

DURHAM COUNTY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Meeting Location – Sunderland University

Date & Time – 6th July 2026 @ 7pm

Agenda:

1. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
4. DECLARATION OF PLAYERS OWING MONEY
5. CHAIRMANS REPORT
6. LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT
7. TREASURERS REPORT
8. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS
9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS
10. PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND RULES
11. LEAGUE STRUCTURE & FORMAT 2026/27
12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In Attendance

Matt Connolly (DCBA)	John Harding (DCBA)	Dan Bell (DCBA & EDL)
Donna Cuthbertson (Vikings)	Joe Bell (Vipers)	Simon Wood Biddick
Paul Moreels (DCBA)	Arnel Clemente (Lambton)	Jaycie Hall (Vikings)
Zoe Willia (NCL Swifts)		
Richard Medd (Stockton & DCBA)	Shaun Haque (Stockton)	Louise Wylie (DCBA & EDL)
David Wylie (DCBA & EDL)	Brad Coxon (East Cleveland)	Lee Davy (Durham)
John Stead (Huskie)	Gill Kilburn (Huskies)	Sam Butterworth (Stockton)
Peter Gull (Shadows)	Becca Lasker (Suns)	Anthony Cifford (Oxclose)
Steve Butler (Mowawks)	Liam Shepherd (Teesside)	Dave Kitson (Heat)
Bryony Vaughn (NEG)	Allesandro Turina (Tees River Raptors)	Claire Blueman (Darlo Storm)
Corinne Vaughn (NEG)		
Apologies from		
Rob Kelly (Vipers)		
Malcom Turnbull		

Item	Discussion Items	Status and Actions
3	The minutes of the last AGM were unanimously agreed	ALL
4	There were no declarations of any players owning money	ALL
5	Chair John Harding highlighted the need for better communication and cautioned against using social media to criticise league decisions	John Harding
6	League Secretary Matt Connolly confirmed a high number of forfeits again in the league (38) and that it was critical that teams try and stick to the fixture list as much as possible. PHQ Game Change tool will be in use this season. Communication is key and don't make your problems everyone else's problems	Matt Connolly
7	Treasurer Paul Moreels Income up Some grant money coming in too which is good Spending Up also on long term projects, website and laptop Finances are in line with projections, starting to eat into the pot of cash we have Fees increase adult registrations to £5 per player Increase Junior to £2 £45 to £50 on costs of team entry Freeze Affiliation fee at £25 Highlighted bonds needs to be topped back up to £100	Paul Moreels
8	Registrations Dan Bell Dan highlighted the growth in league numbers and activity as we have continued to develop coaches and officials. He also pointed out the common errors in PLAYHQ set up which can cause issues such as missing or unacceptable photos, lapsed accreditation	
8 cont	Disciplinary Chair Malcolm was not able to attend so Matt Connolly presented Key message is Respect the Officials Last year the worst we have seen in a long time, including suspension for the first time since return to basketball since COVID Highlighted 2 refs have stood down, due to lack of respect being shown to match officials Key Message – No Refs No Game More refs coming in from Tyne Met which is good	Matt Connolly on behalf of Malcolm Turnbull

	FIBA changes highlighted – League will look to put something out to the officials to explain the changes going forward	
8 cont	Junior Chair David Wylie CVL – Poorly attended this past season, do we move away from this and just let clubs to arrange their own friendlies, high costs with court hire and insurances, David will ask clubs if they want to participate and require a level of commitment, mainly focused at U8s and U10s Steve Butler – Schedule will help with getting commitment Competing with other sports, more notice may help Do clubs want to host and use their venue? This may help with costs and availability, ACTION David will email clubs for commitment and work out schedule once NBL and LL fixtures are out, really need commitment	David Wylie
8 cont	Louise Wylie Welfare & Safeguarding Highlighted DBS issues from last season – watch for these going forward People need to select On Line Verification – but technology is poor, so people failing Highlight DBS's from work won't be accepted people will need to apply through BE for a DBS Highlights kids don't need DBS under 16 but will have to have done online safeguard course	Louise Wylie
8 cont	Social 237% up in the last year Facebook increasing Juniors and finals get good coverage Not much from Insta Can people contact Medd with good news stories and will look to grow the following	Richard Medd
9	All currently standing committee members were unanimously re-elected. Richard Medd was proposed by Becka Lasker for the vacant Ladies Rep role and seconded by Jaycie Hall John Harding will take on the officials role for the upcoming season in addition to being the chair Matt Connolly thanks Paul Herring and Jeanette Murray for their long service on the committee	ALL
10	Constitution and Rules New Constitution was made available on league website and shared via email before the meeting– Passed no queries Have applied for league level 1 status – still awaiting BE review	ALL

	New Rules were made available on league website and shared via email before the meeting– Passed no queries Updated to reflect PlayHQ	
	E-scoring 70% of games in 25/26 were e-scored Mandatory for 26/27 in line with BE approach going forward Matt discussed future improvements to the system ACTION Matt – is there a function for clubs to create their own friendlies? Offered to create summer friendlies if clubs want help	Matt Connolly
	League MVPs Will not be awarded going forward due to lack of selection during the last 1 1/12 seasons. The committee does not have the time to chase teams to do this and it has become devalued	Matt Connolly
	Forfeited games update to rule First game free still £75 per game following this – increase from £50 in 25/26	Matt Connolly
	Confirming Games Reminder – Mandatory to confirm fixture in advance	ALL
	Rearrangements All fixtures changes will need to be made by PlayHQ Change Request Good communication is key, monitoring emails is key, good practice is to discuss, agree and then put through, teams must remember to accept changes Committee will always side with team who were originally happy to play on the given date	ALL
	U16s Zone Defence (Rob Vipers) Adopt conference rules rather than regional rules (1st & 3rd Zones would be allowed) Passed by majority of U16 team representatives present ACTION Matt Connolly to update the league rules to reflect	U16 Teams

	Other changes No games between 20th Dec - 5th Jan	
11	League Structure Woman's Division 10 teams Not enough to split into 2 divisions Everyone playing each other twice plus cup competition	ALL
	Division 1 8 teams initially Highlighted the addition of Tees River Raptors, rather than SMOG warriors, and the history behind this No problem with this swap of teams	ALL
	Mens D2 10 teams Mens D3 10 team 2nd Teesside D3 side may not go ahead. Heat trying to get a side up and running for D3 Both teams to confirm before the fixtures are done League numbers looking very strong, will review balance at the end of 26/27	ALL
	Junior U12/U14 11 Teams/12 teams Matt highlighted committee thinking around splitting divisions and numbers and how teams would be allocated and concerns around this, also how do we make this sustainable. Biddick, Durham City, Darlington Storm concerns about gaps in performance and putting kids off playing Mowhawks suggested Scottish premier league premier U16s seem fine not a problem for the majority of clubs Decision Going to trial 2 divisions in 12s and 14s Play each other 3 times	ALL

12	AOB Joe Bell of Vipers asked what support will be given from league in relation to match officials. Dan Bell advised this is ongoing and Simon Wood commented that the NE Region are allegedly offering some support Jaycie Hall asked when player registrations would be open and it was confirmed BE have said 9th July 2026	Dan Bell & Matt Connolly
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- Date of next meeting – To be confirmed but July 2027