

DCBA Annual General Meeting 16th July 2025

Sunderland University



AGENDA

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS

John Harding thanked the committee for supporting and running the league.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Teesside Lions – James Thomson

Newcastle Griffins – Bryony Vaughn (Corrine Vaughn joined via Teams)

Mal Turnbull and Richard Medd

Raptore BC – Arnel Clemente arrived late

Richmond Vikings – Jaycie Hall arrived late

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Approved unanimously

4. MATTERS ARISING

None

5. CHAIRMANS REPORT

John reflected on the many successes of the past season as detailed in the attached presentation.

6. LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT

NA

7. TREASURERS REPORT

Hard Copies of accounts available for anyone who wants one and also will be posted online.

Income Up alongside costs, league running at a planned loss, will continue to look for opportunities to develop the league, welcome ideas.

Increasing the fairness of league pricing means we will freeze adult fees at £3 and bring back the £1 junior fee

Team Registrations

Paul worked through the 2 options that are on the table to be agreed (see attached presentation)

Options 2 passed by majority.

Anyone requiring an invoice should please ask for one. Otherwise all DCBA Affiliation and Team fees to be paid by 20th July

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Fixtures and Competitions – Matt Connolly

Matt stressed the need to drastically reduce the amount of re-arranged and forfeited games. There are a number of rule changes to try and drive that change. The burden on both the committee and other clubs has become unacceptable and players need to take the fixture list more seriously and make sure they are available to play games. Games should go ahead if the team has 5 players or more.

Registrations – Dan Bell

24/25

600 registrations and following the initial problems with BE and 18 /21 year olds this generally worked well

Small number of transfers, thanks to all those involved for smoothing this process and getting them done quickly

Some issues around late registrations after the deadline has passed and we have looked to update the rules to bring some consistency to this and openness to the process

25/26

All will be through PlayHQ and it is open now

Process is to create an account and merge this with BE data, then purchase a licence. £32 this season for most local league roles. £20 for u18s

At the moment most people who do this are registering to a central north east regional account, which is ok, but will require action later, as players actually need to register for their club and the league,

To register for the club they will need to be invited to register by the club admin, so those who have been in will have to rework it but won't be charged again

We are also looking to collect the league fees directly this year when purchasing a licence but have contingencies in place for any issues.

Pay on behalf of has been removed

Officials – Paul Herring

Good communication now in place via Whatsapp Group

Looking to develop more refs still in line with league support

Ladies – Jeanette Murray

Well done to all those involved and very nice to see the growth in the ladies games

Media – Richard Medd

Thanks from all on the development of the social media presence which has been a huge boost to the leagues profile.

Disciplinary – Malcolm Turnbull

NA

Safeguarding – Louise Wylie

NA

9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS

Everyone continuing from last year.

John Harding will now just do the Chairman role.

Matt Connolly stood for election as the League Secretary

Proposed – John Harding

2nd = Everyone

John Harding mentioned we always welcome more volunteers – please get in touch if interested

10. PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND RULES

See attached presentation for more details but in summary

Ladies Cup Format – to return to end of season cup. Seeded based on current seasons standings. Griffins objection noted.

Statistics – will be carried on with and reviewed in November. If too many missing will be stopped.

League MVPS – to be nominated by the Referees with advice from Table Officials

Scoresheets – New Rule 22 approved

Match Officials – New Rules 23.A, 24, 26.A , 26.B and 27.A approved

Rule 23.B deleted

Registrations – New Rule 7A approved

Rec League – to become Mens D3 approved

Junior League – New Guidelines for managing junior games approved.

New Rule 5D and 5E approved

Forfeit Games – New Rules 14.F, 14.G approved (concern that some clubs will not be able to afford these fines but the aim is to provide incentive not to forfeit)

Rearrangements – New Rule 14A Approved

Club Bond – Agreed and to be paid before start of season

11. LEAGUE STRUCTURE & FORMAT 2025/26



JUNIOR TEAM ENTRIES

<u>U12 12 TEAMS</u>	<u>U14 10 TEAMS</u>	<u>U16 8 TEAMS</u>
CARDINAL VIPERS U12	BIDDICK TITANS GIRLS	DARLINGTON STORM U16
EAST CLEVELAND U12	BIDDICK TITANS U14	EAST DURHAM U16
EAST DURHAM U12	CARDINAL VIPERS U14	OXCLOSE U16
EAST DURHAM GIRLS	EAST CLEVELAND U14	CARDINAL VIPERS U16
LAMBTON RAPTORES U12	EAST DURHAM A U14	MOHAWKS
MOHAWKS U12	EAST DURHAM B U14	LAMBTON RAPTORES
RICHMOND VIKINGS U12	LAMBTON RAPTORES U14	TEESSIDE LIONS U16
SSB U12S	MOHAWKS U14	EAST CLEVELAND U16
TEESSIDE LIONS U12 RED	TEESSIDE LIONS U14 RED	
TEESSIDE LIONS U12 BLUE	TEESSIDE LIONS U14 BLUE	
TEESSIDE LIONS U12 WHITE		
TEESSIDE LIONS GIRLS		



TEAM ENTRIES

OPTION 1

D1 9 TEAMS

DARLINGTON STORM A
EAST CLEVELAND A
EAST DURHAM LIONS A
MOHAWKS A
MOHAWKS B
LAMBTON LEGION A
RICHMOND VIKINGS
SMOG WARRIORS
TEESSIDE LIONS A

D2 10 TEAMS

DARLINGTON STORM B
EAST CLEVELAND B
EAST DURHAM B
EAST DURHAM TRAGIC
HARTLEPOOL HEAT
LAMBTON B
STOCKTON SHADOWS
SUNDERLAND UNIVERSITY
TEESSIDE LIONS U18
TEESSIDE LIONS BLACK

LADIES 11 TEAMS

BIDDICK TITANS
MOHAWKS BLACK
MOHAWKS GREEN
EAST DURHAM
NEWCASTLE GRIFFINS
NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY
RICHMOND
SMOG WARRIORS
STOCKTON SUNS
SUNDERLAND UNIVERSITY
TEESSIDE LADIES

D3 8 TEAMS

EAST CLEVELAND C
HUSKIES BASKETBALL
SHADOWS B
DARLINGTON STORM C
EAST DURHAM C
CARDINAL VIPERS
SMOG GOLD
TEESSIDE LIONS WHITE

12. DECLARATION OF PLAYERS OWING MONEY

No declarations were made

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was a comment made by Smog Warriors representatives in relation to the amount of "National League" players in D1 now. Matt Connolly responded that this was not something as League Secretary he was concerned about as the players are all players already playing in the Durham League. Should this be a concern to teams this season then they would be able to make a proposal to the committee for next season in relation to that topic. However the Durham League, like many other county and metropolitan leagues up and down the country, has a proud history of having a number national league and even ex professional players playing in its top division. This is seen by the committee as a positive and we consider Local to be a limit of the geographical area the league covers and not the playing standard of the players and teams within the league.

As the meeting by then had already overrun there was no more AOB.

14. DATE OF HANDBOOK MEETING

To be advised if needed

Meeting ended 8:55



DCBA LEAGUE AGM 16th JULY 25



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PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES

MINUTES FROM LAST AGM ARE AVAILABLE IN THE DOCUMENTS SECTION OF THE LEAGUE WEBSITE.

DURHAM COUNTY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION AGM 15TH JULY 2024 MINUTES



ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

- **CHAIRMAN – JOHN HARDING**
- **LEAGUE SECRETARY – MATT CONNOLLY (NEEDS PROPOSAL)**
- **TREASURER – PAUL MOREELS**
- **COMPETITIONS SECRETARY – MATT CONNOLLY**
- **REGISTRATIONS SECRETARY – DAN BELL**
- **DISCIPLINARY CHAIR – MALCOLM TURNBULL**
- **JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT – DAVID WYLIE**
- **LADIES REPRESENTATIVE – JEANETTE MURRY**
- **SAFEGUARDING LEAD – LOUISE WYLIE**
- **OFFICIALS LEAD – PAUL HERRING**
- **MEDIA – RICHARD MEDD**



PROPOSED CHANGES

- **PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION, RULES & COMPETITIONS.**



PROPOSED CHANGES

DIVISIONAL CUPS & LADIES CUP FORMAT

- **HARRY WOOD OF BIDDICK TITANS HAS PROPOSED REVERTING BACK TO THE SEEDED CUP AT THE END OF THE SEASON AS PER THE MENS DIVISIONAL CUPS.**
- **DO THE CLUBS WISH TO CONTINUE WITH THE PLATE TOURNAMENT FOR THE TEAMS KNOCKED OUT OF THE FIRST ROUND? IF SO THE LEAGUE WOULD INTRODUCE A RULE THAT STATES ANY TEAM WHO FORFEIT THEIR FIRST ROUND MATCH, FOR ANY REASON, WOULD ALSO FORFEIT THEIR RIGHT TO ENTER THE PLATE TOURNAMENT.**
- **VOTES ON THE ABOVE FROM THE LADIES TEAMS ONLY**



PROPOSED CHANGES

STATISTICS

STATS – JOHN ENJOYS DOING THESE BUT EVEN WITH THE BEST PHOTOGRAPHS FINDS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DO WITHOUT THE HARD COPY. LAST SEASON, DESPITE CHASING UP, THERE WERE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT MISSING.

OPTIONS FOR GETTING HARD COPIES BACK TO JOHN

- HAND THEM TO ANY EAST DURHAM COACH OR REFEREE AT A GAME.**
- BRING THEM TO ANY GAME AT EAST DURHAM COLLEGE.**
- POST THEM / HAND THEM INTO EAST DURHAM COLLEGE C/O DAVID WYLIE.**

IS IT WORTH CONTINUING WITH SO MANY MISSING?



PROPOSED CHANGES

LEAGUE MVP'S

WHILST CHECKING STATISTICS FOR LAST SEASONS GAMES, ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE CONCERNED AT THE RATIONALE BEING ADOPTED FOR AWARDING MVPS.

THERE SEEMED TO OFTEN BE A CRITERIA APPLIED THAT WAS NOT ABOUT WHO THE MOST INFLUENTIAL AND BEST PLAYER WAS ON THE OTHER TEAM. ULTIMATELY THIS IS WHAT THE MVP AWARD IS MEANT TO BE ABOUT.

THEREFORE, THE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MADE THAT THE REFEREES WILL DECIDE THE MVP OF THE ALONG WITH THE TABLE OFFICIALS INPUT.

**IT WOULD BE HOPED THAT IT WOULD REMOVE
SOME THE MORE EGREGIOUS AWARDS.**



PROPOSED CHANGES

SCORESHEETS

RULE 22 - THE HOME TEAM MUST SEND AN OFFICIAL SCORESHEET TO THE COMPETITION'S SECRETARY BY SATURDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE GAME.

OTHERWISE A £5 FINE WILL BE IMPOSED. THIS CAN BE A SCANNED COPY, OR A CLEAR DIGITAL IMAGE. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN THE £5 FINE BEING IMPOSED.

NEW RULE 22 - THE HOME TEAM MUST SEND AN OFFICIAL SCORESHEET TO THE COMPETITION'S SECRETARY WITHIN 3 DAYS FOLLOWING THE GAME.

IF NOT RECEIVED THE RESULT WILL BE ENTERED 20-0 TO THE AWAY TEAM AND THE HOME TEAM WILL BE FINED £5.

GIVEN THAT 99% OF PEOPLE HAVE MOBILE PHONES THE ABILITY TO DO THIS POST MATCH HAS NEVER BEEN BETTER.

PLEASE ALSO ENSURE THAT IF THE REFEREE MAKES A NOTE ON THE REVERSE THAT BOTH SIDES ARE PHOTOGRAPHED AND SUBMITTED. REFS TO MAKE A NOTE ON THE FRONT TO MENTION ANY FULLER REPORT ON THE REAR.



PROPOSED CHANGES

MATCH OFFICIALS

RULE 24 - ALL GAMES IN THE DURHAM LEAGUE AND CUP COMPETITIONS WILL BE OFFICIATED BY TWO QUALIFIED AND LICENSED REFEREES, ONE OF WHOM MUST BE LEVEL 2

AND AT LEAST ONE BASKETBALL ENGLAND LEVEL 2 QUALIFIED TABLE OFFICIAL. IDEALLY SUPPORTED WITH A SECOND TABLE OFFICIAL. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE APPRENTICE REFEREES.

NEW RULE 24 - ALL GAMES IN THE DURHAM LEAGUE AND CUP COMPETITIONS WILL BE OFFICIATED BY TWO QUALIFIED AND LICENSED REFEREES ONE OF WHOM MUST BE LEVEL 2 AND AT LEAST ONE BASKETBALL ENGLAND LEVEL 2 QUALIFIED TABLE OFFICIAL IDEALLY SUPPORTED WITH A SECOND TABLE OFFICIAL.

REFEREES DOING THE REQUIRED GAMES TO OBTAIN THEIR LEVEL 2 QUALIFICATION ARE ALLOWED IF ACCOMPANIED BY A RECOGNISED SENIOR REFEREE (LIST TO BE SUPPLIED BY LEAGUE COMMITTEE).

REGARDLESS OF QUALIFICATIONS ALL REFEREES OFFICIATING A SENIOR GAME MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER.

REFEREES U18 WILL BE ALLOWED TO REFEREE JUNIOR DURHAM LEAGUE GAMES WITH THE SUPPORT OF A RECOGNISED SENIOR REFEREE (LIST TO BE SUPPLIED BY LEAGUE COMMITTEE). YOUNG REFEREES WILL

ONLY BE PERMITTED TO OFFICIATE GAMES BELOW THE AGE GROUP THEY PLAY IN.



PROPOSED CHANGES

MATCH OFFICIALS

RULE 26.A - REFEREES WILL BE PAID THE FOLLOWING RATES:

- LEVEL 3 AND 4 - £32
- LEVEL 2 - £30
- LEVEL 1 (PROBATIONER REFEREE) - £20

RULE 26.B - TABLE OFFICIALS WILL BE PAID THE FOLLOWING RATES:

- LEVEL 3- £18
- LEVEL 2- £15
- LEVEL 1 £9



PROPOSED CHANGES

MATCH OFFICIALS

RULE 27.A - GAMES WILL NOT START UNTIL THE REFEREES HAVE BEEN PAID.

NEW RULE 27.A - GAMES WILL NOT START UNTIL THE REFEREES HAVE BEEN PAID. IF A TEAM CHOOSES TO PAY THE REFEREE BY BANK TRANSFER THEY MUST ADVISE THE REFEREE IN ADVANCE. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT THE HOME TEAM SHARES THE DETAILS OF WHO WILL BE OFFICIATING THE GAME BEFOREHAND.

- **IF A REFEREE IS NOT PAID BY THE FOLLOWING DAY OF A GAME THEN THEY MAY APPLY TO THE LEAGUE WHO WILL PAY THEM AND THEN FINE THE CLUB RESPONSIBLE DOUBLE THE REFEREES FEE.**
- **PART OF RESPECTING OUR MATCH OFFICIALS IS ENSURING THAT THEIR PAYMENT IS MADE PROMPTLY AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE MADE TO CHASE THE MONEY AFTERWARDS.**
- **IN SOME INSTANCES, PARTICULARLY FOR OUR YOUNGER MATCH OFFICIALS, THIS MONEY IS USED AS A PART TIME JOB AND WILL GO TOWARDS FUNDING TRAVEL ETC. TO NOT PAY THEM PROMPTLY IS UNACCEPTABLE AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**



PROPOSED CHANGES

MATCH OFFICIALS

RULE 23.A - ALL CLUBS MUST NAME AT LEAST TWO LICENCED AND QUALIFIED REFEREES ONE OF WHO MUST BE AT LEAST LEVEL 2.

THEY MUST ALSO NOMINATE AT LEAST ONE BASKETBALL ENGLAND LEVEL 2 QUALIFIED TABLE OFFICIAL, OR THEIR LEAGUE APPLICATION MAY BE REFUSED. A REFEREE MAY REGISTER WITH ONE TEAM ONLY. NAMED REFEREES WILL BE LISTED IN THE HANDBOOK..

NEW RULE 23.A - ALL CLUBS MUST PROVIDE THE LEAGUE DETAILS OF ALL LICENCED AND QUALIFIED REFEREES AND TABLE OFFICIALS AT THEIR CLUB. NAMED REFEREES WILL BE LISTED IN THE HANDBOOK.

RULE 23.B AN INFRINGEMENT OF RULE 23A WILL INCUR A £20 ADMINISTRATION FEE.

NEW RULE 23.B – WOULD BE REMOVED



PROPOSED CHANGES

REGISTRATIONS

RULE 7A - INDIVIDUAL PLAYER REGISTRATIONS DURING THE SEASON MUST BE MADE IN WRITING BY EMAILING DURHAM.BASKETBALL@HOTMAIL.COM, A MINIMUM OF ONE DAY BEFORE A PLAYER CAN PLAY IN A MATCH AND MUST BE ACCEPTED BY A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE. THE PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE IS TO BE SENT BY BANK TRANSFER TO THE ASSOCIATION'S BANK ACCOUNT. DEADLINE FOR NEW PLAYER REGISTRATIONS WILL BE 31ST DECEMBER. ANY PLAYER REGISTRATION AFTER THAT WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND GENERALLY NOT PERMITTED.

NEW RULE 7A - INDIVIDUAL PLAYER REGISTRATIONS DURING THE SEASON MUST BE MADE IN WRITING, BY EMAILING THE LEAGUE EMAIL ADDRESS A MINIMUM OF ONE DAY BEFORE A PLAYER CAN PLAY IN A MATCH AND MUST BE ACCEPTED BY A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE. THE PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE IS TO BE SENT BY BANK TRANSFER TO THE ASSOCIATION'S BANK ACCOUNT. NO NEW PLAYER REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 31ST DECEMBER.



PROPOSED CHANGES

REC LEAGUE

DUE TO THE NUMBER OF ONGOING QUERIES CAUSED BY THE REC LEAGUE.

- **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY.**
- **PLAYERS BEING ABLE TO PLAY UP AND DOWN.**
- **JUNIOR INVOLVEMENT.**
- **BALL TO BE USED.**

WE WOULD LIKE TO RE-INTRODUCE A **MEN'S D3 THAT WOULD RUN UNDER THE SAME LEAGUE RULES AND GUIDANCE AS THE OTHER MEN'S DIVISIONS AND INCLUDE RELEGATION, PROMOTION AS WELL AS CUP COMPETITIONS.**

THIS WILL DEPEND ON THE AMOUNT OF THE TEAMS THAT ENTER D1, D2 AND OF COURSE THOSE WANTING TO ENTER THE REC LEAGUE.

THE MEN'S D3 WOULD NOT MAKE PROVISION FOR MIXED BASKETBALL.

IT IS THE OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE THAT THERE IS EXCELLENT PROVISION IN THE LEAGUE FOR WOMEN TO COMPETE AND PARTICIPATE ACROSS THE WHOLE OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA WE COVER.



PROPOSED CHANGES

JUNIOR LEAGUES

RULE 17.A WILL BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THAT JUNIOR GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AS PER THE BE JNR NBL REGIONAL RULES.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ALL MUST PLAY RULE WHICH WE FEEL AT LOCAL LEAGUE WOULD NOT BE SUITABLE FROM A PARTICIPATION PERSPECTIVE.

THE RULES AT A GLANCE

- **BE ALL MUST PLAY RULES**
- **NO ZONE DEFENCE GUIDANCE**
- **NO ZONE DEFENSE SANCTIONS**

IN BRIEF THOUGH –

- **NO ZONE DEFENSES INCLUDING ZONE PRESS.**
- **NO FULL COURT DEFENCE IF UP BY 20 OR MORE.**



PROPOSED CHANGES

JUNIOR LEAGUES_{CONT}

DUE TO THE DISPARITY BETWEEN SOME TEAMS THERE WERE SOME VERY ONE SIDED GAMES.

OUR JUNIOR CHAIRMAN DAVID WYLIE AND SAFEGUARDING OFFICE LOUISE WYLIE HAVE DEVELOPED SOME NEW GUIDELINES FOR CLUBS AND COACHES TO FOLLOW IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.



PROPOSED CHANGES

JUNIOR LEAGUES_{CONT}

RULE 5.d - ANY PLAYER REGISTERED AS A SENIOR NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYER MAY NOT PLAY BELOW DIVISION 1 UNLESS A PLAYER'S MAIN NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM IS A JUNIOR TEAM AND THEY ARE PLAYING SENIOR NATIONAL LEAGUE TO GAIN EXPERIENCE.

ANY TEAM WISHING TO REGISTER A PLAYER TO PLAY ACCORDING TO THIS CRITERION SHOULD INFORM THE REGISTRATIONS SECRETARY SO THAT THE QUALITY OF THE PLAYERS CAN BE ASSESSED AND MONITORED.

NEW RULE 5.D - ANY PLAYER REGISTERED AS A SENIOR NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYER MAY NOT PLAY BELOW DIVISION 1. THIS RULE ALSO APPLIES TO U18 PLAYERS PLAYING FOR SENIOR NATIONAL LEAGUE SIDES. IF A JUNIOR PLAYER IS USED BY A SENIOR NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAM AS EMERGENCY COVER AS A "ONE-OFF" THEN PLEASE CONTACT THE LEAGUE FOR GUIDANCE.



PROPOSED CHANGES

JUNIOR LEAGUES_{CONT}

NEW RULE 5.E

- **JUNIOR PLAYERS U18 OR YOUNGER CAN PLAY “UP” INTO THE SENIOR LEAGUES. TO PLAY IN THE DURHAM LEAGUE A JUNIOR PLAYER MUST BE REGISTERED FOR EITHER A JUNIOR AND/OR A SENIOR DURHAM LEAGUE TEAM.**
- **IF THEY ARE ONLY REGISTERED FOR A JUNIOR TEAM THEY CAN PLAY UP INTO SENIOR TEAMS IN THE LEAGUE BUT NOT IN THE CUPS.**
- **IF THEY ARE REGISTERED FOR A SENIOR DURHAM LEAGUE TEAM THEY CAN PLAY UP A DIVISION BUT NOT DOWN AND NOT IN THE SAME DIVISION. THEY CAN PLAY IN THE CUP FOR THE SENIOR TEAM THEY ARE REGISTERED FOR ONLY.**



PROPOSED CHANGES

FORFEITED GAMES

LAST SEASON THERE WERE A TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE AMOUNT GAMES FORFEIT ACROSS THE DURHAM LEAGUE. THIS CAUSED A LOT OF COMMUNICATION, FRICTION, WORK AND POTENTIALLY COSTS FOR SOME CLUBS. IN ADDITION TO THE RULES RELATING TO POSTPONED AND UN-PLAYED GAMES WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE A NEW RULE.

NEW RULE 14.F

- **THE LEAGUE RECOGNISES THAT IN SOME CASES A FORFEIT CAN HAPPEN. IN THE FIRST CASE A TEAM FORFEITS A GAME THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER ACTION, NOT WITHSTANDING RULES RELATING TO THE TIMING OF CANCELLED GAMES.**
- **IF A TEAM THEN FORFEITS A SECOND GAME THEN THERE WILL BE A £25 FINE PER GAME UP TO 5 GAMES. IF A TEAM FORFEITS 5 GAMES OR MORE THEN THE FINE WILL BE £50 PER GAME AND THE TEAM WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN EXPLANATION TO THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE.**



PROPOSED CHANGES

FORFEITED GAMES

NEW RULE 14.G

- **IT IS MANDATORY THAT THE HOME TEAM CONFIRMS THEIR FIXTURE WITH THE AWAY TEAM MINIMALLY 5 DAYS IN ADVANCE; THIS SHOULD CONFIRM THE TIP TIME, WHEN THE COURT IS AVAILABLE FOR WARM UPS, HOME COLOUR AND THE REFEREES.**
- **IF THE REFEREES ARE NOT KNOWN AT THAT TIME THEN THEY MUST BE CONFIRMED TO THE OPPONENTS NO LATER THAN 24HRS BEFORE THE TIP OFF TIME.**



PROPOSED CHANGES

REARRANGEMENTS

There are too many rearranged games causing an unfair workload for the committee, other clubs and match officials.

There will be a grace period from when the fixtures are issued in August until the end of September 2025 to allow teams the time to make necessary changes in agreement with their opponent to their schedule.

After that time any change required will incur a £5 administration fee

Current Rule 14a - No game on the fixture list can be postponed, or tip-off time altered, but if both teams agree to a date other than that shown in the handbook then the date and/or time may be altered. This must be done no later than 2 weeks after the postponement has been agreed. Ideally at the same time. The defaulting team must inform the Competitions Secretary and the referees. Any games not re-arranged more than 2 weeks after the postponement will incur a £5 fine to the club that requested the postponement.

New Rule 14a - No game on the fixture list can be postponed, or tip-off time altered, but if both teams agree to a date other than that shown in the handbook, then the date and/or time may be altered. This must be done no later than 2 week after the postponement has been agreed. Ideally at the same time. The defaulting team must inform the Competitions Secretary and the referees. Any games not re-arranged more than 2 weeks after the postponement will incur a £5 fine to the club that requested the postponement. Additionally all changes will incur a £5 administration fee in order to incentivize teams not to change their fixtures after the agreed window to do so.



PROPOSED CHANGES

CLUB BOND

Throughout the season there are a large number of small transactions including:

- **Fines**
- **Transfer Fees**
- **Late Registrations**

In addition, this will now also include:

- **Referee costs**
- **Re-arranged Fixture Admin Fees**

To therefore minimise the number of small transactions and the need to constantly chase small payments, therefore making it easier for everyone to stay up to date the £100 bond will be used throughout the season to cover these costs.

Where the bond balance falls below £25 during the season, the club will be contacted for an additional payment and provided with a summary of how the current balance has been applied.

At the end of the seasons, all clubs receive a statement of account showing an itemised list of costs incurred to explain and evidence the expenditure.



PROPOSED CHANGES

OTHER CHANGES

- **THERE WILL BE NO GAMES SCHEDULED BETWEEN 19TH DEC 2025 AND 5TH JAN 2025.**
- **CLUBS ARE REMINDED THAT IN THE CASE TEAMS ARE TIED ON POINTS THAT THE HEAD TO HEAD RECORD BETWEEN THE 2 TEAMS IS CONSIDERED FIRST AND THEN POINTS SCORED DIFFERENCE.**
- **THE DCBA WOULD LIKE TO RUN A GIRLS ONLY CVL STYLE FORMAT MONTHLY IN ADDITION TO THE U8/U10 CVLS. WE HAVE APPROACHED TO SEE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WHAT FUNDING WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH IN ORDER TO ASSIST WITH COURT HIRE, COACHING COSTS ETC. THE IDEA WOULD BE TO HAVE A COACHING SESSION FOLLOWED BY SIDE SELECTIONS AND MINI TOURNAMENTS.**