

NORTH WEST COUNTIES JUNIORS
Minutes of Monthly Meeting 7th June 2016
Meeting held at Leigh Miners Welfare

Roll Call absent -Bank Quay, Heysham ,Rochdale Cobras and Salford City Roosters.
Fines in line with association rules will be applied.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting** accepted as a true record. Apologies for late posting of minutes on website were accepted by members.
2. **Matters arising** – to be dealt with within framework of meeting
3. **Disciplinary Panel Report**

No report available although it is known that several issues are being dealt with.

3.1 The Chair pointed out that the meeting of all group C u10s held 9th May had helped resolve issues. After an acrimonious start to the meeting, people agreed to moving forward in a positive manner. It was pointed out that allowing issues to fester is not constructive with coaches etc being requested to raise issues calmly at meetings in the hope that issues can be resolved quickly and amicably. The U10s Group C are aware that any further disciplinary issues could result in the suspension of games.

3.2 All were reminded that as custodians of the game everyone involved should remember that:

- The abuse of anyone is not to be tolerated.
- Whilst constructive criticism is acceptable abusive behaviour is not.
- People willing to step forward and referee games should be encouraged
- All should show respect at all times
- That adults need to demonstrate good behaviour in order to be good, positive role models – i.e. children pick up on adult's behaviour and coaches etc. criticising/abusing referees and others will lead to the children behaving in a similar manner.
- Coaches set standards within their teams not only for the children but also the spectators by their actions
- Whilst there is perhaps a need for coach/spectators to be educated all involved should be encouraging others and trying to ensure that the children are enjoying developing skills in a constructive and friendly atmosphere
- Ours is a developing not winning culture

4 Team sheets - Fines

Fines need to be paid at end of meeting. Unpaid fines will be doubled.

All were advised that invoices will be raised and forwarded to Club Secretaries in respect of any future fines. Hopefully this will assist in ensuring that all team-sheets are completed correctly and submitted as appropriate.

5 Primary rules -

Concerns that clubs in the association had been treated unfairly with the initial imposing of sanctions. In light of the RFL allowing Leeds Rhinos to advertise and approach our clubs direct to participate in tournaments clearly outside the ethos and rules of PRL, the chair feels there is no point in being part of a process that clearly allows double standards and hypocrisy and suggested to the members that they consider remaining in the PRL group.

Graham also highlighted that Crieglestone All Blacks were promoting a festival / Tournament outside the PRL. When St Judes were promoting their festival we were challenged by David Butler and Charles Bray another example of hypocrisy.

We will make representations and recommendations at the next PRL group, and unless common sense and compromise for the benefit of the program is achieved we will advise our clubs to withdraw from the PRL group.

Feedback was requested on the proposal to maintain the present format for a further two years so that a full evaluation and report can then be collated and presented. All were asked to

- Highlight any issues around the rules being played at present in the NW for discussion in July.
- Promote/share good practice
- Feedback on any issues considered relevant
- Re visit Respect campaign
- Moving forward the association will only approve participation of festivals that comply with the ethos of PRL

being non elitist and non competitive.

7 Fixtures

Members were advised that changes within the U 9 groupings had been made and told to refer to the website to keep up to date. Changes involve Waterhead and Salford City Roosters.

Groupings will be amended over the summer.

8 Lancashire Cup Draw u12s

As games due to be played 17 July

Oldham St Anne's	v	ThattoHeath Crusaders
Orrell St James	v	Ashton Blacks
Ryland's Sharks	v	Wigan St Judes
Halton FH	v	Winners of Ince Rose Bridge/Woolston Rovers (game to be played 12 June)

8.1 NWC Cup

Thanks were expressed to all involved in the U 12 age group for adapting and accepting the changes that have been trailed this season. As we approach our finals day the draws for the semi finals were as follows;

All Games to be played no later than Sunday 19TH June

Dev Plate

Leyland Warriors		Golborne Parkside
Leigh Miners Rangers Golds		Winners of Wigan St Pats/Culcheth

Dev Cup

Blackbrook Royals		Langworthy Reds
Chorley Panthers		Rochdale Mayfield

Plate Final

Blackbrook Blues		Winners of Latchford/Clock Face
Oldham St Anne's		Leigh M.R

Grand Final

Halton FH		Orrell St James
ThattoHeath Crusaders		Wigan St Judes

Team photographs and player write ups (no more than 25 words) need to be provided ready for inclusion in programme for Finals Day.

These should be emailed to MD as soon as the semi finals have been decided.

All were encouraged to come and be part of our Finals Day on the 3rd July at Preston Grasshoppers RUFC.

9 Registrations

All were reminded of the need to:

- deregister players who have dropped out as this will help highlight any issues.
- Remember to include 2 photos with child's name on reverse when sending registration documents.

10 Serbia Tour

No funding is provided by the RFL for the players who have to raise their costs themselves. All agreed that the monies raised via raffles tonight and previously should be rounded up to £500 and donated towards the tour £135 raised over two raffles.

11 Monthly draw winner – Limehurst Lions

12 A.O.B.

12.1 Thanks were expressed to all who had sent best wishes to the child from Clock Face who had been airlifted to hospital last weekend. All were pleased to note that the child is well and that no serious injury had been sustained.

12.2 Festivals – the website will be updated outlining festivals. Members were reminded that approved festivals have been included in previous minutes and that any new applications which are received will be included on website.