

**Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire Rugby Football Union
Senior Competitions Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date of meeting: Monday 12th September 2016

			Action
	<p>Present Dave Miller (DM), Steve Whiteside (SW), Tracy Edmundson (TE), Mike Waplington (MW), Dave Duddles (DD), Steve Allford (SA), Geraint Prisk (GP), Neil Clack(NC), Dan Edson (DE) & Phil Gordon (PG)</p> <p>Apologies: Melvyn Ashton (MA)</p>		
1	Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the meeting on 13 th June were agreed as an accurate record.	
2	Matters arising	These are dealt with under the appropriate section.	
3	Committee Members	The following members were confirmed in their roles; Chair: Steve Allford Secretary: Dave Miller Nottinghamshire Rep: Mike Waplington has replaced Phil Gordon Lincolnshire Rep: Melvyn Ashton Derbyshire Rep: TBC, Geraint Prisk is currently standing in. MDOC Rep: Dave Miller Referees Rep: Steve Whiteside Womens Rep: Neil Clack	
4	RFU Structured Season	This has been published and is attached. There have been no changes since the last meeting.	
5	NLD Structured Season	The dates for the remaining NLD knockout rounds are; QF: 15 th Oct SF: 4 th Feb Finals Day: 29 th Apr (at a venue to be determined by Derbyshire)	
6	National RFU Cups	The draw for the 1 st round has been made and these matches will be played on 24 th September. Of the 41 NLD clubs competing 13 will play in round 1 and the remaining 28 have a bye to round 2.	
7	MDOC Report	League Secretaries for the coming season have been confirmed and their contact details are attached. Note that these are not as published in the RFU handbook. All clubs have been reminded about the regulations on contracting and payment of players and the implications of these not being adhered to. In the past season two clubs were investigated by the RFU and this resulted in points deduction, relegation and club officials receiving suspensions from the game.	
8	League Reports	All leagues have been finalised and fixtures issued and the first matches have taken place. It was noted that a few clubs were struggling to raise sides to fulfil fixtures. Help has been offered to these where appropriate.	
9	NLD Knockout Cups	The knockout competition regulations have been issued to all clubs and the referees society via the NLD office. Clubs are reminded that they need to use this season's version of the regulations and match cards, otherwise they may face sanction for inadvertent breach of the rules. For the 2016-17 competition 42 of the 53 eligible clubs had responded before the date of this meeting to the question as to whether they wished to take part or not. However, only around half responded before the required date and several had to be chased up four or five times before they finally gave an answer. Additionally the majority did not respond to the correct e-mail address. This lack of response placed an unnecessary burden on the committee and the NLD office. The DU reps were	DU reps

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		<p>asked to pass this back to their Unions and clubs with the statement that in future non response may mean that the club will not be included and there will be no chasing up.</p> <p>The 1st round of the Shield, Plate and Vase has been completed with 4 walkovers in the 17 scheduled matches. Thanks go to MA for his pragmatic approach in the getting the Horncastle v Bourne match played midweek under neutral lights.</p> <p>The draw for the QF of all competitions have been made and issued to all clubs and the referees society via the NLD office. The draw for the SF has also been made but this will be embargoed until after the QF have been played.</p> <p>The requirements document for hosting the Finals Day has been passed to the Derbyshire RFU Secretary (GP) to invite bids to host the event.</p>	
10	Domestic Cups	<p>Nottinghamshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>The “1st XV” finals day will consist of four matches on a date and venue TBC.</p> <p>The “2nd XV” finals day will also consist of four matches and will be played on Sunday 30th April at a venue TBC.</p> <p>Lincolnshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>Draws have been made and initial matches scheduled.</p> <p>Finals day will be Monday 1st May at TBC and there will be three finals. However, this may have to be deferred due to the NLD knockout finals day.</p> <p>Derbyshire Knockout Competitions</p> <p>Draws for all four competitions have been made. Finals day date and venue are TBC.</p>	
11	Merit Tables	<p>Lincs Merit and Notts Pennant will continue this season.</p> <p>Derby 2nd XV will be playing in the Midlands Reserve League.</p>	
12	Referees Representative	<p>There have been problems with several clubs and DUs not paying their dues in a timely manner. This has resulted in lots of wasted effort in chasing these up and culminated in one club having to be threatened with disciplinary action and non-allocation of referees unless they settled their outstanding bill from last season. This is not an acceptable situation and the Society will be less lenient in future with regard to unpaid debt. The rates are published to all clubs at the start of the season and by requesting referees the clubs are agreeing to these and the associated conditions. If there are any queries or issues with charges then these should be addressed to the society at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>All competition regulations need to be supplied to the Referees Society to ensure that the referees know the variations and subtleties. Derbyshire have supplied this but Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire are still outstanding.</p> <p>The DU cup fixtures also need to be issued to the Referees Society within one week of the draws being made as there are too many matches coming in at short notice. In addition the dates for the matches need to be provided at the start of the season so that suitable planning can take place. Appointments for a particular month are done at the start of the preceding month so all the information is needed then.</p>	<p>DU reps</p> <p>MA / MW</p> <p>DU reps</p>
13	Women & Girls	<p>Girls is classed as junior competition so does not fall under the remit of this committee.</p> <p>NC & DE gave a summary of the current women’s status</p> <p>Women’s competitions are organised for the season.</p> <p>There is a possibility of running an NLD Womens knockout tournament this season.</p>	

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		<p>There are ten clubs that could participate although West Bridgford play at a much higher level than the rest so would need to enter a 2nd or development team. A proposal for this competition is needed.</p> <p>For this season any potential Finals Day will be incorporated with the Girls Finals Day. However, for the following season the practicality of combining the men's and women's finals into one event needs looking into.</p>	<p align="center">DE</p> <p align="center">DM</p>
14	Any other business	<p>In general terms, it is now expected of all RFU Committees (and this includes the DOCs), that "Declarations of Interest" must be made where appropriate, even where such appropriateness is marginal. This expectation will also apply to this Committee.</p> <p>The Turbo Tens concept is still being worked. As the Matlock Tens competition has not taken place this season it was agreed that Lincoln would be approached with a view to them hosting an NLD sponsored event using the legacy funding.</p> <p>It was agreed that plaques will be presented to the runners up of the NLD knockout competitions on Finals Day.</p> <p>A PFR bid has been placed and agreed to cover the costs of managing and administering the knockout competitions for 2016-17. This is in line with previous seasons and allows the competition to be self-financing.</p>	DD
15	Future meetings	<p>Next meeting will be Monday 21st November, 7:30 start.</p> <p>Venue, NLD Office, Newark.</p>	

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2016-2017 Knockout Competitions Results and Draws

Cup

Quarter Final (play on 15th October)

Market Rasen	V	Glossop
Dronfield	V	Paviers
Ilkeston	V	Newark
Matlock	V	Derby

Shield

Round 1

Lincoln	0:3	West Bridgford
Mansfield	20:29	Ashbourne
Southwell	14:20	Stamford
Melbourne	HWO	Belper
Casuals	39:0	Grimsby
Kesteven	29:23	Bakewell
Sleaford	35:10	Spalding
Ashfield	18:17	Chesterfield

Quarter Final (play on 15th October)

Sleaford	V	Stamford
Ashfield	V	Melbourne
West Bridgford	V	Casuals
Ashbourne	V	Kesteven

Plate

Round 1

Worksop	53:12	Long Eaton
Moderns	BYE	BYE
East Retford	HWO	Amber Valley
Boston	59:6	Cleethorpes
Meden Vale	AWO	Ollerton
Buxton	BYE	BYE
Mellish	36:8	Tupton
North Hykeham	BYE	BYE

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Mellish	V	East Retford
North Hykeham	V	Boston
Worksop	V	Ollerton
Moderns	V	Buxton

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Vase

Round 1

Horncastle	0:90	Bourne
Cresswell	10:15	Nottinghamians
Leesbrook	19:8	Bingham
Skegness	HWO	Barton & District
Keyworth	BYE	BYE
Gainsborough	BYE	BYE
Stamford College OB	BYE	BYE
Woodhouse Giants	BYE	BYE

Quarter Final (play on 15th October)

Stamford College OB	V	Skegness
Woodhouse Giants	V	Leesbrook
Bourne	V	Gainsborough
Nottinghamians	V	Keyworth

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2016-2017 RFU Structured Season for Midlands

Weekend No.	Saturday Date	International Matches	National 1& 2 (Levels 3 & 4) 16 clubs	National 3 M (Level 5) 14 clubs	Midlands (Level 6) 14 clubs	Midlands 12 Club Leagues	Midlands 10 Club Leagues	Midlands 8 Club Leagues	Intermediate Cup (L7)	Senior Vase (L8)	Junior Vase (L9 & 10)	County Championship
0	27-Aug			CB	CB	CB	CB	CB				
1	03-Sep		1	1	1	CB	CB	CB				NLD R1
2	10-Sep		2	2	2	1	1	1				
3	17-Sep		3	3	3	2	2	2				
4	24-Sep		4	4	4	Res	Res	Res	Cup 1	Cup 1	Cup 1	
5	01-Oct		5	5	5	3	3	Res				
6	08-Oct		6	6	6	4	4	3				
7	15-Oct		7	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 2	Cup 2	Cup 2	NLD QF
8	22-Oct		8	7	7	5	5	4				
X2	29-Oct		9	8	8	6	Res	Res				
9	05-Nov		10	9	9	7	6	5				
10	12-Nov	E v SA	11	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 3	Cup 3	Cup 3	
11	19-Nov	E v Fiji	12	10	10	8	7	6				
12	26-Nov	E v Arg	13	11	11	9	8	Res				
13	03-Dec	E v Aus	14	12	12	Res	Res	Res	Cup 4	Cup 4	Cup 4	
14	10-Dec		15	13	13	10	9	7				
15	17-Dec		16	14	14	11	10	8				
16	24-Dec		Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	
X4	31-Dec		Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	
17	07-Jan		17	15	15	12	11	9				
18	14-Jan		18	16	16	Res	Res	Res	Cup 5	Cup 5	Cup 5	
19	21-Jan		19	17	17	13	12	Res				
20	28-Jan		20	18	18	14	13	10				
21	04-Feb	E v F	21	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 6	Cup 6	Cup 6	NLD SF
22	11-Feb	W v E	22	19	19	15	Res	Res				
23	18-Feb		23	20	20	16	14	11				
24	25-Feb	E v It	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup 7	Cup 7	Cup 7	
25	04-Mar		24	21	21	17	15	12				
26	11-Mar	E v S	25	22	22	18	Res	Res				
27	18-Mar	Ir v E	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup QF	Cup QF	Cup QF	
28	25-Mar		26	23	23	19	16	13				
29	01-Apr		27	24	24	20	Res	Res				
30	08-Apr		28	25	25	21	17	14				
31	15-Apr*		Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup SF	Cup SF	Cup SF	
32	22-Apr		29	26	26	22	18	Res				
X8	29-Apr		30	PO	PO	PO ?	Res	Res				NLD Final
34	06-May		PO	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Cup F	Cup F	Cup F	Pool
35	13-May		Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res				Pool
36	20-May		Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res				Pool
37	27-May	Eng Int	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res	Res				F

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