

North West Counties Juniors

Minutes of meeting on 1st February 2011 held at Leigh Miners Welfare

ROLL CALL

Absent :Bank Quay Bulls, Fitton Hill and Rochdale Mayfield are suspended for non-attendance at meetings

MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING

Minutes from the January meeting were read and passed as correct. No matters arising.

CORRESPONDENCE

Leigh East - U10s festival at Leigh Sports Village on 10th July.

Mini-Mod

New rule book has been sent out and put on the website.

A panel got together with a view to standardising the rules – Graham attended on our behalf.

7s/8s/9s = mini

10s = mod

11s= mod transition

Some things just seem to be unworkable, such as coaches to remain in a technical area.

A suggestion from the floor was that there should be mandatory roping off as pitches. Also a question as to who should police the technical area and make sure the coach stayed in it? If it became the responsibility of the touchline manager (whose job is to promote respect on the touchline) what is to stop the touchline manager walking up and down and coaching the kids?

A question was asked why you had to wait for a match official to acknowledge a coach before being allowed to treat and injury. It was explained that serious injuries and head injuries should be treated straight away and you could draw the attention of the official as immediately.

The question was asked about the play the ball and the phrase 'clear the ruck' . There were three different interpretations within the room and it is an area that needs to be clarified.

Scoot – the rule should be clear, either they can or they can't. The new ruling leaves a grey area and will cause confusion.

The panel's intention is that we adopt these new rules now – when we restart in March. Should we implement them mid-season? Thoughts appeared to be that it would confuse the kids.

The rule regarding the play the ball and when the defensive line could move needed more clarification. As it stands, there is no progression and children would be doing the same at U11s as at U7s. It is embedding the idea into children's minds that they should not move in defensive.

As an association we have agreed to abide by these new rules despite them not being brought to the floor before. If anything we have been sloppy and naïve – we need to go to these meetings better armed.

It came from the floor that Mod Transition Rule 15 is a joke – if held up in-goal it will be a 20m restart to the defending team.

Proposal made and voted on that we don't implement for the restart and invite the RFL down to the next meeting to explain themselves.

Will invite Hayden Walker down. Download the new rulebook and bring anything you want to discuss to the next meeting. Send any questions to Mick a week before the meeting to give them time to prepare their answers.

Teams

Checked which teams were ready to run at U7s.

Draw

NWC Cup draw was made.

Lancs Cup

Lancs Cup final – Saturday 26th Feb at Leigh. Congratulations to Orrell St James and Wigan St Judes, Teams have been asked for pen pics. If not received they will not feature in the programme. Get down and support them – it's a good day out.

Team Folded

Newton Storm U12s have folded. 6 players have signed for Blackbrook with the possibility of signing back to Newton at a later date.

Raffle

Fitton Hill forfeited the new kit raffle due to non-attendance. Hindley won it the following month.

Next meeting Tuesday 1st March 2011