

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

Roll call

ACCRINGTON WILDCATS		LIVERPOOL STORM	
ATHERTON DRAGONS		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		ROCHDALE COBRAS	
CROSFIELDS		ROCHDALE MAYFIELD	
CULCHETH EAGLES		RYLANDS SHARKS	
ECCLES		SADDLEWORTH RANGERS	
FITTON HILL BULLDOGS		SHEVINGTON SHARKS	
FOLLY LANE		THATTO HEATH CRUSADERS	
GOLBORNE PARKSIDE		WATERHEAD	0
HALTON FARNWORTH HORNETS		WEST BANK BEARS	
HIGGINSHAW EAGLES		WESTHOUGHTON LIONS	
HINDLEY		WIDNES MOORFIELD	0
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	0
LIVERPOOL LIONS			

There was a presentation from John Rowe of Breakaway Tours on the Scarborough Festival again.

U12s Registrations:

Sarah has resigned as U12s registration secretary because she has just about had enough. She had a parent on the phone demanding to know where her son's card was and saying that her son came home from training crying because he still couldn't play. This was a transfer – he shouldn't have been training with his new club, and the paperwork was incorrect – not Sarah's fault, but she was made to feel bad because other people weren't doing their jobs properly.

This is what happens when you don't follow instructions and do things right. How difficult is it? Incorrect postage, no photos, no proof of age, no signatures, no envelopes have become daily problems this year.

- EVERY element has to be signed – player/ parent/ club official
- Envelopes with CORRECT POSTAGE – an A4 envelope needs a LARGE stamp, 1 first class stamp is not enough
- Photos should have name and club written on the back

Lots of clubs now have a designated registration secretary which seems to work well.

We are now playing catch up and trying to work out where we are up to. Mick handed out cards that Sarah had – mostly team reprints with correct date on.

If anything has gone missing during the change-over you may have to resubmit paperwork. Eileen will be doing the U12s from now on.

A question from the floor – why can't there be a place on the website giving instructions on how to complete a registration form. Eileen pointed out that it is at the top of EVERY board on the forum, you don't have to search through, but will do a guide for the homepage.

Transfers:

If a child wants to move from Club A to Club B:

Club B MUST complete the transfer form. Club A cannot refuse to sign the form but can make comments on the back of the form. A triplicate form must also be completed and BOTH forms submitted.

Whilst waiting for the transfer to be approved the player CANNOT play or train with the new club. If we hear about it we will start taking disciplinary action. You know the rules and are blatantly flouting them, putting everyone involved at risk – yourselves and the players. Your insurance is invalidated, until that player's card arrives he/she is registered for another club.

Our transfer rules are quite clear and straight forward. Transfers must be within district. These are our rules, we will not be applying the rules of other leagues. DON'T promise a player he can move when he can't.

Looking to the future:

A lot of teams registered without being ready to go and last month clubs were asked to think about ways that they could boost recruitment to share with other teams. Mick has been looking at the database and some teams have more players that have not re-registered than they have registered. We need to find out why these kids are leaving the game. We know that the game isn't for everyone, but we are talking a lot of kids!

Colin Clarke talked about Rylands Sharks. They run a mini-section with everyone helping and supporting each other. Start them young – their Cubs section has started 2 teams at U7s.

Darren from IRB said that schools need coaches to go into school to run after-school clubs. This gives players an introduction to your club.

Shawn from Parkside agreed with going into schools but also suggested using your districts RL Co-ordinator to get flyers and posters made.

Saddleworth said that they take part in a local events, such as a town games day. It was taking place at their home venue, and they found that handing out flyers and posters at the venue reaped rewards for them.

Recruitment:

Eccleston Lions have applied to enter the league with a team at U7s. They play out of Bobby's Lane and are waiting on cards for 9 players.

Blackbrook are also ready to enter the U7s fixtures. Watch out for changes to the fixtures! The new teams will enter the fixtures from the 23rd.

Team Sheets:

You will get fined for incomplete team sheets. Mick will go through this month's sheets and highlight the faults. You will get told next month without being fined, but future errors will be fined. Just do things properly. If your team sheet doesn't have which teams are involved we have to go through the database looking for players names that match.

Text Results:

Texting results is working well with just a few results missing. You MUST state AGE, GROUP, RESULT to make recording the results easier.

Lottery:

The bonus ball last week was 29 – Portico, who are no longer in the association. The Wednesday before was 42 - IRB so they get the goodies this month. Starting next month we will change the format and make the draw at the meeting.

Referees:

There have been complaints that clubs are not contacting referees early enough. As soon as the fixtures go on the website you should be contacting the referee and confirming your game. Leaving it to Saturday night is not an option. We are really short of referees across the board and if you leave it too late you may find that your referee has been re-allocated.

It would be nice to get some feedback on the referees – positive, polite and constructive please!

Next meeting : Tuesday 1st November at 8:30pm