



UK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

2024 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the League's constitution, that the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the League will be held at the Great Barr Hotel, Pear Tree Drive, Newton Road, Birmingham, B43 6HS on **Saturday 30th November 2024 at 11:00**

Marian Williams
League Administrator

November 2024

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2023 AGM
3. Chair's Annual Report
4. Administrator's Annual Report
5. Financial matters:
 - 5.1 Finance Officers' Report
 - 5.2 Consideration of the accounts for the year ending 30th September 2024
 - 5.3 Adoption of the accounts
 - 5.4 Subscriptions for 2024/2025. The Management Committee proposes that subscriptions remain at £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.
 - 5.5 To approve the Management Committee's proposal to reimburse travel expenses for the 2025 season: -
 - 5.5.1 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).

5.5.2 The Management Committee proposes that, for the 2025 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 Cheltenham & County Harriers, and supported by Blackheath & Bromley Harriers & AC, Cardiff Archers; Cardiff Athletics; Charnwood AC; City of York AC; Liverpool Harriers; Kingston-upon-Hull AC

Where Clubs form a composite Team with a view to aiding the participation of smaller Clubs who could not otherwise reasonably compete; of the Clubs forming the composite Team, only one of the teams may have a pool for selection in the relevant age group(s) greater than (45) athletes combined across male and female.

6.2 Proposed by the Management Group

6.2.1 The Management Group propose the following changes to the Rules of competition for 2025:

RULE 5. OFFICIALS

5.2 The chiefs appointed by the host club and all other officials used by any club, must ‘sign in’ using the Health and Safety Attendance Forms indicating their level and registration number. These forms will be supplied to the discipline chiefs appointed by the host club.

To be amended to:

5.2 *The chiefs appointed by the host club and all other officials used by any club, must be declared on the Team Manager portal 7 days prior to the match. On arrival at a match, they* must then ‘sign in’ using the Health and Safety Attendance Forms indicating their level and registration number to verify their attendance. These forms will be supplied to the discipline chiefs appointed by the host club.

Rationale:

This is to bring the rule in line with current practice. It enables chief officials to identify who will be attending the match as an official, and to identify possible issues ahead of the match. In the same way as athletes’ declarations can be amended, changes to the officials should also be amended to reflect the situation at a match.

6.2.2 FOR 2026 AND BEYOND:

Due to the changes imposed by the HCAFs, the management group propose the following changes for 2026:



YDL competition will be offered to 2 age groups: U14/U16 replacing U13/U15, and U18/U20 replacing U17/U20. Timetables would have to be modified to cater for the changes in the age groups whilst being mindful of the need to avoid lengthening the competition day.

Once the specific format has been agreed by the membership of the league, then more work on the actual timetables to be adopted would be required, and these will be for consultation during 2025, to be brought to the 2025 AGM.

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:

Chair: Janice Kaufman (to 2028) – nominated by Gateshead Harriers

General Committee:

Stuart Horsewood (to 2026) serving as Southern Area Co-ordinator – nominated by Winchester & District AC

Tim Soutar (to 2025) – nominated by Blackheath & Bromley Harriers & AC

Dave Paver (to 2025) – nominated by City of York AC

Mick Bond (to 2026) – nominated by Cambridge Harriers
plus

One further vacancy to 2026 – to serve as Midland Area Co-ordinator

9. To approve the nomination by the Management Group of Grace Hall as President of the League.

10. Date of the 2025 Annual General Meeting – November 2025 (actual date to be confirmed)

11. Discussion regarding the sustainability of the finals weekend as per the options outlined in Appendix A attached.

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



Appendix A – Options to be discussed regarding the national finals

Since the league's inception, it has been based on a regional structure, culminating in a National Final to determine the overall League champion, with the winner of the UAG final originally being selected to represent UKA in the European Junior Club Cup. The majority of the costs of the finals was borne by the grant subsidy from UKA, and the YDL management committee designated responsibility for the organisation of this event to one of its committee.

As the grant funding has reduced over the years, strategies have been put in place to reduce the outlay in running these events. Nevertheless, the cost of the tracks selected to hold the finals has increased quite significantly and we are once again looking at ways of reducing costs still further.

In addition, we have struggled to recruit volunteers to make up the full committee and so find ourselves, at the moment, without someone to organise the finals. With regard to finding a finals co-ordinator for 2025, if one were needed, that person would have to be in situ by the end of December at the latest.

Discussions have taken place, but we felt it was necessary to go back to our member clubs and ascertain their views as to how they would like us to proceed. We have drawn up some options that we want our members to debate so that we can proceed with our competition framework in 2025.

Option 1

Maintain a finals weekend for both age groups but reduce costs of stadium hire by sourcing a smaller venue and using local officials together with club officials. Alternatively put out a request for clubs to host the finals weekend, at a suitable venue.

Option 2

Reduce the finals to a one-day event (UAG only) with the LAG using their 4th match as a regional final or introducing a 5th match as a regional final. As above using cheaper venues and ask clubs to host regional finals for the LAG.

Option 3

No National Finals for either age group, instead introduce regional finals on the Finals weekend in September

The downside of this is that the athletes would generally meet competitors who they had competed against all year so the experience would be less.

Costs could be kept to a minimum by using regional venues and not paying travel expenses. More volunteers would be needed to organise and run the events and there would be additional costs for Chief officials and medals.

Option 4

No finals in 2025 as we transition to the new age groups and recruit more volunteers to organise events in 2026.