UK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

2025 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the League's constitution, that the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the League will be held at the **Moat House**, Lower Penkridge Road, Acton Trussell, ST17 0RJ on **Saturday 29th November 2025** at **11:30**

Marian Williams
League Administrator

November 2025

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of the 2024 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 2025

   5.3 Adoption of the accounts

   5.4 Subscriptions for 2025/2026. 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 2026 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 2026 season, the host club reimbursement should be paid as follows:
A fixed payment of £750, or £1000 for double headers (or divisions of 9 or more), matches consisting of 15 or more teams will be paid an additional £250.
plus ***£300 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** – there are no proposals from clubs

6.2 **Proposed by the Management Group**

6.2.1 The Management Group propose the following changes to the Rules of competition for 2026:

All references to U17, U15 and U13 to be replaced by U18, U16 and U14 respectively, in accordance with the decision made at the 2024 AGM

RULE 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOST CLUBS

2.7 On the evening of the fixture, the host club shall send the match and all individual results to the League Area Co-ordinator and the League Webmaster by email. Corrected results should be sent to the League Administrator, Power of 10 and Athletics Weekly by 09:00 of the Tuesday following the match by email.

To be amended to:

2.7 On the evening of the fixture, the host club shall also send the match and all individual results to the League Area Co-ordinator and the League Webmaster by email. Corrected results should be sent to *the League Administrator and Power of 10 by the Tuesday following the match by email*. *Changes to names on the team portals may not be accepted after this point.*

Rationale:

This is to remove the reference to Athletics Weekly, as they no longer wish to receive any results. Also, to reinforce the responsibility of all clubs in each division to ensure that their athletes' names are corrected on the portal before the host club sends the results to Po10.

RULE 5: OFFICIALS

5.4.1 Points will be awarded for up to 7 officials who sign in as a Track judge, Timekeeper or Field judge on the league H & S signing in sheets, subject to satisfying the criteria above.
Eight (8) match points will be credited for each qualified official at Level 1 or above who signs in for the relevant discipline up to a maximum of 56 points.
Unqualified officials who sign in shall be awarded four (4) match points.
A team who provides a full field team, which must include a Level 2+, a level 1+, and 3 additional officials, will be awarded the full forty (40) points. If a team falls

short of this, then the usual eight (8) points will be awarded for a qualified official and four (4) points for an unqualified official.
There will be a deduction of 20 points if a club does not provide at least a Level 2 or above field official, reducing the points to 36 maximum if all officials are qualified in their relevant discipline.

To be amended to:

5.4.1 Points will be awarded for up to 7 officials who sign in as a Track judge, a Timekeeper or Field judge on the league H & S signing in sheets, subject to satisfying the criteria above.
Eight (8) match points will be credited for each qualified official at Level 1 or above who signs in for the relevant discipline up to a maximum of 56 points.
Unqualified officials who sign in shall be awarded four (4) match points.
A full field team, which comprises of at least one Level 2+ official, a level 1+official, and 3 additional officials *or volunteers*, will be awarded the full forty (40) points. If a team falls short of this, then the usual eight (8) points will be awarded for a qualified official and four (4) points for an unqualified official.
There will be a deduction of 20 points if a club does not provide a Level 2 or above field official, reducing the points to 36 maximum if all officials are qualified in their relevant discipline.

Rationale:

This is to clarify the definition of a full field team who will score maximum points.

RULE 8: MEETINGS

8.3 Teams will be expected to host a match when requested (at least once every two seasons unless the Management Committee agrees otherwise).

To be amended to

8.3 Teams will be expected to host a match when requested (at least once every two seasons unless the Management Committee agrees otherwise). ***Failure to do this may result in the team being expelled from the league.***
(Clarification – teams do not have to host on their own track if it is unsuitable).

Rationale:

This to reinforce the concept of sharing the responsibility and cost of hosting a match. It is manifestly unfair to expect other clubs to consistently have to cover any shortfall.

RULE 11: SCORING

11.1 Upper Age Group: In all field events, 3 competitors per team shall be permitted, all of whom will score. If there are two U17 competitors, then both shall compete in the U17 age group, if there are three U17 competitors then one shall compete in the U20 age group and two shall compete in the u17 age group.
(For clarification: if there is only one U17 competitor then they must compete in the U17 age group).

Lower Age Group field: 2 competitors per event per team permitted.

To be amended to

11.1 Upper Age Group: In all field events, 3 competitors per team shall be permitted, all of whom will score. If there are two U18 competitors, then both shall compete in the U18 age group, if there are three U18 competitors then one shall compete in the U20 age group and two shall compete in the u18 age group.
(For clarification: if there is only one U18 competitor then they must compete in the U18 age group).
Lower Age Group field: 2 competitors per event per team permitted with the exception of the U14 long throws, where only one competitor is permitted.

Rationale:

This change to the Lower Age Group field events is to accommodate the Hammer and Discus for U14s whilst accepting that an increase in the number of events will increase the length of the competition day, which is unacceptable.

11.4 Should any athlete exceed their event restrictions as laid out in Appendix 1, the performances from any subsequent event(s) will be removed from the results. In addition, the points scored by the athlete in their highest scoring event will be deducted.

To be amended to

11.4 Should any athlete exceed their event restrictions as laid out in Appendix 1, the performances from any subsequent event(s) will be removed from the results. In addition, teams will be deducted a further five points.

Rationale:

This change is to award a fixed penalty for overuse of an athlete(s) rather than a variable deduction which is both confusing, inequitable and time consuming to administer.

RULE 12: NON SCORING EVENTS

12.2 In the Lower Age Group, two U13 and two U15 athletes per sex per team will be allowed in the non-scoring 800m and 75m/100m events ONLY. These athletes shall be declared on the relevant declaration sheet.

To be amended to

12.2 In the Lower Age Group, two U14 and two U16 athletes per sex per team will be allowed to compete as non-scorers. These athletes shall be declared on the relevant declaration sheet.

Rationale:

This change is to make allowance for the 2nd year U16 athletes, who previously would have been allowed to compete as non-scorers in the U17 age group in events other than sprints and 800m.

7. To consider the following amendments to the constitution. These resolutions amend the constitution and so require two thirds of those voting to vote in favour for it to be adopted; they may not be amended from the floor.

Item 2: OBJECTS

2.1 To provide inter club competition for Clubs for athletes who are in the under 20, under 17, (herein after referred to as "Upper Age Group") and under 15 and under 13 age groups (hereinafter defined as "Lower Age Group") as defined in the UKA Rules of Competition, with the exception of school teams who cannot be a member.

To be amended to:

2.1 To provide inter club competition for Clubs for athletes who are in the under 20, under 18, (herein after referred to as "Upper Age Group") and under 16 and under 14 age groups (hereinafter defined as "Lower Age Group") as defined in the UKA Rules of Competition, with the exception of school teams who cannot be a member.

Conduct of General Meetings

It is proposed that, with effect from next year's AGM, general meetings should be capable of being held without the need for members to be physically present at the same location and that, subject to approval of this proposal, the Management Committee be authorised to make such changes to the Constitution of the League as are deemed necessary to achieve this result.

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

Nominations received for:

Vice Chair: (to 2029) Tim Soutar nominated by Blackheath & Bromley Harriers & AC

General Committee:

Leslie Roy (to 2027) serving as Scottish Area Co-ordinator – nominated by Dundee Hawkhill Harriers; Kilbarchan AAC, Clydesdale Harriers, Banchory Stonehaven AC

Arwel Williams (to 2026) serving as Finals' Co-ordinator – nominated by Liverpool Harriers
Karen Higgs-Smith (to 2027) nominated by WGEL

plus
One vacancy to 2026 to serve as Midland Area Co-ordinator
Two further vacancies to 2027 – one to serve as Results Co-ordinator; one to serve as Northern Co-ordinator

6 Date of the 2026 Annual General Meeting – November 2026 (actual date to be confirmed)

7 Discussion regarding the Feedback from Composites working group. See Appendix 1

NOTE

Tea & Coffee will be available from 10.30 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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Appendix 1

B – Discussion Paper regarding the Composite teams Working Party findings.

At the 2024 AGM, it was agreed that a working group should be formed to consider the future of composite clubs with the aim of addressing various concerns relating to the unregulated growth of such teams and their impact on league competition.
The group* was duly formed under the leadership of Tim Soutar. As its first task, it confirmed what it believed to be its mandate: to consider whether, concerning the existing League rules relating to Composite Teams:

(a) these rules satisfactorily achieve the purposes for which such rules were introduced,
(b) such purposes themselves remain appropriate given all current circumstances,
(c) such rules need to, or might usefully, be amended, and
(d) if so, what changes should be recommended for proposal at the 2025 AGM.
The Group also agreed that its **guiding principles** should be that it should at all times be mindful of the necessity to maintain principles of fair competition and of the promotion of opportunities for young athlete participation and development.

Purposes. In order to answer consideration **(a)** above, it is necessary to identify and review:
(i) the relevant rules: **t**he key UKA rule is G2 S4 (4) and the key League Competition Rule is: "4.1. *Applications and renewals for Composite teams must be submitted to the League Administrator by 30 September**, for the following year. Each submission will be subject to scrutiny and approval by the Management Committee before it is forwarded to UKA for registration. There is no guarantee that existing composite teams will be approved for entry to the league*." and

(ii) (the relevant purposes for which these rules were introduced (in addition to those rules which are simply required to ensure that accepted composites are dealt with, generally, in the same way as single club teams). As no clear explanation of these purposes could be found, it was assumed that the guiding principles above should be taken as such. Given the disquiet voiced at the 2024 AGM, and the discussions within the working group, it would appear clear that there is concern among, at least, a significant minority, that the rules are not currently meeting this test in all respects.

The 'guiding principle' purposes in **(b)** above were thought to remain appropriate: the disquiet appeared to be around whether, as currently applied, principles of fair competition were being adequately met by application of the criteria currently applied on application and renewal and the fact that those criteria were not recorded and available to members.

There was, however, **consensus** that
(1) **the general principle of including composite clubs should continue to be applied**
(2) **the Management Committee should continue to conduct this process** and apply its discretion where application of the criteria so required and
(3) simply looking at a 'disbanding threshold' based on **numbers of registered athletes, was too blunt an instrument**.
Rule amendment – (c) above: the areas where it was considered that further clarity would be useful, therefore, related to documenting a list of the criteria to be applied on initial application and on annual renewal (acknowledging that the two may have a different focus) and providing

guidelines as to how constituent clubs would be repositioned in the League in the event that a composite disbands or has its renewal declined. Moreover, it is accepted that the position regarding composites in a Premier division may require more attention than others in view of the more limited options, including in relation to disbanding.

Proposals to be put to the AGM ((d) above): rather than propose specific rule changes this year, especially given the range of opinions held, it may be preferable to put a small number of questions to the membership which can be further discussed and voted upon, following which detailed changes (if necessary) can be prepared and put to the 2026 AGM for adoption (such that there will be no change for next year and everyone has a year's notice of the direction of travel). These questions are:

1. Do you substantially agree with the following description of the rationale for composite club inclusion: (i) to provide competition opportunities for more young athletes (for the benefit of those athletes, their clubs and the League) by enabling clubs who would otherwise be unable to meet the needs of competing in the League (whether as a result of a lack of sufficient athletes or officials) to combine in order to do so; (ii) composite teams are not intended to continue in perpetuity, but rather to provide an opportunity to clubs who would otherwise not be in a position to compete in the League to do so in a composite until they are in a position to stand on their own feet and (iii) such clubs can thus be argued to have something of an advantage over other clubs and it is not unreasonable to expect clubs in composites to make reasonable efforts to develop their resources in order to be able to compete as a single entity within a reasonable period of time?
2. Do you substantially agree that once a composite has reached a certain standard of competition it should be encouraged to disband/restructure? What form might that encouragement take?
3. In what circumstances, if any, should the Management Committee consult with those clubs likely to be affected before (a) accepting a new composite and/or (b) renewing a composite?
4. Should the Management Committee produce a list of criteria to be applied when scrutinising applications for admission or renewal as a composite: e.g. comparison with existing clubs who are not in composites; whether it is felt that one or more of the individual clubs could field a team capable of competing individually; clubs who compete successfully at senior level should not be permitted to form or remain in composites as they should be investing in the development of their young athletes; and, the impact on the division structure of permitting or declining any application.

**The working group comprised: John Gercs (R&N), Simon Baker (Highgate Heathside), Jim Strudwick (Team Avon), Joyce Tomala (East Wales), Jane Woolley (Cheltenham & County) Martin Smith (Swindon), Janice Hendrie (Clydesdale, Helensburgh & Inverclyde) and Julie Stanfield (Team IOM Youth)*

***A proposal has been submitted to the UKA Rules Group to extend this date to December 31st to give more time for proper consideration*

Tim Soutar 15/9/25