



# UK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

## Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

held at the Holiday Inn M6 J7 Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November

**Present:** Grace Hall (Chair); Janice Kaufman (Vice Chair); Karl Ponty (Finance Officer); Marian Williams (Administrator) plus the following members of the management committee: Stuart Hall; Alan Johnson; Julian Starkey; Joyce Tomala; Katie Brazier (UKA) plus:

The following clubs were in attendance:

Midland region (21 teams represented)

Birchfield Harriers; Bristol & West/Mendip; Cwmbran Harriers; Derby AC; East Wales; Halesowen A & CC; Kidderminster & Stourport AC; Marshall Milton Keynes AC; Northampton AC; Royal Sutton Coldfield AC; Solihull & Small Heath AC; Swansea Harriers; Team Avon

Northern region (13 teams represented)

East Cheshire Harriers & Tameside AC; Gateshead Harriers; Liverpool Harriers; Sale Harriers; Spenborough & District AC; Trafford AC; Wigan & District Harriers

Southern region (8 teams represented)

Blackheath & Bromley Harriers & AC; Bracknell AC; City of Portsmouth AC; Portsmouth/Winchester; Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers; Team Dorset

Apologies: Nichola Skedgel (UKA); Leslie Roy (Scottish area co-ordinator); Lorraine Vidler (Southern area co-ordinator); Amber Valley & Erewash AC; Ashford & Thanet; Banchory Stonehaven AC; Basildon AC; Basildon Beagles; Bexley AC; Blackburn Harriers; Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde AC; Bolton United Harriers; Bournemouth, New Forest Juniors & Salisbury; Brighton & Hove AC; Bromsgrove & Redditch AC; Burton AC; Camberley & District AC; Camberley & Woking; Cannock & Stafford AC; Cardiff Archers; Cardiff Athletics; Charnwood AC; Cheltenham & County Harriers; City of Sheffield & Dearne AC; City of Stoke AC; City of York AC; Colwyn Bay AC; Croydon Harriers; Daventry AAC; Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers; East Grinstead; East Notts; Gloucester AC; Halesowen A & CC; Harrow & Dacorum; Hastings AC, Havering AC; Hereford & County AC; Herne Hill Harriers; Herts Phoenix AC; Horsham Blue Star Harriers; Kilmarnock Harriers; Kingdom Athletic; Kingston AC & Polytechnic Harriers; Lancaster & Morecambe AC; Leicester Coritanian AC; Leeds City AC; Leigh Harriers; Macclesfield Harriers; Manchester Harriers; Mansfield Harriers; Medway & Maidstone AC; Menai Track & Field; Newham & Essex Beagles; North Wales; Notts AC; Paddock Wood & Folkstone; Preston Harriers; Reading AC; Rugby & Northampton AC; Rushcliffe AC; Saffron AC; Salford Metropolitan AC; Shettleston Harriers; South Wales; Southport Waterloo AC; St Helens Sutton AC; St Marys Richmond AC; Stevenage & North Herts AC; Stockport Harriers & AC; Sutton & District AC; Sutton-in-Ashfield AC; Swindon Harriers; Tamworth AC; Team ATIP; Team Bedfordshire; Team West London; Thames Valley Harriers; Telford AC; Tipton Harriers; Tonbridge AC; Walton AC; West Cheshire AC; West Notts; Wirral AC; Wolverhampton & Bilston AC; Worcester AC; Yate & District AC

- 1. Grace Hall, the chair,** thanked everyone for making the effort to come to the AGM, she then introduced members of the of the committee seated around the room and extended a warm welcome to Katie Brazier, who was attending her first AGM as one of the UKA representatives on the YDL committee.

## 2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM

The minutes were deemed to be an accurate record, and their acceptance was proposed by **Mark Exley (Northampton)** and seconded by **Jo Davis (Swansea)**.

The minutes were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

## 3. Chair's Report.

**Grace Hall** commented that with an unusual two years of competition, she had felt it important in her report to draw attention to the achievements of the athletes over the season, as they are the main reason we are here; she invited questions from the floor, but there were none.

## 4. Administrator's Annual Report

**Marian Williams, the administrator**, suggested that as this report had also been sent out in advance, she too would just take questions. Marian suggested that it was encouraging that over 169 YDL fixtures took place in 2021 which is about one third of the total of all league fixtures that took place, and she thanked everyone for their efforts to make these happen. There were no questions, however **Lynn Orbell (Birchfield)** felt it was an appropriate time to thank all those who had organised the matches in 2021.

## 5. Financial Report. As the 2020 AGM had not taken place, the accounts for 2 years would need to be approved.

5.1 **Karl Ponty, the finance officer** had produced a detailed report which had been circulated, and he explained the rationale behind the accompanying financial documents.

Following the deferment of the 2020 AGM a copy of the accounts had been circulated along with the annual report. As the decision to cancel all matches in 2020 had been taken after half the year had passed there were a lot of expenses already undertaken at that point and appeared in the 2020 accounts; all registration fees had been deferred to cover the 2021 registration fees.

He had hoped to include all three years on the accounts to make the position clearer but had been advised that this wasn't possible on continuity grounds.

Some of the fixtures clubs had paid for had not taken place due to Covid, and clubs who fall into this category will be credited with the match fee for the forthcoming season.

In 2021 there had been no expenditure on finals and very little outlay for travel. One team had sent in a late claim which will appear in the 2022 accounts as an adjustment.

There had been an increase in the number of matches using Photofinish, EDM and wind gauges although there were actually less matches which was positive.

As Covid had disrupted the normal process of applying for funding aid, Sport England had maintained the payments to UKA resulting in a payment of £50 000 being paid to YDL for 2021.

Karl then went into some detail about the future scenarios. Whilst the accounts look to be in a healthy position, if the league receives no payment in 2022 then we will run up a deficit and the reserves will start to disappear. If we continue as before there will be a large deficit of approximately £50 000 - £60 000 which will need to be found. The proposal to increase the fees from £90 per match to £100 will help to reduce the potential deficit. Karl reminded everyone that this had been considered in 2019 but it had been decided to defer the increase at that time.

The grant money from UKA has been designated to fund the finals, travel & accommodation, and precision & measurement support. If we don't receive that funding, then we will need

to either find alternate ways to cover those costs or cut back on what we do. There is no guarantee of any payment from UKA at the moment.

**Katie Brazier (UKA)** explained that the money comes through the Talent Support Fund from Sport England, the submission will be made shortly with a decision expected in the New Year. If the money doesn't come through, then UKA and the HCAFs will discuss their priorities for funding. Karl pointed out that EA had given some financial support for various initiatives in 2021, but other HCAFs had not. Katie added that in this scenario UKA would try to bring everyone together, she commented that it is difficult for UKA to support initiatives outside the Elite Support programme. The money from clubs is paid directly to the HCAFs and doesn't come to UKA at all. Part of her role is to try to ensure that major events generate a surplus to create funding to cover other initiatives.

Karl commented that what the league asks for is a very small amount of money for what we actually do, Katie assured everyone that she was committed to taking this back to UKA but there is no money provided for anything other than Elite sport, so they have to generate extra for the other areas that they need to support, such as safeguarding. The income being generated currently doesn't cover everything that UKA is committed to doing.

**Paul Farres (Portsmouth & Winchester)** pointed out that while UKA's primary concern is Elite athlete support, it needs to remember that those elite athletes come from the grass roots clubs and in the long term UKA will benefit from the work done by YDL.

Katie totally agreed with that statement but stressed that the role of UKA is to look after the very top of the pyramid and it is the HCAFs who are tasked with looking after the grass roots. Her role is to try and influence and encourage them to support YDL.

Karl felt he had to point out that money from Sport England should only be spent on supporting English clubs and not across the four nations.

**Janice Kaufman (Vice Chair)** commented that this is why we fall into the Talent Funding umbrella.

In answer to a question about the league seeking their own sponsorship Karl commented that this was UKA's remit.

**Grace** explained that it hadn't been possible to find a sponsor after the McCain funding had finished. As UKYAL couldn't survive without further funding initiatives, the YDL was formed because this enabled UKA to access different funding arrangements. Over the years, they have tried, there used to be a specific department dealing with trying to attract sponsors. Katie informed the meeting that UKA has a commercial working group set up to find ways of attracting alternative funding sources; under the framework agreement they are charged with seeking out sponsorship deals; that process is under way and there are conversations taking place however the majority of potential funders will be looking to have access to the whole sport.

Janice commented that the current committee do not have the expertise to take this on and asked if anyone has expertise in this field to get in touch. Grace felt we had to exercise caution as to the type of sponsorship we may attract. Our website does state that if anyone wishes to advertise on there they can apply, and we have had approaches made but they have proved to be unsuitable for our circumstances. We are not perceived to be offering much to benefit large companies.

**David Little (Team Dorset)** commented that anyone putting in money would rightly expect something in return, Covid had limited the number of people attending a match, so the impact of advertising had been minimalised this year. Karl pointed out that we have been running the league since 2013 and hadn't managed to attract anyone in those 9 years. Sponsorship cannot be relied upon to run indefinitely, so we had been prudent in building up a reserve which would allow us to exist in the short term, but those funds would drain,

we don't need a lot of money in the overall scheme of things. David asked if it would be helpful if we knew what sponsorship deals clubs have engaged with, Karl suggested that it may be of interest to UKA and the HCAFs. He felt that working with 5 different bodies has its difficulties especially when it had been UKA who had pushed us into this situation. Katie had been very helpful in securing the £50 000 from UKA for 2021, but if further funds aren't forthcoming, some hard decision will have to be made about the league's future pathway.

## 5.2 Adoption of the Accounts

- **Arwel Williams (Liverpool Harriers)** proposed that the 2020 accounts be adopted
- **Hilary Nash (Bristol & West/Mendip)** seconded the motion.

Votes Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of adopting the 2020 accounts

- **Hilary Nash (Bristol & West/Mendip)** proposed that the 2021 accounts be adopted
- **Lynne Moody (Solihull & Small Heath AC)** seconded the motion.

Votes Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of adopting the 2021 accounts

## 5.3 Subscriptions for 2021/2022.

***"The Management Committee proposes that subscriptions be increased to £100 per match per team, plus such sum as the Management Committee may fix to attend any subsequent matches to include finals or promotion matches."***

**Arwel Williams (Liverpool Harriers)** seconded the management proposal

Votes Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the motion

## 5.4 Travel and Hosting.

***"The Management Committee propose to reimburse travel expenses for the 2022 season as follows:***

- 5.4.1 ***Less than 400 miles – no payment;  
400 miles or more - 50p per 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)"

**Margaret Grayston (Wigan & District Harriers)** seconded the management proposal

Votes Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the above motions.

***"The Management Committee proposes that, for the 2022 season, the host club reimbursement should remain as follows:***

- 5.4.2 ***A fixed amount of £200, and a variable amount of £30 for each team timetabled to compete at the match, plus £150 for the use of Photo Finish, £50 for the use of EDM and £25 each for the use of track and/or field wind gauges"***

**Jo Davis (Swansea Harriers)** seconded the management proposal

Votes Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the above motions.

## 6. Resolutions.

### 6.1 Resolutions from Clubs

#### 6.1.1 Proposed by Bristol & West with Mendip and supported by: Cheltenham & County AC; Newport Harriers; North Somerset AC; Team Avon and Yate & District AC

##### Proposals for the YDL LAG only

**“That the number of trials in the field events be increased from three to four for all competitors”**

That if approval is not given to increase the number of trials from three to four then the second proposal be considered:

#### 6.1.2 “That the field referee be granted discretion to allow a fourth round in field events where such action will not delay the start of another scheduled event”

**Hilary Nash (Bristol & West)** spoke to the motion 6.1.1. He pointed out that having been involved in athletics as a match organiser, field referee, track referee and team manager, he felt that he was eminently qualified to propose this motion. Those in support of the motion would like to see 4 attempts allowed in the LAG instead of 3 although this may require some timetable adjustments which would require some re-organisation and the co-operation of field referees. This may not be something that the league wants to go ahead with at this time because of the practicalities needed. He thought we should be looking forward to make things better for the athletes and increasing the number of throws from 3 to 4 would do this.

**Arwel Williams (Liverpool Harriers)** explained that he had also been involved in various roles with leagues for young athletes and had also worked as field referee, he pointed out that there were 15 events involved and if all had a full complement of athletes it would take an extra 90 minutes to get through the timetable.

**Grace** commented that in the last few years we had been asked to shorten the length of the day and given that officials are looking at a maximum length of day around 6 hours, this would have repercussions.

**David Little (Team Dorset)** thought that there was a potential hazard if throwing were to take place at either end of the field, as accidents had happened under those circumstances.

**John Hubbard (Blackheath & Bromley)** asked if it was envisaged that all competitors would have 4 throws or the top 3 getting the additional throw? Hilary suggested that this would take too long for officials trying to sort out the positions after round 3 so it would be quicker to just offer 4 trials for all.

**Tim Soutar (Blackheath & Bromley)** commented that if minimum standards were applied that would give more time and more opportunities for the better athletes.

**Grace** suggested that this proposal should be added to the list for the consultation group, led by Janice Kaufman, to look at prior to carrying out a meaningful consultation.

**Stuart Hall (Spenborough)** pointed out that not all facilities have the facility to offer 2 javelin throws to take place at the same time.

**Marian Williams** then went through the comments that had been raised and agreed at the previous management meeting:

- If a track did have the option of holding 2 javelin competitions at opposite ends of the field, this would raise a safety issue as it would require additional officials to run both events simultaneously, it's not possible at this stage to guarantee that a host club would be able to find the extra officials needed in addition to an experienced official to act as 'policeman' in the centre of the midfield.
- There is an assumption in this proposal that all officials are experienced enough to increase the pace of an event in order to complete within a tighter time frame.
- Whilst this primarily refers to the long throws adding to the length of the day, it's also worth remembering that additional trials in Shot Put and Long Jump will also lengthen the time for officials to be at an event who then may be late moving to their next event.
- She had been working on a Gantt chart for a 6-team division and it wasn't possible to do this without adding to the length of the day.
- With a number of divisions being either larger than 6 teams or having 2 divisions competing at the same venue (double headers) you will have even more competitors at matches.
- On the other hand, a division of 5 teams competing as a standalone match would be unlikely to have sufficient officials to allow for 2 long throws to take place simultaneously.
- The only way to increase the number of trials without adding time to the length of the match would be to reduce the number of events and that had not been well received when mooted before. It needs more thought.

**Paul Farres (City of Portsmouth)** asked whether we should also consider emulating the UAG and having 3 athletes across both age groups rather than the 4 we have now? Grace responded that this would not be in the interests of development, and that rotating events would not be popular.

**Janice Kaufman** suggested that many of the younger athletes compete in other events at matches and 3 trials at any one of them was enough at that age.

**Lyn Orbell (Birchfield Harriers)** commented that, as a throws coach, she would be unhappy to have 2 long throws taking place simultaneously, it only took one good athlete to make it potentially unsafe.

**Hilary** declined the opportunity to sum up

The chair then called for a vote on this proposal:

Votes For: 2

Abstentions: 4

The proposal was defeated by a large majority.

**Hilary** then moved to proposal 6.1.2. He commented that he was not convinced that holding 2 javelin throws simultaneously would cause a problem if you look at the performances of athletes in that age group.

He suggested that the Shot Put events are usually completed well within the time allocated and that neither the long jump nor the shot would impact the timetable in the same way as the long throws so it wouldn't therefore be a problem to increase the number of attempts in those events.

Vertical jumpers had no such limit on attempts, he felt that allowing four attempts in the Long Jump and Shot would give the athletes a better experience. With regard to the long throwers, this proposal asked for field referees to be given the dispensation to allow for athletes to have 4 trials if the numbers of competitors were low enough, for example 9 athletes with 4 throws produces the same number of attempts as 12 athletes having only

3. He didn't feel that rotating events was a good option as this limited the opportunities for athletes to compete.

**Paul Farres** asked for confirmation that the rules for HJ and PV were no different in the LAG.

**David Little** felt that by allowing referees to use discretion as to which athletes could have additional attempts was as unfair concept as some would get more attempts than others in the same match.

**Margaret Grayston** agreed with David but also commented that Field referees have enough to do without having to sort this out.

**Joyce Tomala (Cwmbran)** felt that we need to clarify exactly what we will be voting on as there seems to be some muddying of the waters with the discussion moving away from what the proposal is stating.

**Arwel Williams** recommended that this should be referred back to the consultation group for them to look at.

**John Hubbard** commented that as a general principle he would be in favour of referees being able to exercise discretion but pointed out that they may not know how many competitors are actually going to turn up for each event.

**Ann Virgo (Royal Sutton Coldfield)** commented that three attempts was enough for the younger athletes because they are usually doing other events as well which would be impacted.

**Marian** reminded everyone that although the Long Jump and Shot Put may not have a time impact on the scheduling of other events, it does affect athletes who are competing in other events and also impinges on field officials who themselves are also moving on to cover other events.

It may also mean that events at the start of the day would have a more flexible approach to the detriment of the later events.

As a national league it's important that all athletes are offered equality of opportunity, this proposal which gave referees the responsibility of deciding which athletes should be allowed additional opportunities, would create an inequality not only between matches across the country, but also differences between events at individual matches.

**Grace** felt it was too subjective, some referees would allow the increase in the number of attempts whilst others may be less accommodating.

**David Little** commented that the larger divisions wouldn't have the same options.

**Hilary** summed up by asked for the meeting to consider allowing 4 trials to take place in the Shot and Long Jump and, in the long throws where numbers were low enough. Grace pointed out that this did not form part of the proposal. He moved on to state that allowing referees to exercise discretion would enhance the experience for athletes and that we need to look at innovations for the future.

The meeting then moved to a vote:

Votes For: 5

Abstentions: 8

The proposal was defeated by a substantial majority

The rationale behind the proposal would be considered by the consultation group.

## 6.2 Management Committee proposals for rule changes:

### RULE 7: DECLARATIONS

7.1 Declarations must be made on the Team Managers' portal and must be made at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting.

(For clarification: This refers to declarations for athletes and officials)

- 7.2 Second-claim athletes (applicable only to upper age group athletes – subject to a maximum of 5 male and 5 female per club per match) must be clearly identified on the portal.
- 7.3 The declarations should be fully completed giving full name, age group and first- or second- claim competitor, or non-scoring athlete.  
All athletes' details must be fully completed on the portal showing the correct URN and accurate date of birth.
- 7.4 Changes on the day should be submitted 10 minutes before the scheduled event time, either on the portal, or using the bespoke league change slips, whichever is appropriate.
- 7.5 In the event of an athlete competing without having been declared in the correct manner, all points gained will be deducted.

Be replaced by:

- 7.1 All athletes' details must be fully completed in the Squad list on the portal. The details must include the athlete's full name, age group, correct URN and accurate date of birth, and indicate first- or second- claim competitor; in the case of composite teams, athletes' first claim club must also be indicated.
- 7.2 Declarations must be made on the Team Managers' portal and must be made at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting. This includes non-scoring athletes.  
**(For clarification: This refers to declarations for athletes and officials)**
- 7.3 Second-claim athletes (applicable only to upper age group athletes – subject to a maximum of 5 male and 5 female per club per match) must be clearly identified on the portal.
- 7.4 Changes on the day should be entered on the portal 10 minutes before the scheduled event time. This to include non-scoring athletes.
- 7.5 In the event of an athlete competing without having been declared in the correct manner, all points gained will be deducted.

**Marian** went through the rationale behind the above proposed changes:

The original rule had been written before the inception of a team managers' portal or the existing software which has had a significant effect on how we declare athletes.

The starting point logically is when athletes are added onto the portal and so the new rule 7.1 is a reworking of old rule 7.3 to show this in an updated form to comply with current practice. The old rule 7.1 is now showing as 7.2; 7.2 has now become 7.3.

Rule 7.4 has been re-worded as we no longer use paper declarations, and rule 7.5 is unchanged. The references to non-scorers in rules 7.2 and 7.4 was to ensure that there could be no doubt that non scorers must also be declared in the same way as scoring athletes. In addition, rule 7.4 has been amended in line with current declaration procedures.

**David Little** asked about athletes who were declared but didn't turn up, he felt that team managers may not get around to changing the portal accordingly. Marian replied that although this was less of a concern, it became a problem if someone else was put into the event instead without changing the declaration, she commented that sometimes the athlete themselves may

decide to compete if they see no-one has turned up. Marian asked that team managers just take time to tidy up the portal and make sure that the correct athletes are declared.

**Richard Pownall (Marshall Milton Keynes)** queried rule 7.5 and asked if there was any flexibility allowed with this, as sometimes circumstances meant that it wasn't always possible to declare the athletes 10 minutes prior to an event.

**Marian** replied that in reality she can only check that all the athletes have been declared when she receives the results either 2 or 3 days after the match. This gave team managers plenty of time to go through their portals and check that the team is correct. In fairness, most do this, but it's the small percentage who don't bother to check that causes a lot of extra work, and time, to chase them up. We have been very lenient because we don't want athletes to be left out of the results, but if team managers haven't declared them over 48 hours after a match, then they're not being fair to their athletes. Scrutinising all the results takes a lot of time when there are missing names, and then we have to update Power of 10 which can also take a lot of time. **Stuart Hall** commented that the rule has been relaxed from its original form.

**Margaret Grayston** commented that not all tracks have wi-fi to allow the team managers to update the teams, and **Arwel Williams** also agreed that sometimes results recorders were unable to update the results at the track, but when the results go out to teams there is sufficient time for them to be updated before they're sent to the administrator for scrutiny.

**Marian** agreed that this could easily be done post-match, and so long as the team was carefully checked on the portal and the host notified, it was just a simple refresh needed to bring the changes through. She also commented that she had done the results at tracks with no wi-fi link and had used her smart phone as the wi-fi source. This worked well and takes very little data this could be an option moving forward.

**Paul Farres** commented that it was important that team managers get the results quickly so they can check for gaps, and accuracy. This was agreed, and the rules do specify that the results are sent out the same evening.

**John Hubbard** referred to the declaration of officials on the portal, he suggested that this needed to be aligned to other national leagues, but this had not been the case in 2021 and it had been difficult to enter officials onto the portal. In fact, it wasn't working as a useful resource for host clubs.

**Alan Johnson (Results Co-ordinator)** replied that Simon Fennell has agreed that the software will be looked at and should be ready for checking and updating by the end of December, he pointed out that the NAL also have a meeting managers portal.

**David Little** asked if n/s athletes can use different bib numbers in the LAG to identify them rather than team numbers as this caused confusion with athletes sometimes competing in the same numbers in races. Marian replied that separate numbers can be used, but the software can only pick up names via team numbers and from experience a number of host clubs give out numbers with no reference whatsoever as to how they have been declared on the portal hence there are a lot of missing names in the results which takes a lot of unravelling.

**Arwel Williams** in reference to the query on officials reminded everyone that all officials can be checked on the UKA Officials' checker. With regard to non-scoring athletes while he could see what was being referred to, in the fixtures he had attended it hadn't been an issue since they tend to run in separate races.

**Katie Brazier** commented that administration errors shouldn't affect the results from the field of play, she further commented that some sports use fines to penalise rule breakers, and if a club doesn't fulfil its obligations to declare the athletes there could be a threat of a penalty. She also asked where Simon Fennell was pulling his information from, there is a lot of data and technology sitting in different systems, but it doesn't always seem to work together, which makes for a lot

extra admin work, she felt that a technological eco structure can help to tidy up competitions. All the data is held in Trinity and that should be the point of reference for everyone.

**Hilary Nash** pointed out that in the LAG there are a specific number allowed for particular events, the problem arose because start teams were mixing non scoring and scoring athletes but not making it clear to track judges what they had done. If it's not possible to differentiate the scorers and non-scorers they shouldn't run together.

**Grace Hall** assured everyone that our guidelines for host clubs would be updated to make sure everyone understood what was required.

**Julian Starkey (Bracknell)** said that, as a Starter's Assistant, he would find it much easier if athletes wore individual numbers because in many instances a lot of athletes turn up to run but don't know which number they should be wearing.

**Alan Johnson** said that host clubs need to provide an extra sheet to identify which athletes were wearing which numbers.

The chair then moved to a vote on this rule change:

**Alan Johnson** seconded the proposal, and it was unanimously approved.

#### **RULE 12: NON-SCORING EVENTS**

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

Be replaced by:

12.1 In the Lower Age Group, two U13 and two U15 athletes per gender 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.

**Marian** explained the addition of the word 'ONLY' will serve as a reminder to team managers and host clubs that these are the only events where non-scoring athletes are permitted within the timetable. This saves disappointment for athletes who subsequently find that their results cannot be displayed in the results or on Po10.

**David Little** seconded the proposal, and this was unanimously approved.

**7 There were no constitutional amendments tabled.**

**8 Election of management committee members for 2021-2022. Nominations received for: -**

#### **Officers**

**Grace Hall (to 2024) serving as Chair** nominated by Derby AC; Gateshead Harriers & AC; Wigan Harriers & AC

**Janice Kaufman (to 2025) serving as Vice Chair** nominated by Derby AC; Gateshead Harriers & AC

**Karl Ponty (to 2025) serving as Finance Officer** nominated by Derby AC; Gateshead Harriers & AC

#### **General Committee:**

**Alan Johnson (to 2022) serving as Northern Area Co-ordinator** – nominated by Blackburn Harriers; East Cheshire AC & Tameside Harriers; Gateshead Harriers & AC; Trafford AC; Warrington AC; Wigan Harriers & AC

**Stuart Hall (to 2022) serving as Web Manager** – nominated by Gateshead Harriers & AC; Derby AC; Wigan Harriers & AC

**Julian Starkey (to 2023) serving as Statistician** – nominated by Gateshead Harriers & AC; Derby AC

**Leslie Roy (to 2023) serving as Scottish Area Co-ordinator** – nominated by Edinburgh AC; Kilmarnock Harriers & AC; Shettleston Harriers; Team North Lanarkshire and Victoria Park City of Glasgow AC

**One vacancy to 2023** – to serve as Midland Area Co-ordinator

**Two vacancies to 2022** – one of which to serve as Southern Area Co-ordinator

**Grace** explained that as a result of deferring the AGM in 2020, the whole committee needed to be re-elected, but in order to maintain the alternating retirement dates as set out in the constitution, each candidate was showing their individual term of office.

Voting was unanimously in favour of the above being duly elected onto the committee.

**Geoff Morphitis (Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers)** asked what the contingency was if no-one came forward to take on the roles of the Area Co-ordinators. **Grace** told the meeting that though we have tried to recruit volunteers, we have as yet been unsuccessful in replacing the two Area Co-ordinators; so we will be depending on the clubs to work with us in trying to sort out the fixtures; she asked if anyone knew of someone who may be interested in serving on the committee to please contact her to discuss it. The roles and responsibilities are on the YDL website and there is a small remuneration paid for those roles. If anyone does step forward this would be considered as a casual vacancy for the one year, whereupon they would stand for election in the normal way at the AGM.

We are acutely aware that volunteers at club level already have a lot to do, we thank them for their continued support and will continue to do the best we can.

**David Little** asked if no-one was prepared to do the Area Co-ordinators's job, would we be looking for a volunteer to sort out each division? **Grace** replied that that wasn't the intention, but that clubs would need to work together. If clubs don't come forward with offers to host, there will be no matches for that division. **David** asked for clarification about match 4 which seems to be allocated to an area final, **Marian** explained that it varied from region to region, and Southern region didn't have area finals and promotion matches. **David** said that he was prepared to try to sort the fixtures for his division.

#### Additional comments

**Grace** then congratulated the Vice Chair **Janice Kaufman** who, along with her son **Richard** had received the BBC Unsung Sporting Hero award for the North-East.

**Grace** then reminded everyone that there is an election for the UK Members, there are 2 candidates, herself and **Andy Paul**, she encouraged everyone not to waste their vote but to make sure they voted for one of the candidates. **Julian Starkey** pointed out that if clubs don't vote, they will get the candidate that they deserve.

**Grace** then brought everyone's attention back to the 2 retiring Area Co-ordinators – **Joyce Tomala**, the Midlands representative, and **Lorraine Vidler** from the Southern region.

**Joyce** has been involved in athletics for many years, initially with the Boys' Young Athletes league which had then merged with the Girls league to become the UKYAL; when that league disbanded and became part of the YDL she had once more thrown herself into the role of Area Co-ordinator for the Midlands. In addition to this she has been working as a volunteer for Welsh Athletics in

many capacities; she has given a lot of her life to athletics. It was therefore fitting that on her retirement from this league we present her with a memento of her long-standing commitment. Grace presented her with an engraved bespoke slate paperweight and hoped that this will serve as a regular reminder of our gratitude to her.

Lorraine has also been involved in the sport of athletics in numerous roles for a number of years, latterly serving as Finance Officer and the Area Co-ordinator for the Southern region. As she wasn't at the meeting, Julian Starkey agreed to take her gift and present it to her at a suitable venue in the South.

**Janice Kaufman** reminded everyone about the Officials Training initiative; we have had about 40 officials going through the process, but there was still further money available in the fund for L1 training and as an incentive for L1 officials to progress to L2. Anyone interested in taking up the opportunity to contact her. John Hubbard commented that there was a need for more courses to be available, Janice agreed that it wasn't as straightforward as it should be.

**9 The 2022 Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Saturday 26th November 2022.**

**The AGM closed at 13:55**

The Chair thanked everyone for their input to the meeting and wished everyone a safe journey home.

Signed:	Date:
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## **Youth Development League AGM 2021.**

### **Chairman's Report.**

Normally I would start my report with details of the league champions from the National Finals, and of course, there were none.

The last two seasons have been so unreal, and certainly not how I would have imagined them in any way. In what would have been the ninth season of YDL, I am sure none of us anticipated anything interrupting our lives, as Covid has.

Therefore, as there were no league champions, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the following athletes, who set new league records in 2021 instead.

**Reuben Henry-Daire**, Reading AC, U20 men 400M.

**Josh Woods**, Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers, U20 men triple jump.

**Charlotte Payne**, Reading AC, U20 women hammer.

**Keira Brady-Jones**, Wirral AC, U17 women 1500M.

**Fleur Todd-Warmoth**, Blackheath & Bromley, U17 women 3000M.

**Alex Foster**, Woodford Green Essex Ladies, U13 boys 75M.

**Elliott Turbin**, Hercules Wimbledon, U13 boys 150M.

**Jake Meyburgh**, Windsor Slough Eton & Hounslow, U13 boys 1200M.

**Daisy Snell**, Blackheath & Bromley, U15 girls long jump.

Plus, two athletes equalled long standing league records.

**Lionel Owona**, Windsor Slough Eton & Hounslow, U20 men high jump.

**Elliot Savage**, Sale Harriers, U17 men 800M.

Of course, every athlete who competed in 2021, despite the lack of facilities, training and competitions, are also to be congratulated. YDL looks forward to seeing everyone in 2022, in what I hope will be a much more normal season.

I also acknowledge that none of the above would happen without our member clubs, officials, volunteers, coaches and all the thousands of athletes, who have made it possible for our matches to take place. Plus, to the management committee members who work so hard, and not just during the season, but all year round, a huge thank you.

Grace Hall.

Chair. 29.10.21.





## **Administrator's Annual Report to the AGM November 2021**

I think it's safe to say that 2021 has been like no other, with problems and pitfalls at every turn. Whilst we started the season with a certain amount of trepidation and concern as to whether we would be able to offer a full programme of events, indeed the first rounds of matches offered a reduced 50% timetable, which some clubs were able to take advantage of and run an open type meeting alongside; the second half of the season reverted to a full timetable but suffice to say even that wasn't without its issues.

Due to the uncertainty at the time, we made a decision to restructure along more local lines so that travelling was kept to a minimum. This sometimes meant we ended up with smaller divisions than we would have liked and also resulted in a season of no promotions and relegations, this was met with enthusiasm from some quarters and frustration from others. Possibly the decision not to award points for officials backfired as some teams saw this as an excuse not to provide sufficient cover and depended heavily on host clubs to cover the shortfall. Fair play to those hosts who moved heaven and earth to make sure the competition ran efficiently but it must be stressed that part of a club's commitment to the league is to provide officials as specified in the rules. We appreciate that there is a problem with the number of officials decreasing but we are grateful to England Athletics for their supporting initiative to try to encourage clubs to recruit and retain their officials. The take up has been quite slow, not helped by the shortage of courses but we do hope that other clubs take advantage of this and persuade their parents and others to take up the challenge – without officials and other necessary volunteers, there can be no matches.

In all, 169 YDL matches took place across both age groups; this accounts for one third of all league and similar competitions across the country which is a significant number of fixtures – I can personally vouch for that since I have carried out the bulk of the match scrutiny which has to take place in order to verify the results. The double weekend in September was absolutely the most stressful time I've had since taking on the role of Administrator. Apart from issues with the results software, there were also a worrying number of occasions where it was plain that the guidelines we produce had played no part in the recording of results, nor it seems, in a few cases, were the league rules understood or adhered to.

We're looking forward to holding a full league programme in 2022 but will be carrying out a consultation exercise to explore our options for 2023 and beyond that best serves our athletes. We are committed to providing a league competition as it is our belief that our athletes enjoy the team aspect to competing in a league that cannot be achieved at open meetings and other such competitions, they too have their place, but they cannot be the sole option. Looking ahead, we've lost some clubs, many due to the shrinking number of athletes at their disposal, I think it's fair to say that the sport has lost a large number of athletes during the 2 years of Covid, and it will take some time to get back to 'normal'. On the positive side we have gained some new teams into the fold. We are still far and away the biggest league in the country and the number of athletes on our portal has increased this year, up to 24 000, although not all will have competed in every round of the competition. The software did cause some problems for us all, and we are aiming to have a more stable version for the beginning of next season to make it a more pleasurable experience for all involved in the results. The portal remains very popular amongst team managers (when it's working, I think everyone feels it's an excellent resource).

Of course, one of the crucial elements of running a league is the willingness of clubs to host fixtures, our rules stipulate that each team should host when asked and at least once every two years. In 2021 we all relied heavily on clubs to step up to the plate, and some did this in spades. One of our clubs in the



Northern region hosted 5 out of a possible 6 across both age groups, which in a difficult year is an exceptional effort, and deserves the gratitude of the clubs in their respective divisions. Well done to Leigh Harriers. With the cost of tracks rising, it's crucial that everyone plays their part in sharing the load.

Agreeing fixture dates for 2022 has taken up a lot of time during the summer, needless to say we've had to compromise a lot and, with reluctance, have accepted the dates we were given (after some renegotiations of course). UKA's Competition Working Group were intending holding a webinar to explain all the complexities of sorting out the fixture calendar, whilst also taking on board what our clubs had to say. At the time of writing, we are still waiting for a date from the CWG so we can send out an invitation to all our clubs. It's a little unfortunate that the opportunity to discuss and debate the fixture calendar has been removed and it has led to some frustration for both us and our member clubs.

We're also waiting to hear if we are to receive any governing body financial support for 2022 and beyond and our Finance Officer is still working very hard on this, as his financial report will demonstrate.

Although our amended structure made it impossible to offer promotions, and relegations, for the season I still produced league tables for all divisions, and it was good to see some new faces topping their respective divisions. In 2022 we'll revert back to our more linear structure but trying to take into account travelling distances for the majority. As stated above, we will be running some roadshows early on in the year to look at ways of improving the league and inviting your thoughts as part of that process. Whilst it's sometimes easier to maintain the status quo, we do also need to adapt to a changing environment when athletes' and clubs' needs alter.

I am extremely grateful to the committee for their support and assistance during the year, in particular the Area Co-ordinators who sorted out the structures and were the first line of enquiry for many clubs. In addition, Joyce volunteered to scrutinise the results from a number of matches, including 7 sets from the horrendous September weekend for which I am extremely grateful. I am concerned that the number of volunteers is diminishing and shudder to think what will happen if we fail to attract anyone to take up the role of Area Co-ordinator in the Midlands and Southern regions. I would like to extend my personal thanks to both Joyce Tomala and Lorraine Vidler for their support and commitment over a number of years, I'll be sad to see them go, but totally understand their need to move on.

Finally, on behalf of our committee, I would like to thank you and all the volunteers in your clubs who continue to work hard week in, week out to support your athletes; without your enthusiasm and commitment there would be no matches, so, thank you all. I look forward to another year of working together to ensure the future success of our sport.

Marian Williams  
YDL Administrator



## YDL Finance Officers Report to the AGM 2021

It has been an unusual two years for all of us.

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### **2020**

In 2020, due to the pandemic the decision was made to defer all competitive activity to 2021. In accounts terms this meant deferring all income and expenditure that could be transferred, to 2021. In 2020 despite no competitive activity the league had significant running costs and made a loss of £27,469 (detailed on the Income and Expenditure Account 2020).

### **2021**

In 2021 not all teams received the number of matches they had paid towards through their affiliations. These have been credited to 2022 (value £13,500). Teams affiliating in for the 2022 competitive season will be able to claim their credit on the Team Affiliation Payment Forms forms.

In anticipation of hosting and travel constraints issues due to the pandemic, matches were deliberately kept smaller (in terms of teams and early timetables) and local. There were no finals (Regional or National). There were additional costs to the league in hosting more matches with smaller numbers of teams attending. Some outlying teams could not compete and with other matches being local there were not claims for travel and accommodation this year.

Despite a considerable reduction in the number of matches the support for precision measurement continues to justify the use of grant monies to support it.

## Precision Measurement Support Analysis

	2018	2019	2021*
Photofinish	36	52	60
Track Wind Gauge	n/a	83	80
EDM	48	66	69
Field Wind Gauge	n/a	23	27

\* significantly less matches due to the pandemic

### ***Sport England Funding Rolled on for Governing Body Projects***

Sport England created a fund to provide follow on (rolling) funding placing a requirement on governing bodies to pass a repeat of Sport England Funds onto projects from the previous year of planned funding. This meant the YDL received £50,000 (from Sport England through UKA) to help the YDL cover a year of inactivity due to the pandemic and have contingency for the ongoing effects of the pandemic.

### ***UKA Grants for 2022***

At the time of writing this report UKA could not give an indication of grant support to the YDL in 2022. In discussions over the past four years, although no firm commitments have been made, it was anticipated that UKA would continue to: support the travel/accommodation costs of outlying teams; encourage the use of Precision Measurement Equipment and to support Regional and National Finals.

### ***History of UKA Grants to the YDL***

The YDL has received funding from UKA in batches of 4 year funding rounds from bids made for projects to Sport England. The last funding round ended in 2020. Funding for 2020 was rolled on governing bodies by Sport England to 2021 to ensure previously supported projects continued, following the effects of the pandemic and to allow time for governing bodies apply for further rounds of funding to support projects.

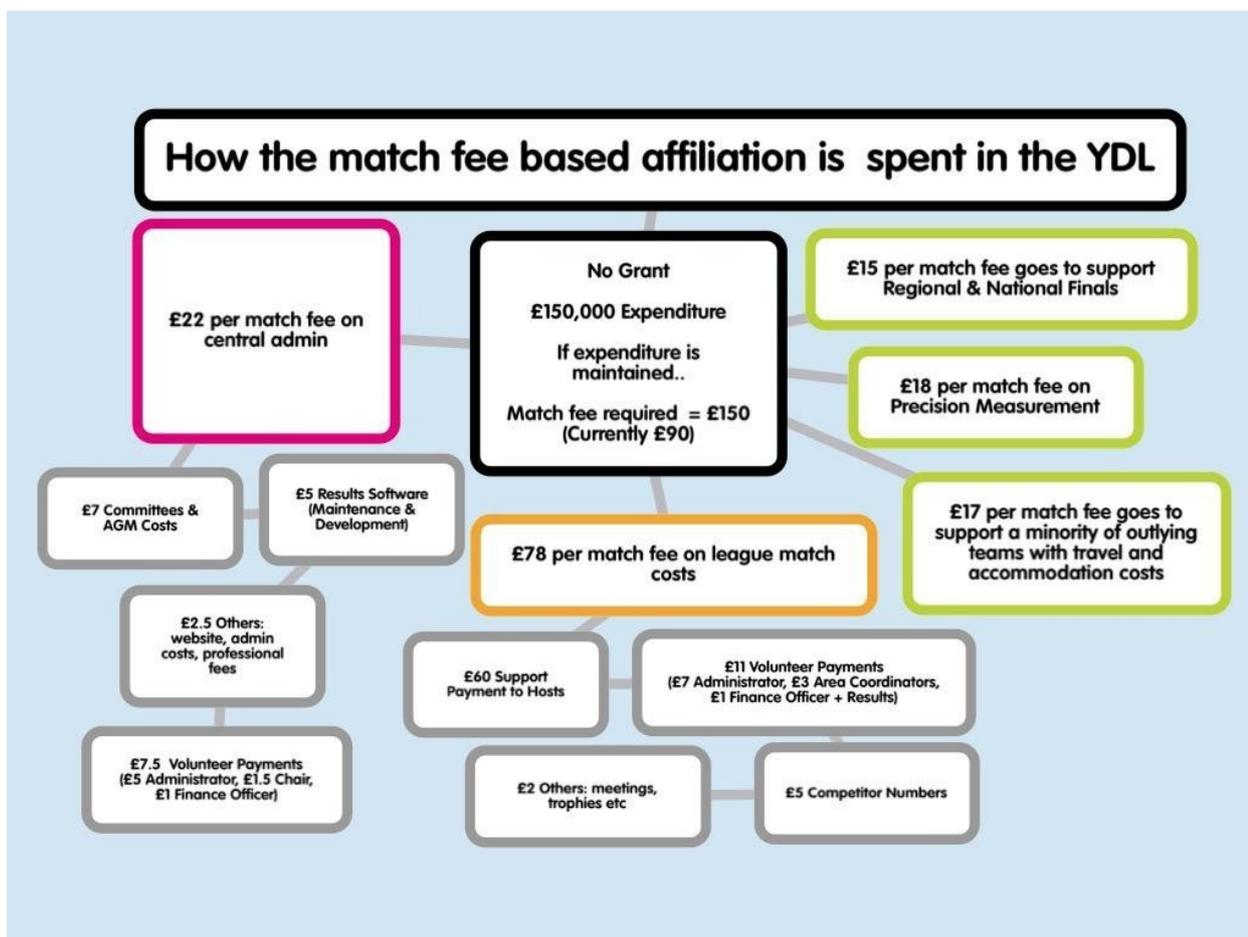
2013	£115,000
2014	£115,000
2015	£115,000
2016	£115,000
2017	£80,000
2018	£80,000
2019	£60,000
2020	£50,000
2021	£50,000 (Sport England - Rolled forward 2020 funding)
2022	?

## Considerations for 2022 and Beyond

In 2020 the YDL made a loss of £27,469. In 2021 the YDL had a surplus of £30,845 but without the £50,000 grant this would have been a loss of £19,155 and there were no finals to support nor was any travel/accommodation support paid!

The YDL is a large league (unlike any other) providing over one third of all league competition across the UK in U13-U20 age groups.

The infogram below (based on the 2018 & 2019 “normal” seasons) helps to explain finances are distributed to pay for our leagues.



A convenient approximation is, that for every £1 we raise the “Match Fee” contribution per team, we raise £1000 of income for the league as a whole.

ie £90 per team per match raises £90,000, £91 would raise £91,000 etc

Using the infogram, if we received no grant, and planned to break even, the team fee per match would be £150!

An “advantage” of the pandemic has been the increase in use of technology to hold online meetings. Couple this with reduced expenditure on software development (which has benefitted many leagues) and we can reasonably expect savings of approximately £10K (or £10 per match fee requirement). Requirement to break even then becomes £140 fee per match.

Essentially the £30,000 surplus of 2021 may be considered to be the UKA grant not used for finals and travel/accommodation support that didn't take place. Requirement to break even then becomes £110 per match.

If we budget £20,000 for Precision Measurement support in 2022, this can be met from remaining Sport England follow on funding. Requirement to break even then becomes £90 per match.

The £30,000 (from 2021 surplus) and £20,000 (from the remaining Sport England follow on funding) above will come from Accumulated Funds (Reserves) and would show in the 2022 forecast as a £50,000 loss. The equivalent of the last UKA grant received.

Looking forward it is unlikely that the leagues will continue to receive the same levels of support through UKA and it would be wise to increase team contributions to begin to mitigate this.

### ***Finance Proposals.***

1. To cap 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).
2. All other arrangements and calculations for team support (hosting, precision measurement, travel, accommodation) remain the same as set for the 2020 season as agreed at the 2019 AGM.
3. To increase team affiliation by £10 per match to £100 per match in light of uncertainty regarding the immediate future of UKA grants to the YDL.

Written on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Karl Ponty  
Finance Officer  
YDL Athletics



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

INCOME	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
UAG Division Affiliation Fees (Deferred to 2020-21)			11,160	
			11,250	
			<u>13,680</u>	
		0		36,090
LAG Division Affiliation Fees (Deferred to 2020-21)			14,400	
			17,730	
			6,480	
			<u>19,080</u>	
		0		57,690
Grants from UKA (Deferred to 2020-21)		0		60,000
Donations		68		870
Interest Received		212		121
Other		72		
		<u>352</u>		<u>154,771</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Administration Costs			2,296	
Committee Meetings	1,196		1,046	
Sub Group Meetings	282		1,715	
Website and Support	1,117		299	
Officer Expenses	284		2,661	
AGM	2,619		502	
Professional Fees	473		4,866	
Results Software Development	2,250		7,500	
Administration Fees	<u>6,750</u>			
		14,971		20,885
League Match Costs				
Hosting Support			59,230	
Competitor Numbers			4,629	
Results Match Support	150		750	
Administration Fees	3,650		7,500	
Area Administration Fees	2,625		2,625	
Area Administration Expenses			696	
Area Trophies			<u>500</u>	
		6,425		75,930
Precision Measurement for Talent				
Photofinish Support			5,100	
Track Wind Gauge			1,950	
EDM Support			3,050	
Field Wind Gauge			<u>575</u>	
		0		10,675
Developing Talent from Across the UK				
Travel Support			4,337	
Team Accommodation			3,544	
Travel over Sea			3,495	
Area Consideration				
Administration Fees			<u>500</u>	
		0		11,876
Rewarding Team Performance				
Cost of Staging National Finals			5,608	
Cost of Staging Area Finals			3,544	
Competitor Numbers			982	
Results Software Developer Support			500	
Administration Fees			<u>850</u>	
		0		11,484
Miscellaneous Sundries				
Prior Year adjustment				<u>-2566</u>
		<u>21,396</u>		<u>128,284</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) to Accumulated Funds		<u>-£21,044</u>		<u>£26,487</u>

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Fixed Assets Depreciation Policy

Depreciation is provided, on a straight line basis, at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its expected useful life:

Computer and PA Equipment 33%

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>2 Debtors</b>		
Website Costs	923	109
NIR Team fees underpaid from 2017	880	880
Competitor Numbers	3041	90
AGM Deposit	411	400
Administration Fees	1000	
Results Support	600	
	<u>6855</u>	<u>1479</u>
<b>3 Creditors</b>		
Independent Examiner's Fee	350	350
Results Software Development	1500	
Area promotion/Relegation matches		
Rewarding Team Performance - Cost of staging National Finals		4,279
Unpaid Team Support 2018-19		
Developing Talent from Across the UK - Travel Support	322	528
Developing Talent from Across the UK - Team Accommodation	2,584	2,584
Developing Talent from Across the UK - Travel Oversea	1,437	1,748
Administration Costs - Professional Fees (Bank charges)		43
League Match Costs - Area Trophies		500
	<u>6,193</u>	<u>10,031</u>
<b>4 Income deferred</b>		
Affiliation Fees	90,090	
Grants from UKA	50,000	
	<u>140,090</u>	
<b>5 Adjustments</b>		
League Match Costs - Area Trophies	194	
Bank Loyalty Bonus 2018-19	-7	
National Finals 2018-19	-18	
	<u>169</u>	
<b>6 Contingencies</b>		
League Function Contingency		
40% 2019 League and Admin Costs		40,000
(2019 planned contingency less 2020 used contingency)	19,000	
Development and Support Grant Contingency		
175% of 2019 UKA Grant	85,000	85,000
2021 Contingency Grant 100%		
2022 Contingency Grant 50%		
2023 Contingency Grant 25%		
Total Contingency	<u>104,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

		2021		2020
		£	£	£
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Fixed Assets			0	0
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank	- Current Account	162,658		194,090
	- Deposit Account	<u>60,739</u>		<u>60,701</u>
		223,397		254,791
Debtors	Note 1	519		6,855
Current Liabilities				
Amounts Due Within One Year:				
Creditors	Note 2	2,985		6,193
Income deferred	Note 3	<u>13,500</u>		<u>140,090</u>
		<u>16,485</u>		<u>146,283</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>207,431</u>		<u>115,363</u>
		<u><u>£207,431</u></u>		<u><u>£115,363</u></u>
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT AND RESERVES</b>				
Accumulated Funds				
Sport England Covid Follow on Funds	Note 4	50,000		
England Athletics - Remaining Grant	Note 5	10,320		
Balance as at 1 October 2020		<u>£115,363</u>		136,238
Adjustment	Note 6	903		169
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		<u>30,845</u>		<u>-21,044</u>
		<u><u>£207,431</u></u>		<u><u>£115,363</u></u>

K Ponty                      1st October 2021  
YDL Finance Officer

Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined the books and records of the Youth Development League for the year ended 30th September 2021, and from these and explanations given to me I have prepared the Statement of Account set out on Pages 1 to 3 and can confirm they are in accordance therewith.



Helen Ashley ACMA    29th October 2021

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	2021		2020
INCOME	£	£	£
Affiliation Fees (£13,500 Deferred to 2022)	Note 3	74,820	0
Grants from UKA (Deferred from 2020)		50,000	0
Donations		837	68
Interest Received		38	212
Other		<u>0</u>	<u>72</u>
		<u>125,695</u>	<u>352</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Administration Costs			
Committee Meetings	144		1,196
Sub Group Meetings	0		282
Website and Support	1,715		1,117
Officer Expenses	182		284
AGM	0		2,619
Professional Fees	303		473
Results Software Development	750		2,250
Administration Fees	<u>7,500</u>		<u>6,750</u>
		10,594	14,971
League Match Costs			
Hosting Support	55,838		
Competitor Numbers	5,228		
Results Match Support	750		150
Administration Fees	3,310		3,650
Area Administration Fees	3,125		2,625
Area Administration Expenses			
Area Trophies	<u>          </u>	68,251	<u>6,425</u>
Precision Measurement for Talent			
Photofinish Support	9,000		
Track Wind Gauge	2,000		
EDM Support	3,450		
Field Wind Gauge	<u>675</u>	15,125	<u>0</u>
Developing Talent from Across the UK			
Travel Support			
Team Accommodation			
Travel over Sea			
Area Consideration			
Administration Fees	<u>          </u>	0	<u>0</u>
Rewarding Team Performance			
Cost of Staging National Finals			
Cost of Staging Area Finals			
Competitor Numbers			
Results Software Developer Support			
Administration Fees	<u>          </u>	0	<u>0</u>
Miscellaneous Sundries			
Prior Year adjustment		<u>93,970</u>	<u>21,396</u>
Bad Debt Expense	Note 7	880	
Surplus/(Deficit) to Accumulated Funds		<u>30,845</u>	<u>-21,044</u>

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

	2021	
	£	£
1 Debtors		
Website Costs		108
AGM Deposit		411
		519
2 Creditors		
Independent Examiner's Fee		225
Non-Competing Teams (Partial Refund)		2,760
		2,985
3 Income deferred		
Affiliation Fees - Unused match credits		13,500
		13,500
4 Sport England Follow on Funding was provided to Governing Bodies to repeat the last year of the funding round to help mitigate effects of the Covid Pandemic and to help maintain previous levels of activity.		
5 England Athletics Grants *		13,000
less		
Covid Host Support	2,680	
IT Innovation		
Officials Training		
Superteams Trials		
	2,680	
		10,320
*These monies are only available to English Teams for projects agreed with England Athletics		
6 Adjustments		
Professional Fees		125
Hardship Adjustments (2019)		778
		0
		903
7 Bad Debt accounted for		
NIR Team fees underpaid from 2017		880