

Update on discussions between CPGA and British Rowing

Eighteen (18) months ago both the CPGA and BR decided to review their partnership, the services provided from BR as the NGB for the whole sport of Rowing.

The original Service Level Agreement between the two organisations had run its course mostly due to the fact it was the continuation of an agreement between the ARA (now British Rowing) and the unincorporated CPGA (now CPGA CIO) and the document did not necessarily reflect the rapid growth the CPGA has seen over the past decade plus.

Negotiations have taken this length of time due to the requirement for British Rowing to change its governance structure in order to meet its obligations to the new UK Code for Sports Governance.

Now BR have their new structure in place and both parties have investigated where they stand within the whole sport governance structure we are in a position to look at a new affiliation model for the CPGA.

Any new agreement will take into account the fact that not all services that BR currently offers its affiliated clubs are applicable to the CPGA and/or gig clubs but will detail how the agreed services will be provided.

The new agreement will give the provision for the CPGA and its clubs to have representation within the British Rowing governance structure, allowing for the democratic process of CPGA opinions being represented at governance and budget decisions levels.

A proposal of the CPGA affiliation will go to the British Rowing Board at the end of January and then a formal proposal from British Rowing will be made to the CPGA Trustees.