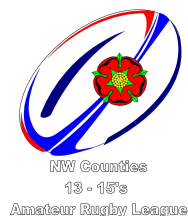


North West Counties 13 – 15 Junior Amateur Rugby
Meeting Minutes



Date of Meeting 1st July 2009

<i>Committee Members:</i>	Margaret Byrne (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Sam Armstrong (League Sec. /Discipline Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Jayne Bissett (Treasurer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Jeff Schofield (Referee Appointments Officer)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Paul Edwards (U13's Fixtures & Reg Sec.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Lindsay Bissett (U14's Fixtures)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jackie Clowes (U15's Fixtures Sec.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Paul Mitchell (Transfers Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	David Lowe (Registrations Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Brian Edwards (Child Welfare Officer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Apologies: Jeff Schofield, Lindsay Bissett

Next Meeting: Wed 6th August 2009 at 8.30pm, Golborne Parkside ARLFC

I. Attendance

Ashton Bears	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bank Quay Bulls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Blackbrook Royals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blackpool Scorpions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Blackpool Stanley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bold Miners	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Burtonwood Bulldogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chorley Panthers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clockface	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crosfields	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Culcheth Eagles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eccles & Salford Juniors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fitton Hill	<input type="checkbox"/>	Folly Lane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Halton Farnworth Hornets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Haydock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Higginshaw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hindley	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ince Rose Bridge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Langworthy Reds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Latchford Albion Unicorns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leigh East	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leigh Miners Rangers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leyland Warriors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Liverpool Lions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Manchester Storm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Milnrow Cobras	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moss Bank Bulldogs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oldham St Anne's	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orrell St James	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Golborne Parkside	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pilkington Recs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Portico Juniors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rochdale Mayfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Runcorn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rylands Sharks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Saddleworth Rangers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shaw Rhinos	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shevington Sharks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thatto Heath Crusaders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Waterhead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	West Bank Bears	<input type="checkbox"/>
Westhoughton Lions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Widnes Moorfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Widnes St Maries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wigan St Cuthbert's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wigan St Jude's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wigan St Patrick's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Woolston Rovers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

As this meeting follows the League's AGM, Clubs not present at that meeting have been fined £50 as outlined and minuted at the May 2008 meeting.
(Cheques to be made payable to NW Counties 13-15 ARL)

II. Minutes & Updates from the Last Meeting

The minutes of the AGM & June 2009 meeting which were posted on the NWC 13 – 15's website were proposed by Crosfields and seconded by Folly Lane.

III. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

IV. Correspondence
Friendlies/Festivals/Tournaments

The League had received three requests for authorisations for several friendlies/festivals, namely:

Langworthy Reds U14's

Have requested permission to play Meltham All Blacks in a home and away fixture. Home on the 4th July and away at Meltham on the 11th July

Blackpool Scorpions U14's

Asked the League for permission to play in a friendly fixture / curtain raiser before Blackpool Panthers Championship 1 match on Sunday 28th June. The game will be between Blackpool Scorpions U13s and Chorley Panthers U13s (K.O 13:00).

Latchford Albion U13's

Would like permission to go to Rhyl and play a curtain raiser vs Rhyl u12s before the Rhyl and Runcorn summer conference match. This is due to a connection with former professional Mike Nicholas who is in development with the Welsh ARL

The above events have all been approved by the League.

V. Referee Appointments Coordinator's Report

In the absence of Jeff Schofield there was no report.

VI. Registration Secretary's Report

David Lowe says we can now turn the Registration Cards round quickly and they will be back before the end of the month if in soon.

Concern was raised that some Registration applications still have no names on the back of the pictures if they come adrift from the documentation they will inevitably get held up ... please help us to help you by ensuring that the players names & club/ag-group are on the back of **both** pictures.

David informed the room that an "original" Birth Certificate is NOT required ... a copy or scan will suffice. We do not want to be responsible for these important documents going missing.

Stamps are not required for returns but please, when sending them in that your address is on the return envelope you enclose and that your original letter has sufficient postage ... we get hit with a minimum surcharge of £1 every time insufficient stamps are applied.

Again, David reiterated that the sooner the Registration Forms/details are in the better chance we have of beating the other Leagues and getting a quick turnaround. Margaret too asked Clubs to get forms in a.s.a.p. and not to hang back awaiting one or two signatures which may hold up the process.

New photos are not required **unless** the player's physical appearance has changed.

Please check the cards thoroughly when they are returned to you so that they can be corrected if required with the minimum of delay..

Contact may be made for queries but must be a CRB checked individual

All registrations should be sent to:

David Lowe
1 Moorfield Road,
Dentons Green,
St Helens,
WA10 6AU

and **definitely NOT** to Brian or Paul Edwards

VII. U13's Fixture Secretary's Report

Awaiting League Membership Applications but should be sorted for the August Meeting.

VIII. U14's Fixture Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

IX. U15's Fixture Secretary's Report

Leagues are now on the Forum, there is a footnote regarding contacting Jackie please pay special attention to this.

Do not ring her landline **at any point before 5pm** as Jackie's partner works shifts.

Jackie has changed her mobile number, her new number is 07540 730139. The website contact details have also been updated

X. Transfer Committee's Report

Paul Mitchell confirmed that the first batch of processed Transfers have been sent to RL Services but, we have been informed, they have only started processing from 1st July. First 5 have been received back and have been issued

More are due back imminently but Paul is away from Friday until the 11th July on Holiday so please do not ring him until he returns.

It was felt that the Transfer Rules were, following the AGM, clear but some Clubs are still putting in requests for two players from a single club... the 2nd **WILL** be refused.

A couple of requests deemed "out of district" will have to go to Appeal. Paul will contact the Clubs regarding a date for the appeals.

Margaret announced that the League had received 4 x De-Registration Requests, these had been accepted and the players concerned are now uninsured and subsequently will not be permitted to train with ANY club until such time as a transfer has been approved or a new registration request received.

Any club found guilty of permitting a player to train whilst de-registered will face the risk of suspension and further disciplinary action.

XI. Child Welfare Officer's Report

Brian Edwards informed the room that he needs to see CRBs and Coaching Badges ... these must be shown as a pair and will be checked at the next meeting.

XII. Disciplinary Chair's Report

The Suspensions & Fines to be adopted for the 2009/2010 season were handed out liberally throughout the room and have also been posted in the Stationery section of the website.

These new sanctions are in line with the recent consultations between the RFL and the Community Game and recognise the varying legal responsibilities of different age-groups within our League.

The question was asked about players playing "up" an age-group; For the purposes of clarity the age-groups adopted will be the age-group at which the player is playing and not his actual age,

XIII. BARLA Representative's Report

The very poorly attended BARLA AGM had taken place at Blackbrook on Sunday 28th June.

Comments were passed regarding the absence of a large number of the BARLA Board and the fact that several wishing to be voted on to the Board were unknown to many of the attendees.

It was also noted that, due to the absence of the Chair the Association's accounts had not been able to be "signed off" and therefore weren't presented.

Concern was raised over the role of the International Tour Manager where it was felt by a majority of delegates that there was a "conflict of interest" particularly as the current incumbent also supplied the kits/gear to the touring parties and his application for the post was outvoted.

Carole Land confirmed that the money from the sale of the Leigh Centre Of Excellence was invested and could not be touched for 4 years.

A presentation was given by Blue Fin insurance where assurances were given that, assuming no large claim was submitted before November then the premiums would remain the same. It was also mooted that Blue Fin are seeking a 3 year deal with BARLA though this seems to go in the face of what was agreed at the RFL's Community Board where BARLA apparently agreed to seek to work together with the RFL to determine whether there were grounds for them providing free insurance for Junior Clubs.

Mr Phil Woolas MP addressed the meeting stating that he was honoured to be asked to become the BARLA President and that he believed BARLA was held in high esteem by the All Party Rugby League Group.

XIII. Any Other Business

The Treasurers' Report showed that the League had a balance of £13203 at the time of the meeting.

Jackie Clowes informed the room that it is the League's intention to host an International U15's Competition at Club La Manga, Murcia, Spain in October 2010. A very brief overview was given and this will be expanded on at the August Meeting.

Sam Armstrong announced that to encourage recruitment & increased participation, "new" players who's Registration Forms have been submitted to the League and who have not yet received their Registration Card may

be sanctioned by the League to play in, up to a maximum of, 3 x "pre-season" games/tournaments.

Details of the Player, the Club & the Event at which you wish the Player to participate must be notified in writing and, most importantly, in advance of the event.

The League will maintain a register of these Players and the events at which they participated and will send by return e-mail a Permission To Play Form. This must be shown to their opponents in advance of the game/event in Lieu of a card and will be written confirmation that League has given permission for them to play.

This document will have the NW Counties Logo as a watermark and should only be accepted if this is visible.

Please Note: This ruling is only applicable within the areas and the teams covered by the NW Counties 13-15's ARL jurisdiction; other Leagues and/or areas may not accept this "permission" and are under no obligation to do so and subsequently may not allow players without cards to play.

Definitions:

For the purpose of this ruling,

A "new player" is defined as one who has never previously played at or been registered with any other Club in the NW Counties 13-15's League or NW Counties 8-12's or 16-18's.

"Pre-season" is defined as the period from 1st May until the first Saturday in September.

An "Event", "Tournament" or "Festival" is defined as any combination of games at a single venue on a single day.

The date of the next meeting at Golborne Parkside will be the 6th August 2009 commencing at 8.30pm.