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WALES MASTERS RUGBY LEAGUE



DO MORE THAN PLAY
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF MASTERS RL

Masters Rugby League was developed and founded in Auckland, New Zealand in 1992.

A group of Auckland Rugby League Clubs, led by Phil Campbell, met with the goal to encourage former players to come back into clubs. The group realised that “players like to play” and with more former player than current player in the game it was decided to develop a form of Rugby League with modifications to the Laws of Rugby League in order to accommodate players with “older bones”. Masters of League NZ was born.

Masters grew with a group of clubs in Christchurch on New Zealand’s south island joining in. Festivals were held and they became an important income stream for the Rugby League clubs.

In 2004, Masters of League NZ had discussions with contacts in Australia which led to Masters of League being formed by Malcolm Duncan in Sydney. The same modifications to the laws were adopted as were in use in New Zealand.

International Festivals started and were a great success with dozens of teams from New Zealand, Australia and the Cook Islands took part.

In 2008, the RFL introduced Masters Rugby League to England and a festival was held at Saddleworth, Lancashire where teams representing Students, Scotland, Cumbria, North East, Yorkshire and Lancashire played Masters for the first time.

In July 2008, the first Australian Masters touring party arrived and played 6 games including, in early August 2008, the very first Masters International game between Great Britain and Australia. From this date Masters Rugby League started to grow in England.

Since then, the Great Britain Masters team has toured Australia on 4 occasions (2009, 2015 2017 and 2019) with the 2017 tour also taking in New Zealand for the first time. Australia Masters tourists have been back to England on another 5 visits.

Since those early days, Masters Rugby League has grown steadily and in 2019 there were 49 registered Masters teams across the country with almost 2000 registered players and 190 opportunities to play from Southampton to Newcastle, from West Cumbria to Medway, from Hull to Blackpool. In 2019, Masters launched Womens Masters with the first game played on 9th March between York Lokos and West Yorkshire. There are now 7 Womens Masters teams.

Masters organised tours to France in 2017 2018 and 2019. Clubs have also begun to organise tours with Leeds Masters visiting Dublin and Hindpool leading the way to visit Belfast. In 2019 Hull Warriors were the first club side to play Masters in France.

Wales Masters has grown out of this and has seen overseas tours in Canada and Ireland, which are fed by playesr in the North, South and those exiled in other nations.





CURRENT WRLMA ROLES

Chair	Wayne Bridges
Deputy Chair	Ryan Roberts
Treasurer	Chris Thomas Martyn Williams
Well-Being Officer	Idris Evans
Secretary	Julian McTavish
Media	John Evans
Kit Manager	Idris Evans
Wales Team Manager	Alun Griffiths
Fixtures	Julian McTavish
Wales Team Coach	Chris Thomas
Sponsorship Manager	Vacant
Development Officer	Vacant

Associated Representatives

WRL Board Member Idris Evans

North	Seth Pierce	Ryan Roberts
South	Julian McTavish	Chris Thomas
Exiles	Wayne Bridges	Alun Griffiths

Armed Forces Cymru John Evans | Julian McTavish

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to continue growing Welsh Rugby League Masters, building on the legacy and foundation already established.

We will expand the player base and support new team setups within Wales to strengthen the Welsh game.

Wales Masters Association will identify players with Welsh heritage from Wales and other countries, as this has worked previously in helping in the growth of masters.

Players demonstrating their commitment to supporting masters on and off the field will be recognised and rewarded by being selected to represent the national side.

We are committed to playing in and promoting the spirit of masters, helping established clubs grow their connections to the international game. We are also committed to promoting masters by supporting our members in getting access to referee, coaching and first aider courses, improving and increasing our sponsorship opportunities, and improving our game day preparation and administration.

Ultimately, we want to give our members the best experience by continuing to set high standards and allowing as many people as possible to represent their country.

You can help achieve this. We are all very proud people who love our nation. Your love of rugby, masters, and Wales can help us continue to build on our successes.

So, apply to join the committee and join Wales.

WRLMA Committee



ROLE DESCRIPTIONS



CHAIR

The Chair's role is to oversee the running of the WMRLA ensuring it's managed appropriately and efficiently. They are responsible for providing leadership and direction, and keeping order among members. Maintaining the standard set by the WRL.

DEPUTY CHAIR

The Deputy Chair's role is to support the club's chairperson and ensure the club is led in the right direction. The DC will also fill in for the Chair when they are unavailable.

TREASURER

The Treasurer's role is key to the club's financial health, and they work closely with other WMRLA members to safeguard the club's finances. They also keep all records and accounts safely and hand them over to their successor.

WELLBEING OFFICER

The WMRLA wellbeing officer's role is to promote and support the wellbeing of the WMRLA community, including mental health support, and to create safer sports environments.

SECRETARY

The WMRLA secretary's role is to provide administrative support for the club, ensuring that it runs smoothly.

MEDIA MANAGER

The media manager's role is overseeing how a company interacts with the public on social media, and developing strategies to promote media engagement creating content for social platforms, creating bespoke print media including programmes, flags, pennants, etc.

KIT MANAGER

The kit manager's role is to ensure that players, coaches, and staff have the right equipment for training and matches. This does include contact and meetings with kit suppliers

TEAM MANAGER

Team managers act as a first point of contact for squad members, opposition and match day officials. To ensure all match squad members are aware of the kit requirements and timetables around the fixture. To assist and liaise with players about their travel and accommodation, thereby aiding players to share some costs.

FIXTURES MANAGER

Fixtures managers have close contact with other teams to ensure games and playing facilities are available.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

A sports development officer's role is to encourage people to get involved with domestic Rugby League by organising projects and activities that promote RL participation.

GET INVOLVED

Do you have transferable skills and want to get involved with the National game?

Contact your regional representative

NORTH

Seth Pierce | Ryan Roberts

SOUTH

Julian McTavish | Chris Thomas

EXILES

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