

NORTH WEST COUNTIES JUNIORS
Minutes of the meeting held 9th August 2011 at Leigh Miners Welfare

Roll call

Matters arising:

Three new applications: Liverpool Storm, Kirkby Cougars and Ashton Bears coming back.

No objections to Ashton's return.

Liverpool teams not looking to enter fixtures. As a development area we try to help them as much as we can and actively encourage them. Liverpool Lions U15s have done really well. That's 5 new teams on Merseyside – well done to John and Nick.

Had a meeting with other two leagues and RFL, and the fixtures (which are private and confidential) will start in March and finish in September. That's not long enough for us and we pointed that out to the RFL. They have said that we can make it fit and we can go through to November. We always like to keep July and August for festivals – do the clubs want to keep that? We should get 28 games in and fit in what we want – cup comps at the U12s.

Mick to put in a fixture programme for March start for the next meeting to be taken back to the clubs.

Other concern was that they are bringing in the scholarship games within the season and Mick raised a concern that it is putting too much pressure on the elite players. Was a lone voice. Apart from that everything seems to be fine. Only real problem is that we may have a shortage of referees.

Fixtures will run 11th Sept - 27th Nov. 7 – 10s no grouping. 11s into 2 groups and 12s split into 3 groups of 12 – just for the transition, then split into four in March.

Guy has been in touch from Telford and asked to play some friendlies and enter our U12s cups. Only objection is the travel – would he be willing to travel away? We will put that to them.

Want a mixture of people together to review the mini/mod rules – a panel. Meeting will last no longer than 2 hours. Send names to Graham if interested in getting involved.

7-10s will play to the new rules. 11s will play to the green book rules. Under new rules from 7-11s play the same defensive rules which we think is a negative move and shows no progression.

Going to have to call the meeting to a close because the room is double booked. Need to get your applications in before we can sort out fixtures.

Registrations:

Need to get your registrations in to ensure your cards arrive before the first game of the season. U12s – Sarah still away so send them to Ann Hunt.