional Rugby League appearances for clubs including Wakefield Trinity, Wigan, Castleford and Halifax, with whom he was a Challenge Cup winner in 1987. Professionally Brian is a business and management consultant.

MEMBER-ELECTED DIRECTOR



ALISON O'BRIEN

Currently Director of Insight & Customer at the Rugby Football League, Alison represents the Rugby Football League on the board of ERL, having worked for the governing body in England since 2015. Prior to joining the RFL, Alison worked in insight and strategy roles with major FMCG companies and food retailers in the UK.

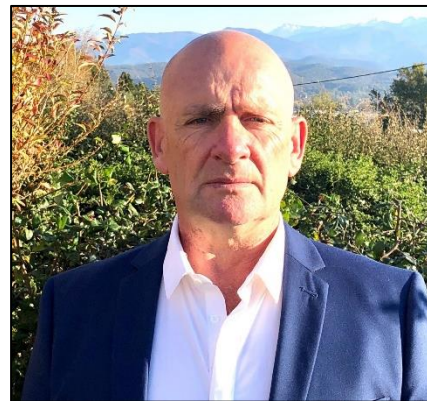
RFL DIRECTOR



GILLES DUMAS

Following a playing career which saw him make 27 appearances for France between 1986 and 1993, Gilles also took the coaching reins of the French national team for 24 games between 1998 and 2003, winning 10 of those fixtures. He is currently the high performance director within the French Federation and brings elite level experience to the ERL board.

FFRXIII DIRECTOR



APPENDIX 1: ERL ORGANISATION

COUNCIL: 48 MEMBERS

BOARD (9 Directors):
1 Chair & 2 Independent, 1 FFRXIII,
1 RFL, 3 Member-Elected

GENERAL MANAGER

REGIONAL DIRECTORS
Americas | Europe | MEA

FINANCE
Finance Manager

MEDIA
Media Manager | Social Media Manager | Webmaster

TECHNICAL
Coach Manager | Match Officials Manager

AMERICAS

EUROPE

MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA

JAMAICA

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

LEBANON, SOUTH AFRICA

CANADA, USA

CZECHIA, GERMANY, GREECE, MALTA, NETHERLANDS NORWAY, SCOTLAND, SPAIN, TURKEY.

CAMEROON, GHANA, KENYA, MOROCCO, NIGERIA

EL SALVADOR

ALBANIA, BELGIUM, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA, BULGARIA, DENMARK, HUNGARY, LATVIA, MONTENEGRO, NORTH MACEDONIA, POLAND, SLOVAKIA, SWEDEN,

BURUNDI, DR CONGO, COTE D'IVOIRE, ETHIOPIA, LIBYA, PALESTINE, SIERRA LEONE, UGANDA

KEY:

Full Members

Affiliate Members

Observers

Staff