

**NORTH WEST COUNTIES JUNIORS**  
**Minutes of the meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 at Leigh Miners**

**Roll call:**

**Absent:** Accrington, Halton Farnworth Hornets, Leigh East, Littleborough, Rochdale Cobras, South Trafford, Waterhead, Wigan St Cuthberts

**All will be fined £10 as per association rules.**

**Matters Arising**

Following last month's meeting Mick asked questions regarding St Helens' approach to Service Area. Graham was told at the meeting that the pro clubs had to embrace the new way forward and that if St Helens weren't doing that they were alone. A member from the floor said that at a recent meeting at St Helens there was no mention of restricting players/ teams.

The documents are attached again below.

**Correspondence**

None to Note.

**Barla:**

No matters arising.

**RFL:**

**WORLD CUP**

When we sat on the calendar group we were asked to leave November free to allow for festivals to promote the Primary Game. There hasn't been much information as of yet but we do have these two:

Salford – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November for USA v Scotland

Looking for an expression of interest from 12 local teams at Under 9s for a 9v9 festival.

They will be eligible for discounted tickets.

If you are interested please contact Mick asap and he will pass on your details.

Wigan – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Looking for teams 8 – 12s. £25 for a team of 10 plus 2 coaches

Games will be played at ST Cuthbert's between 12pm – 4.30pm

Contact Martin McLoughlin at Wigan Warriors if interested.

Due to the lack of festivals, teams can arrange games in November as long as permission is requested beforehand. Try to arrange to play games that have been cancelled throughout the season.

**Discipline:**

We have one case outstanding. There is still a lot of disturbing behaviour going on each Sunday on the touchlines. You need to talk about it in your clubs and everybody has a duty to challenge bad behaviour. We have had 6/7 reports since last month's meeting. It's not good enough. As clubs you have to work together to sort out troublesome parents. People are still putting stuff on social media (Facebook). Once in the public domain it is very difficult to remove negative comments and people will take offense. The RFL Safeguarding team are dealing with some issues now. People are bringing the leagues, the clubs and the game into disrepute and they need to stop. Make sure your club informs parents are what is and is not acceptable before you find yourselves in hot water.

We are a development league. There is no place for win-at-all-cost coaching when developing young players. If that is how you want to coach you are in the wrong age group – move to 13-15s where results do matter.

Have you seen the Tony Carroll video? They are having the same issues in Australia and this video is everything not needed in the game. He has received a coaching ban – do we have to start doing the same?

<http://news.ninemsn.com.au/national/2013/05/30/19/09/former-footy-great-caught-swearing-at-his-junior-side>

**Team Sheets:**

The team sheet is a legal document and is needed in case of an insurance claim yet we are still getting them in with important details missing.

- Make sure you state who is playing in the boxes marked Home and Away
- Complete the pre-match checks
- Make sure the coaches sign

Not completing a team sheet properly is negligence and could be used against you in an insurance case.

**Registrations:**

We are all encouraged to protect our personal details due to identity theft. Would you leave your passport/ bank details lying around for anyone to look at? This year we have had 5 cases of teams losing their whole set of cards. These cards have a child's photo, date of birth, name and the place they can be found on them and yet are getting mislaid. It is your responsibility to protect the children's identity as well as you would protect your own. This is a safeguarding issue – keep hold of your cards!

When registering a player you have to provide proof of ID. There is no point in sending me a registration in one name and ID in another – what does that prove? You have the right to be called whatever you want (within reason!) but your legal name is the one on your birth certificate. If you want to be known by a different name you can, but for legal reasons you have to prove that you are known by that name. For registration purposes, if the registration is to be in a different name than that on the birth certificate it MUST be accompanied by either a copy of a Change of Name Deed or an official letter (from school/ doctor on headed paper) stating that Joe Bloggs is known as Joe Smith.

**Lancashire Cup:**

Final to be played 13<sup>th</sup> October at the Stobart Stadium, Widnes

Good luck to Blackbrook Royals and Leigh Miners Rangers for their final.

**Fixtures:**

Some fixtures have been altered this week – check the website.

St Marries U9s have had some issues and cancelled some fixtures but are looking to start again.

Bury Broncos have withdrawn from the fixtures at U10s. Teams are showing them no mercy and are beating them by high scorelines each week. The kids have become very demoralised.

What do you get out of that? What does anyone get out of it? Do your players develop by allowing them to humiliate another team – because that's what you are doing?

We will look at grouping, but we're not sure that will make things better. We really need to look at the manner of coaching. You have all been on a course. If that is what you have come away thinking maybe the courses need to be looked at.

U11s Group D has run out of fixtures. Mick will put extra fixtures on the website on a weekly basis.

**AGM**

The AGM will take place in December.

There will be changes due to Operational Rules and the RFL standardising everything, but if you have any suggestions that you think we should implement they should be submitted – proposed and seconded – for the next meeting in November.

The committee is up for re-election. If you would like to apply for a position please put it in writing and send to Graham Aitkin for the next meeting.

**New Coaching Plan:**

All coaches need to be qualified. They say to Level 2, Mick to query. Must all be DBS checked. All coaches must also attend a safeguarding course.

It was pointed out that any sort of course is nigh on impossible to get. The Pro Clubs should be looking at putting courses on for clubs in their area.

**Lottery Draw:**

Raging Bull – Simon has left. We still have a deal with Raging Bull and will continue to do the lottery. We haven't met the new rep yet.

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*Due to the RLWC match Tonga v Cook Islands at Leigh Sports Village on 5<sup>th</sup> November, next month's meeting has been moved to the second Tuesday.*

**Next meeting: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 8:30pm**

**Documents:**

- 1. [Agenda - Youth & Junior Management Group - 170813](#)**
- 2. [Y&J Management Minutes - 11.05.13](#)**
- 3. [Agenda Item 6.1 - Changes to Service Area and Regional Player Development Centres](#)**
- 4. [Agenda Item 6.3 - Under 14's Intertown Competition](#)**
- 5. [Agenda Item 6.4 - Scholarship Update](#)**
- 6. [Agenda Item 7 - 2013 RFL Coach Development Plan](#)**
- 7. [Agenda Item 8 - 1300819 RFL Coach Registration and Licence Scheme 2013 Final](#)**