Notes from 16s-18s meeting 6 January 2025

Feedback from 2024 and Planning for 2025

We had representatives from:-

Batley, Birstall Victoria, Bronte Barbarians, Castleford Panthers, Cutsyke Raiders, Dewsbury Celtic, Dewsbury Moor, Doncaster Toll Bar, Elland, Emley Moor, Farnley Falcons, King Cross Park, Kippax Welfare, Methley Warriors, Normanton Knights, Oulton Raiders, Queensbury, Sharlston Rovers Shaw Cross Sharks, Underbank Rangers, West Bowling, Wyke.

1 Welcome and Introduction

2 Short discussion around start and end dates of season. Agreed to continue with starting in March and finishing at the end of August.

3 A club proposed that we changed to Sunday afternoon for the default times, other clubs did not agree. If both teams are in agreement, and can get referees then this can be done. Again some clubs wanted Saturdays, some wanted to stick to Sundays – we have tried to propose this before, but was rejected. Referees could also be an issue. Not enough support for either proposal to take it to AGM

4 Local fixtures got good attendance but the fixtures in places like Hull and Gateshead take up most of the day so squads needed to be a decent size to start with as not all would travel.

5 We had made changes to the rearrangement rules based on feedback last year, but did need to tighten it up again to ensure that fixtures got played.

6 A discussion took place about the number of weeks and the cup offers – being realistic could they all fit in? We would do our best to work with BARLA.

7 We discussed Brain Health and that players shouldn’t be playing more than once a week, and it had been recommended for quite some time not to allow players to play Open Age on the Saturday and 18s on a Sunday.

8 We said that friendlies could run into September – October, but we wouldn’t schedule fixtures as many teams just can’t play (work, uni etc)

9 We said we would try to help manage exam season the best we could

10 Clubs were asked for any other suggestions or issues that they may face.

**Youth Coaches Agenda**

**Monday January 6th 2025**

**2025 Season**

1. Welcome
2. Reflection on 2024
3. 2025 – Challenges
* Division sizes
* Playing weeks
* Cup games, ours and BARLA
* Rearrangements (linked with division sizes)
1. Any other business
2. Closure of meeting