



17th World Rugby General Assembly

Hosted by the City of London

At The Great Hall

Guildhall, City of London, England

Wednesday September 24, 2025

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- 0920 General Assembly Photograph
- 0940 General Assembly convenes
- 0945 **Official Welcome**
Brett Robinson, World Rugby Chair
Deborah Griffin OBE, President Rugby Football Union
Greg Jones, Alderman & Sheriff of the City Of London
- 1000 **To receive and approve the Minutes of the 2023 World Rugby General Assembly**
David Carrigy, World Rugby Chief of International Federation
- 1000 **International Federation Update (incl. Concussion Class Action Update)**
David Carrigy, World Rugby Chief of International Federation
Yvonne Nolan, World Rugby General Counsel – Federation
- 1015 **World Rugby CEO Address**
Alan Gilpin, World Rugby Chief Executive Officer
- 1045 Networking
- 1105 General Assembly reconvenes
- 1105 **World Rugby Strategic Plan Launch**
Brett Robinson, World Rugby Chair
Mihir Warty, World Rugby Chief Strategy Officer

- 1220 **Player Welfare**
Jonathan Webb, World Rugby Vice-Chair
Araba Chintoh, Women's Player Welfare Working Group Chair
Eanna Falvey, World Rugby Chief Medical Officer
Lindsay Starling, World Rugby Science & Medical Manager
Mark Harrington, World Rugby Chief Player Welfare & Rugby Services Officer
- 1300 Lunch
- 1400 General Assembly reconvenes
- 1400 **Women's Rugby Update & Impact Beyond 2025**
Paula Lanco, Rugby Africa Council Member
Sally Horrox, Chief Women's Rugby
Africa Impact Champions
- 1430G **Women in Rugby Leadership – The Journey (Interactive Session)**
Brett Robinson World Rugby, Chair
Clare Barrell, Director of International Relations and Member Services
Guest Panel
- 1520 **Members Services & Safe Sport Update**
Clare Barrell, Director of International Relations and Member Services
Stephan Smith, Senior Legal Counsel
Coralie Van Den Berg, RPM Africa
- 1600 Networking
- 1620 General Assembly reconvenes
- 1620 **Rugby Update (Interactive Session)**
Abdelatif Benazzi, Men's High-Performance Rugby Committee Chair
Melodie Robinson, Women's High-Performance Rugby Committee Chair
Phil Davies, World Rugby Director of Rugby
Nicky Ponsford, World Rugby Director of High Performance
Mark Harrington, World Rugby Chief Player Welfare & Rugby Services Officer
- 1720 **Closing of the 17th General Assembly**
Brett Robinson, World Rugby Chair
- 1730 **17th General Assembly Pre-Dinner Drinks**
- 1830 **General Assembly Dinner – Guildhall, City of London**