

**NORTH WEST COUNTIES JUNIORS**  
**Minutes of the meeting held 1st November 2011 at Leigh Miners Welfare**

**Roll call**

ACCRINGTON WILDCATS		LIVERPOOL STORM	
ATHERTON DRAGONS	x	NEW SPRINGS LEGION	
BLACKBROOK ROYALS		NEWTON STORM	
BOLD MINERS		OLDHAM ST ANNES	
BURTONWOOD BULLDOGS		ORRELL ST JAMES	
CADISHEAD RHINOS		PILKINGTON RECS	
CHORLEY PANTHERS		PORTICO VINE	
CLOCK FACE	x	ROCHDALE COBRAS	
CROSFIELDS		ROCHDALE MAYFIELD	
CULCHETH EAGLES		RYLANDS SHARKS	
ECCLES	x	SADDLEWORTH RANGERS	
FITTON HILL BULLDOGS		SHEVINGTON SHARKS	
FOLLY LANE		THATTO HEATH CRUSADERS	
GOLBORNE PARKSIDE		WATERHEAD	
HALTON FARNWORTH HORNETS		WEST BANK BEARS	
HIGGINSHAW EAGLES		WESTHOUGHTON LIONS	
HINDLEY		WIDNES MOORFIELD	
INCE ROSE BRIDGE		WIDNES ST MARIES	
LANGWORTHY REDS		WIGAN ST CUTHBERTS	
LATCHFORD ALBION UNICORNS		WIGAN ST JUDES	
LEIGH EAST		WIGAN ST PATRICKS	
LEIGH MINERS RANGERS		WOOLSTON ROVERS	
LEYLAND WARRIORS		KIRKBY COUGARS	
LIVERPOOL LIONS			

## **Apologies:** Graham Aitken

Minutes from October 2011 were read and accepted as correct. No matters arising.

## **Correspondence:**

There hasn't really been any correspondence except in relation to mini-mod.

Questions have been raised at U10s in relation to the play-the-ball.

The rule was read out as stated in the blue book.

The rule change seems to have made it ambiguous, and questions have been raised as to when the defensive line can move. Should it be when the AHB makes one step/ two steps/ three steps etc clearing the ruck? The definition says as soon as the ball is played by the foot but rule wants the AHB to pass the ball.

The RL Development Officer didn't realise that the rule had changed.

The correspondence from Hayden Walker was read out.

A discussion followed as to how the rule should be interpreted for the remaining few weeks. A suggestion was made that if the AHB moves away from parallel of the marker he has cleared the ruck.

The rules review panel will be meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Any requested changes need to be made in writing before that date.

A meeting will be called in the next two weeks so that any suggestions can be formed by Mick or Graham.

## **Discipline:**

There are 3 or 4 outstanding cases. The committee is disappointed at the number of cases that have been brought. Why is it so much hassle on a Sunday morning when we are not playing for points? There are a lot of petty arguments about the rules and if matters don't improve we will start sending people out to watch from the touchline.

We have had complaints of parents swearing on the touchline – mainly at U7s! This is not acceptable behaviour at any age and coaches need to get a grip of their touchline. Coaches arguing with the referee over the rules seem to set the parents off as well as setting a bad example to the children.

If we are made aware of coaches who are spoiling games and not playing to the ethos of the league we will start to observe and we will sort it out, even if it means removing people from the game. Any problems let us know and let us solve them, don't resort to having arguments on the pitch – that never helps.

## **Team Sheets:**

U9s are the worst at filling in team sheets, although other age groups aren't that far behind!

**Home/ Away** – write in the team names otherwise we have to look up players on a database and it takes a long time.

**Pre-match check list** – This is mandatory and should be done on the day. Teams will be fined if it is filled in on the computer in advance.

**NO CARD\_ NO PLAY** – the cards are the only check that you can do to make sure the players are all registered and insured.

**Fines:**

Team sheet fines were read out. All are payable before the next meeting.

**Under 11s:**

Thatto Heath Shields have taken up the free date in Group B.

**Under 7s:**

Orrell St James and Wigan St Pats are ready to start.

We are coming to the end of the transition period and it has become obvious that there is a big split in U11s group B. This will be reviewed before the season starts.

U12s/11s – Text in your result as soon as you can.

**Complaints:**

If you are submitting a complaint against another team, a copy **MUST** be sent to the team you are complaining about as per association rules. Any disciplinary complaints should be sent to Karen.

**Referees:**

Contact your allocated referee as soon as possible – at least before Thursday. **DO NOT** leave it till Saturday ! If you need a referee's number text Mick. If you leave contacting your referee too late he could be reallocated and you will have no referee for your game.

**Lottery:**

Mick forgot that he would be drawing it at the meeting! The team from the bonus ball was not in attendance, so this week's bonus ball will be the winner of this month's stuff.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** Please hold a minutes silence

**Next meeting : Tuesday 6th December at 8:30pm**