

BOARD OF WOMEN'S SPORT

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Overview

1. The Board of Women's Sport will bring together stakeholders across industry and Government to share insights and look at future opportunities to help women's sport to continue to grow in a positive and sustainable way.
2. The Board of Women's Sport will work collectively to identify short term (this year) and long term (beyond this year) opportunities, challenges and innovative ways to support women's sport and female health. The Board will provide an opportunity for organisations and individuals across industry to connect, collaborate and share learnings and insight.

Objectives

- a. To identify key barriers slowing progress in women's sport and action that can be taken to break these down.
- b. To pull together examples of best practice happening in various aspects of women's sport into one place.
- c. To identify gaps in research in women's sport and what can be done to address these.
- d. To provide more education and awareness around female health including how to create a safe space for more conversation.)
- e. To explore what further funding streams/opportunities might be available to support elite women's sport.
- f. To identify opportunities that help ensure the workforce is equipped with the right skills/values that foster trust and effective conversations/communication.

Membership

3. Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Sport, Gambling, and Civil Society will Chair each meeting of the Board of Women's Sport.

Standing members

- Sport England
- UK Sport
- UK Sports Institute
- International Working Group on Women and Sport
- UK Research and Innovation
- British Elite Athletes Association
- Professional Players Federation
- Loughborough University
- Independent members: Karen Carney MBE and Barbara Slater OBE

Rotating members

In addition to the standing members, we ensure the whole industry is represented through rotating members. Rotating members will likely join a series of Board discussions to ensure expertise is captured and there is consistency of collaboration.

- National Governing Bodies (NGBs) representatives on a rotating basis
- Industry experts on a rotating basis where the theme of discussion is most relevant
- Academic experts on a rotating based where the theme of discussion is most relevant

Responsibilities and ways of working

4. The Board of Women's Sport will agree key themes for discussion. It is expected that more than one Board meeting will be used for each theme.
5. The Board of Women's Sport will identify key areas where task and finish groups are needed and convene these, ensuring that they report back their findings and conclusions to the board by the appropriate deadline.
6. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) will provide a secretariat function for the Board. High level minutes will be circulated to attendees for sign off, before being published on GOV.UK.
7. Where industry owned task and finish groups are established, it will be for the nominated industry lead to provide secretariat support.
8. DCMS will continue to engage with Board members on a one-to-one basis to capture insights, feedback and identify opportunities for progress.
9. Board members are asked to commit to proactively working to support women's sport and female health as a priority. The expectation is for Board members to regularly attend, be of a senior level (CEO and above) and input into the Board meetings as well as engaging in sub-groups and side discussions.
10. The Board of Women's Sport will meet quarterly.