

NORTH WEST COUNTIES JUNIORS
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 2nd May 2016
Meeting held at Leigh Miners Welfare

Roll Call Absent -Aspull New Spring, Belle Vue Bees, Haresfinch , Chester, Folly Lane, Leigh Miners, Liverpool, Rochdale Mayfield, Salford City Roosters, Westhoughton, and Rochdale Cobras

Fines in line with association rules will be applied.

1. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as a true record
2. Matters arising – to be dealt with within framework of meeting

3. Disciplinary Panel Report

John, Chair of Panel pointed out that after good start to the season several issues had been brought to his attention recently, involving u7s, u9s and u10s. As a result of issues identified 4 clubs are to be contacted via email this week and these clubs will be required to attend a disciplinary panel.

John pointed out that:

- of the 4 clubs to be brought before the disciplinary panel 3 have not submitted team-sheets
- team sheets are a legal document which must be completed correctly as outlined at April meeting
- problems should be written up
- majority of problems involve coaches and the touchline, not the young players
- abuse of referee is not to be tolerated (referees cannot change during game – should be same person throughout)
- unannounced visits will be made to check that clubs are abiding by rules (e.g. checking cards, completing team sheets, touchline behaviour etc.)
- he will come down heavy on poor touchline behaviour and non-compliance with the rules/ethos of the game

All were reminded that coaches can have their coaching badges withdrawn and that any coaches found to be failing to work within the ethos of the game (i.e. win at all cost instead of player development approach) will be reported to the RFL and requests made for their licence to be revoked.

All were reminded that

- coaches and spectators have a duty of care to ensure children in safe and encouraging environment
- all should be good role models
- refereeing a game is not easy and no-one should be subjected to abuse

As fines have had little impact consideration will be given to the suspension of games.

On a brighter note Mick explained that he had been contacted about a game involving Ince Rose and Hindley where a relatively new coach of the U7s had refereed in an exemplary fashion, providing encouragement throughout and when the game ended in a draw pointed out that both teams deserved to win.

All coaches of u10s group C are to attend meeting next Tuesday (9th May) at 7.30pm at Leigh Miners to discuss several issues.

4 Team sheets

Details of clubs to be fined for non submission of team sheets was provided (see attached).

Mick pointed out that between himself and Brian over 16 man hours spent trying to sort out team sheets last month with most of problems and thus time arising from people not providing information such as team names, score, etc. and that this information is important not only as it is a legal document but also to assist with groupings.

All fines to be paid by next meeting, any unpaid fines will be doubled and if not paid within that month will lead to games being suspended until fines paid.

5 Safety issues - Injuries

All were advised to visit the RFL website http://www.rugby-league.com/the_rfl/emergency_support where there is information about the need to report certain injuries within 2 hours to the RFL who will then provide assistance. There is also information regarding the Danny Jones Defibrillator Grant scheme.

Please let Mick or Graham know if report made to RFL as outlined on the website.

It was noted that a coach in Australia is being sued for allowing a child who had suffered concussion to return to the field of play.

6 Primary rules

It was pointed out that together with representatives of the NW13-15s and 16-18s Mick and Graham had attended a meeting with Kelly Barratt and Dave Butler which Robert Hicks had chaired in a fair but straightforward fashion. Jean had attended in order to minute meeting.

Mick was pleased to say that the meeting had been constructive and that Robert Hicks had agreed to look into several issues. Concerns had been raised about numerous issues including perceived double standards whereby pro-clubs are actively advertising activities that are outside the ethos/rules of the game.

Members were again reminded of the need to comply with the rules as outlined at previous meetings and the Operational rules (bearing in mind the dispensation for 2016 operating in the NW) and the ethos of the game to ensure that all children are actively encouraged to participate in a positive environment.

In response to questions raised members were reminded of the need to liaise with each other a few days prior to fixtures and to adopt a solution focused approach to any problems with the sharing of players being actively encouraged to provide opportunities for greater involvement.

Written confirmation that U11 girls can complete the season when they commence at high school has been received from the RFL. Notification that this is to be taken to the RFL Regulatory Panel for inclusion in next year's Operational Rules has been received.

7 Lancashire Cup Draw u12s

As games due to be played weekend that clashes with SL Magic Weekend teams need to liaise and ensure that games are played by end of May.

Newton Storm	v	Ashton Blacks
Clockface	v	Oldham St Annes
Ince Rose Bridge	v	Woolston
Langworthy Reds	v	Rylands Sharks
Blackbrook Blues	v	Halton FH
Wigan St Judes	v	Waterhead
Latchford	v	Orrell St James
Thatto Heath	v	Leigh Miners Gold

8 Registrations

John requested that people prepare for September by submitting any 'newbies' registrations a.s.a.p

All were reminded of the need to check and ensure that all registrations made and cards received as it is difficult, if not impossible for officers to deal with requests on the last minute (i.e phoning late Saturday about cards for Sunday game). No card no play rule must be complied with.

9 Monthly draw winner – Wigan St Judes

10 A.O.B none.