



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