




DRFC 2024-25 AGM	
Date/Time:	31 st May 2025
Location:	Doha Sports Park
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Newnham (Chairman) - Speaker • Pip Innes (Club Captain) - Minutes

Item	Details
Season Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2024/25 season saw continued growth in club participation. • Total registered players increased from approx. 380 in 2023/24 to just over 440 this season. • Notable expansion in the Minis & Youth (M&Y) section. • The club experienced significant growth in travel, with 23 separate teams traveling overseas throughout the season (up from 12 trips the previous season).
Financial Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased travel resulted in higher overall expenses. • Staff costs were reduced this year following the end of sponsorship support for First Aid Qatar. • The club recorded a loss of QAR 12,000 for the 2024/25 season. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ This loss is largely attributed to travel expenditure. • However, across the past four seasons, DRFC has maintained an average annual profit of QAR 115,000, demonstrating overall financial health.
Facility Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRFC has entered the tender for the Doha Sports Park (DSP) lease. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ There are five companies in total in the tender process. ◦ The tender closed on May 29, but results are not expected until after Eid.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In parallel, the club is still pursuing the possibility of building a dedicated facility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The most recent update from the ministry indicated the proposal is "currently under review" (April 21st 2025). ◦ Since April 21, this has been escalated to the sponsor for follow-up.
<p>Sponsorship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRFC had 17 sponsors last season, contributing a total of QAR 300,000, primarily allocated to travel support. • The goal for the 2025/26 season is to match or exceed this figure. • Sponsorship revenue will directly benefit team sections, and all teams are encouraged to seek out new sponsor leads. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Tim is available to meet with any potential sponsors. • The DRFC Golf Day was highlighted as a major success and is planned to become an annual event to increase sponsor engagement.
<p>ExCom</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four nominations were received. • No nominee opted to proceed, so these roles remain with Tim Newnham as Chairman and Pip Innes as Club Captain.
<p>A.O.B</p>	<p>Q: Are we staying at DSP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The club is waiting on the outcome of the tender process. • DSP continues to serve as a suitable venue, but if another bidder wins and costs increase, the situation will be reviewed accordingly. <p>Q: Will DRFC go into schools next year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Rugby Development Officer (RDO) has been approached and offered a role that includes outreach into schools. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ If he accepts, he is expected to begin in mid-August. • Currently only Doha College term dates have been confirmed; the club's calendar is provisionally based on this. <p>Q: Development and girls' queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRFC plans to run two tournaments in the upcoming season to increase participation (M&Y). • A girls-only introduction to rugby session is being considered.



- There are ongoing discussions around **encouraging more female coaches** in the M&Y section to serve as role models.
 - Senior team players (men & women) will be encouraged to attend **Saturday training sessions** at least once a month to encourage young people to continue playing.

Retention Concerns – Girls' Rugby:

- Concern raised over **girls dropping off** between U10 and U13, particularly with the current mixed-gender format in U11/U12.
 - DRFC will explore the possibility of **separate girls' tournaments** and contact UAE clubs for potential collaboration.