



# UK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

## 2023 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the League's constitution, that the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the League will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Chapel Lane, Birmingham, B43 7BG on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 11:00

Marian Williams  
League Administrator

November 2023

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2022 AGM
3. Chair's Annual Report
4. Administrator's Annual Report
5. Financial matters:
  - 5.1 Consideration of the accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023
  - 5.2 Adoption of the accounts
  - 5.3 Subscriptions for 2023/2024. The Management Committee proposes that subscriptions be increased to £135 per match per team plus such sum as the Management Committee may fix to attend any subsequent fixtures to include finals and promotion matches.
  - 5.4 To approve the Management Committee's proposal to reimburse travel expenses for the 2024 season: -
    - 5.4.1 Less than 400 miles – no payment  
400 miles or more – 50p/mile  
The maximum support due to any team, attending a single away match, to a maximum of £500 per match in total (towards transport and accommodation).  
(NB Claims amounting to less than £25 will not be reimbursed).



**5.4.2** The Management Committee proposes that, for the 2024 season, the host club reimbursement should be paid as follows:

A fixed amount of £375, and a variable amount of £40 for each team timetabled to compete at the match.

plus £200 for the use of Photo Finish, £80 for the use of EDM and £40 each for the use of track and/or field wind gauges.

6. To consider the following resolutions. These resolutions need a simple majority to be passed:

**6.1 Proposals from clubs –**

**6.1.1 Proposed by East Wales**, and supported by Cardiff AAC; Charnwood AC; Cheltenham & County Harriers; South Wales; Swansea Harriers; West Wales:

***We propose that Rule 11.2 be amended such that there is no absolute requirement to field at least one U20 athlete in all individual U20 track events.***

This rule often results in a reduced number of competitors in events where there is no U20 athlete available to compete for a team, and also reduces the competition opportunities for U17 athletes who may be available.

There is no such requirement to field an U20 athlete in the field events, or relays.

The rule as it stands states:

**11.2** In all **individual** track events, 2 competitors per team shall be permitted. In the U20 competition, if 2 athletes are entered, then at least one of them must be in the U20 age group.

***(For clarification: relays are not subject to this rule)***

This would be amended to:

**11.2** In all **individual** track events, 2 competitors per team shall be permitted.

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**6.1.2 Proposed by East Wales**, and supported by Cardiff AAC; Charnwood AC; Cheltenham & County Harriers; South Wales; Swansea Harriers; West Wales:

***We propose that the league introduces an U20 4 x 400m Mixed relay to replace both the U20M and U20W's 4 x 400m relays.***

With the number of U20 athletes being slow to return to pre-Covid levels we feel that it would be an opportune moment to explore other avenues that are starting to take place in major championships.

Many clubs don't have a sufficient number of U20s to fill a team so are using U17s to fill the gaps. We suggest a mixed relay would inject more excitement at the end of the programme, it's been well received when introduced to other competitions.



## 6.2 Proposed by the Management Group

The Management Group propose the following changes to the Rules of competition:

### 3. ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES

3.1.1. Competitors can be either first claim members of their club or second claim (2<sup>nd</sup> claim) members whose first claim club is not a member of the League. Clubs are limited to 5 male and 5 female second-claim athletes per match.

*(For Clarification: Composite teams are not permitted to use second claim members – see Appendix 1)*

To be amended to:

3.1.1. Competitors can be either first claim members of their club or second claim (2<sup>nd</sup> claim) members whose first claim club is not a member of the League. Clubs are limited to **6 (six) male** and **6 (six) female** second-claim athletes per match.

*(For Clarification: Composite teams are not permitted to use second claim members – see Appendix 1)*

#### Rationale:

It is one of the suggestions made by a number of teams that the number of second claim athletes should be increased to provide more competition opportunities to athletes whose first claim clubs do not compete in the league. It also makes it more likely that clubs have a more complete team which means they can compete with some of the bigger teams.

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## 11. SCORING

The initial statement to be amended to:

Matches will be scored as shown in the Appendix 1 based on 'A' and 'B' strings which follow the number of teams in the division to which teams have been allocated, **subject to an athlete having achieved the minimum standard to score (Appendix 3) in the UAG.**

#### Rationale:

It has long been a topic under discussion that for the UAG there needs to be a minimum standard to score points in all events, rather than just the vertical jumps who have always had a minimum starting height. Apart from the issues of equality across all events, there are also welfare, liability and insurance concerns to consider.

We are all aware of instances where athletes are persuaded to compete in an event(s) for which they have not trained or prepared for but feel compelled to enter against their better judgement. It is stressed that this proposal does not prevent an athlete who wants to try a different event, merely that they must achieve a specified performance level to score points. This will make a better competition experience for athletes who are competitive in the event and may encourage clubs to provide event specific training for the more technical events. A by-product of this rule is that it is likely to reduce the length of the competition day, which is also a much-requested benefit.

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## 12. NON-SCORING EVENTS

12.1 In the Upper Age Group each team is allowed to enter a non-scoring athlete in up to six events (of either age group) per gender per meeting No more than three of these events, per gender, may be field events. If more than one such athlete is entered in an event, for the purposes of this rule, each athlete shall be deemed to be entered in a separate event. These athletes shall be included on the declaration sheet 1.

*(For clarification – each team will be allowed up to 6 non-scoring performances per gender in each fixture. NB Non-scoring teams in Relay races comprise of 4 of the non-scoring places).*

### To be amended to

12.1 In the Upper Age Group each team is allowed to enter a non-scoring athlete in up to **8 (eight) events per sex per meeting** No more than 3 (three) of these events, **per sex**, may be field events. If more than one such athlete is entered in an event, for the purposes of this rule, each athlete shall be deemed to be entered in a separate event. These athletes **must be declared on the portal prior to competing.**

### Rationale:

There have been a number of requests from teams asking that they be allowed to use more non scoring athletes, more especially in the sprint events, where they have an excess number of athletes who would welcome the opportunity to compete. We have retained the limit of 3 non scoring athletes in field events as these are more likely to increase the length of the competition day which is contrary to what many athletes and clubs have requested.

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## 6.3 Additional changes to the timetable

6.3.1 The management team propose to rotate 1500m, 3000m and Steeplechase/800m in the Upper Age Group timetables for 3 rounds of fixtures. Fourth and subsequent rounds will be held using the full timetable of events.

### Rationale:

It is clear from our results that many teams are struggling to declare a full team of Middle-Distance runners, and this is resulting in weaker fields in most of the longer events, which is not in the best interests of the athletes. In addition, it is also clear that many teams would prefer a shorter competition day; by rotating these events the timetable can be reduced to a more manageable length.

## 7. To consider the following amendments to the constitution.

There are no amendments proposed.



**8. Election of management committee vacancies (with Terms of office as shown).**

**Nominations received for:**

**Finance Officer: Nicola Thompson (to 2027)** – nominated by Blackburn Harriers & AC; Liverpool Harriers & AC; Trafford AC

**General Committee:**

**Leslie Roy (to 2025) serving as Scotland Area Co-ordinator** – nominated by Team North Lanarkshire; Inverness Harriers.

**Tim Soutar (to 2024)** – nominated by Blackheath & Bromley Harriers & AC; Trafford AC

plus

**Three further vacancies to 2025** – one to serve as Midland Area Co-ordinator

**9. Date of the 2024 Annual General Meeting – November 2024 (actual date to be confirmed)**

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**NOTE**

**Tea & Coffee will be available from 10.15 in the Lounge**

**Delegates are advised to bring their own lunch however there will be further tea and coffee available during the lunch break**

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**Following the AGM, we will be holding a discussion as part of the consultation process started earlier in 2023. Information submitted from clubs and individuals during this process will on display so that delegates can peruse these in preparation for the discussion.**

**It is hoped that delegates will be able to remain behind after the AGM as we welcome input from everyone.**

**We are required to vacate the room by 16:00.**



**APPENDIX 3 – minimum standards to score in the UAG.**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Proposed Min for 2024 for U20M</b>	<b>Proposed Min for 2024 for U20W</b>	<b>Proposed Min for 2024 for U17M</b>	<b>Proposed Min for 2024 for U17W</b>
100	12.9	14.8	13.5	15.0
200	26.2	30.00	27.00	31.00
400/300	59.5	71.5	61.0	52.0
800	2:30.0	2:50.0	2:30.0	3:00.0
1500	5:10.0	6:00.0	5:30.0	6:00.0
3000	10:40.0	13:20.0	11:00.0	13:20.0
Sp Hurdles	21.00	20.00	18.00	15.5
400H/300H	71.00	83.00	72.00	58.00
S/C	8:00.0	8:10.0	6:00.0	8:10.0
HJ	1.45	1.25	1.35	1.25
PV	2.55	2.15	2.40	2.00
LJ	4.50	4.00	4.00	3.20
TJ	9.50	8.00	9.00	7.50
SP	8.00	6.50	8.50	6.50
DT	21.00	20.00	21.00	17.00
HT	21.00	20.00	21.00	17.00
JT	29.00	22.00	29.00	22.00