

NORTH WEST COUNTIES JUNIORS
Minutes of the meeting 7th October 2014 held at Leigh Miners Welfare

Roll call:

Absent: Accrington, Crosfields, Fitton Hill, Littleborough, Oldham, Oldham St Annes, Widnes St Maries, Wrexham.

All will be fined £10 for non-attendance as per association rules.

The meeting started with a presentation on 'Embed the Pathway' by Tony Fretwell. More information can be found at www.embedthepathway.co.uk and any questions can be directed to Tony.Fretwell@rfl.uk.com or Anthony.Atherton@rfl.uk.com

Minutes

The minutes from last month were placed in the website for you to read.

Matters Arising:

Every month we give the same messages about registrations and yet you are still causing issues. Don't be calling the registration officers nagging about cards – when they have them you will get them as soon as possible. Nagging them isn't going to change anything.

There is no point ringing up between Thursday – Sunday with a registration query. By then it is too late to do anything about it.

Second class post is not enough. You will not get your cards quickly by using a second class post, so stop wasting your money.

Think about the size of the envelope and the number of cards. Make sure that you have the correct postage and make sure you add a stamp!

You asked us to put information on the website. We did, and yet you still don't use it. Get it right and things run smoothly, get it wrong it causes problems and frustration.

The registration season will close on Sunday 19th October. Any registrations must be complete by that date as the database needs to be reset for the new season. Don't leave your registration until Saturday 18th – it won't get done. Any registrations happening during the close period should be held until it opens again.

Hopefully the new re-registration sheets will be issued at the November meeting, giving you plenty of time to get them signed. The AGM is in December, all re-registration sheets should be handed in at the January meeting.

AGM:

The AGM will be held on 2nd December. Any new proposals should be submitted in writing (seconded by a different club) at the November meeting.

Transfers:

Blackbrook queried the transfer rules saying that he had 5 players waiting to transfer in. We have a set of rules which must be adhered to.

*Teams may only apply for **THREE** transfers in any one season. These transfers must not be from the same club. A player may only play for a club in his/her district. If there are no teams in a district at the player's age group then the club wishing to register them must seek special permission from the Association in order to legitimately sign them.*

If you want to change the rules then you need to apply in writing by the November meeting for a vote at the AGM. The rules that we already have work. If you increase the number of transfers you will have teams folding while some kids won't be getting sufficient game time. Obviously the message from Tony Fretwell at the beginning of the meeting had fallen on deaf ears, as Embed the Pathway is all about building teams, directing new players to clubs with lower numbers to build them up and developing all players at all clubs. It is not about super team building by raiding neighbouring clubs.

We have aligned ourselves with the RFL and use their Operational Rules, although we are still able to have local rules applicable to our league. We have been asked to accept a new paragraph which states that should our rules differ from those of the RFL then the RFL takes precedence. We object to that as our rules are voted on by our member clubs so we have asked that matters go to arbitration before any changes are made. Each league has their own competition rules but other rules are taken from RFL Operational Rules.

Registrations:

Same problems as every other month. Same problems as already spoken about – communication.

The 2014 registration window closes on Sunday 19th October in order to reset the database and print off the re-registration sheets. Any registrations received after that date will be returned for you to resubmit when you are told the 2015 window opens.

Westhoughton Lions

Congratulations to all at Westhoughton who have been voted 'Club of the Year' by Bolton Council. They would like to thank the other clubs for their support in gaining this achievement. They will now be entered into the competition for the Manchester area.

Fixtures:

Please check the website as there have been some changes made. Do not go by the fixture list from the start of the season. The season ends on 2nd November.

Bury Broncos U11s have withdrawn from Group D.

A request has been made by Latchford U12s to drop from Group A to Group B.

Lancashire Cup Final

Final to be played on 19th October. Good luck to Folly Lane and Halton Farnworth Hornets, we hope you enjoy the experience.

If anyone would like to change their match in order to watch and support then you can. Try and arrange it for the Saturday so that the game still goes ahead.

Lottery

October Draw: Atherton

Next meeting: Tuesday 4th November 2014 at 8.30pm
£10 fine for non-attendance