

Aims of the Focus Group:

- To have an open, honest and friendly conversation about your feelings towards your participation in rugby.
- To gain insight into the various reasons affecting continued participation in rugby from your perspective.
- To describe and discuss your personal experiences in rugby to help paint a bigger picture of the rugby landscape.

Introductions:

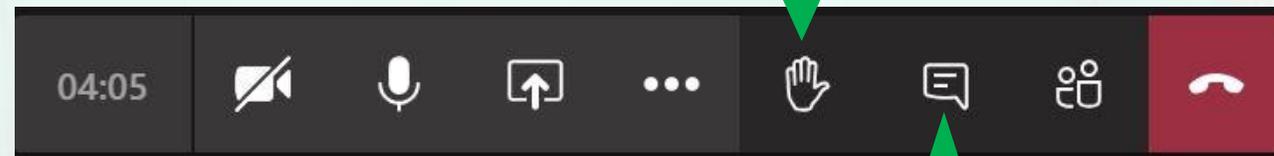
- The mediators will introduce themselves to the group and recap on volunteer consent before recording starts. When recording starts you will see this icon appear: 
- You will be asked to introduce yourself to the group; your name, your current role/occupation, perhaps where you are from and some background on your life in rugby. (Or none of these things if you don't feel comfortable, no problem!)
- This is nothing more than an icebreaker and serves as an opportunity to describe your situation and background.
- This will help put your experiences into context for the group.

Key questions and themes:

- The discussion will be based around the key research theme of barriers and facilitators to continued participation in rugby.
- Questions will be based on your personal experiences and perceptions of rugby participation only.
- Be at ease, **there are no wrong answers** only welcome perspectives!
- These questions are only to help stimulate conversation. A flow of discussion is encouraged between all attendees.
- An example question may be “What makes rugby enjoyable to you?”. This may stimulate different answers and these can be discussed together.

Microsoft teams tips:

- During an on-line focus group, you may want to add to another persons view but do not want to interrupt. No problem! Use the hand icon on the task bar on the screen and this will allow the mediator to come to you subsequently.



- You may only have a comment to make on another's view. This can be done by clicking on the "comment" icon. Your comment will appear on the left side of the screen for all attendees. An example may be that you strongly agree with another's view. You can type "I strongly agree with John's view here."

This focus group should be a **positive and enlightening experience** for all involved.

It is important that you feel at ease and are able to be **open and honest about your experiences**. All experiences and perspectives are equally important.

This will help others to understand the different perspectives towards the rugby environment and help develop a better landscape for young people to continue.



Your peace of mind is important. Remember that all you say is strictly confidential. Your name or your image will never appear on any document after the focus group has concluded. The recording will be stored on an encrypted computer by the organization (UL) and only the project researchers will have access.

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