



AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2017

LATE CHANGES

Div 14C Prospect team withdrawn. BCAB's team has been moved from div 14D to 15D as their players are too old. Idle Juniors have a new team in div 7E. Ingrow & Worth Valley is out but may reappear under Oakworth Juniors.

NEW SEASON INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE on FULL-TIME

The new season details were revealed on Wednesday to coincide with the second of the pre-season meetings. Clubs can now access their fixtures for the whole season as well

as other information.

At the same time Martin Maran has uploaded a new look League website which he says is best accessed by typing "CravenAire" into Google.

Within the next week or so Martin will be uploading all the new forms and information bits that club need to be able to download for themselves. This will include postponement and transfer forms and pitch dimensions.. It is probably better to start in the League website from where you will find a link to FULL-TIME.

CONFUSION OVER SIZE OF FOOTBALLS

A question raised at Wednesday's meeting concerned the ball size for one age group. Ball sizes are a standard FA rule and apply to all leagues. Size 3 balls must be used for under 7s and 8s. Size 4 for under 9s to 14s. Size 5 for under 15s and above. We regret any error. Please alter the respective details.

ROY CARTER TO STAND DOWN

We have been sorry to learn that the Chief Executive of the West Riding County Football Association has decided to retire at the end of September. We will comment further at a later date but an advertisement for his replacement is now to be found on the County website.

SOME CORRECTIONS FOR THE PRESS

An article titled "FA numbers game adds up as local junior league chiefs back governing body's radical proposals" appeared in the August 6th edition of Bradford's Telegraph and Argus. Both Eddie Presland of the Keybury League and myself were quoted. However, I would just like to clarify some points that may be of concern to our members.

Firstly, there is no proposal to alter the format from under 13 upwards at present. The new 9v9 format is coming in for the under 11s and 12s and that is why we have introduced it this season ahead of the mandatory date.

Members of our League are already benefiting from grants that we have received as a Charter Standard League. Ten pounds have been knocked off the annual fees. We have purchased four 9v9 goals for clubs to use and these go into use at Oakworth on Friday evening. We have also agreed to help another club acquire permanent 9v9 goals at their ground and have discussed whether we need to buy a line marker also to loan to clubs to do blue lines. This money is only available to organisations that show commitment to the new proposals.

With the new 9v9 format the intention is to try and utilise existing pitches. You can get two pitches side-by-side on a full-size pitch although you would have to use temporary goals. The pitch marking must be in a different colour to white.

So far as summer football is concerned, nothing has been decided. From my own conversations clubs are not that enthusiastic about changing over. Certainly cricket would be affected but then lads would be free to play rugby during the winter. As a League we have no plans to change at this time although we do intend to look at using the artificial pitches at Sandylands and Marley if we are able and if teams are willing to play.

Finally on the matter of the research done by the FA with children and young players I only showed part of the information at Wednesday's meeting. It cannot be said that the FA only questioned certain groups. From what I have seen the research was quite wide ranging and exhaustive and aimed to find what young people really thought rather than what adults thought they thought!

As a League we are well aware of the loss of players for whom the 11-a-side game does not appeal. You have only to look at the decline in Saturday and Sunday football and the increase in 5-a-side competitions. We have to address the problems and find solutions to keep players of all ages in the game and this includes new formats. Mike Breeze

MINI-SOCCER NOTES

For those concerned with the new age groups we must make it quite clear that the League's policy is to keep the admin and rules as simple as possible. Obviously we do not publish results and league tables.

Player registration is simply completing an Excel spreadsheet and submitting this to the League. Players can be switched between the teams run by the club. No result sheets have to be submitted although clubs have to keep their own records. No results have to be rung in. Teams can be added during the season.



Finally, the initial programme is for six weeks only following which we will meet to discuss how things have gone and what is needed next.

STILL NEEDING DETAILS FOR THESE TEAMS

CLUB	AGE A or B	FORMAT
SHIPLEY JUNIORS	7 LIONS	5v5
SHIPLEY JUNIORS	7 TIGERS	5v5
SHIPLEY JUNIORS	7 PANTHERS	5v5
SHIPLEY JUNIORS	7 PUMAS	5v5
SHIPLEY JUNIORS	7 JAGUARS	5v5
SHIPLEY JUNIORS	8 LIONS	7v7
SHIPLEY JUNIORS	8 TIGERS	7v7
SHIPLEY JUNIORS	8 PANTHERS	7v7
SHIPLEY JUNIORS	8 PUMAS	7v7
B.C.A.B. FC	15	
HORTON FOXES	7	5v5
SILSDEN A.F.C. JUNIORS	11	9v9
NAB WOOD JUNIORS	8	5v5
SILSDEN A.F.C. JUNIORS	7 A	5v5
SILSDEN A.F.C. JUNIORS	7 B	5v5
SHIPLEY JUNIORS	8 JAGUARS	7v7
SHIPLEY JUNIORS	8 LEOPARDS	7v7
CALVERLEY UNITED JFC	18 A	
UNDERCLIFFE CELTIC JRS	18 TYKES	
SILSDEN A.F.C. JUNIORS	18 A	

Please provide the details of the manager, contact numbers, address and email so that a complete directory can be issued to all clubs in the age groups.



Those who attended the meetings at Keighley on either Monday or Wednesday will have been issued with the following:

- Match Result Pads
- Handbook
- Fixtures
- Postponement Forms
- Transfer Forms
- Dimensions and Rules for the various age groups
- Mini Soccer principles
- Tour brochure

DEADLINE 1

Annual subscriptions were due by the 15th of August. Under the rules a surcharge will be imposed on any club that has not paid.

Please make sure that registration applications and match result sheets are posted to the correct person.

Allan Watt at Greengates for under 14s and above.
Kath Metcalfe at Skipton for under 11s, 12s and 13s
Martin Procter at Bingley for under 10s.

Do not post anything to Kath at Carleton as she no longer lives there!!!

Use the addresses in the handbook.

Under 7s and 8s email their lists of players to Allan Cawood

abcawood@btinternet.com

Tel:01756 794077

13 Regent Ave, Skipton, North Yorkshire. BD23 1AZ

DEADLINE 2

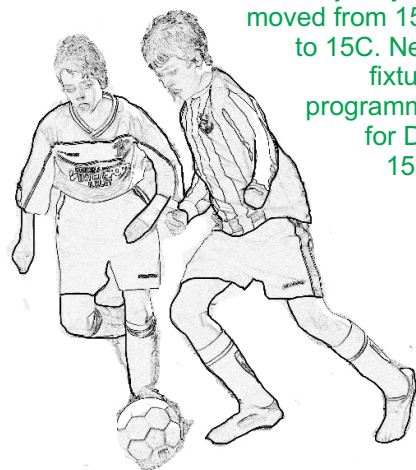
AUGUST 22 TEAMS MUST HAVE REGISTERED MINIMUM OF ELEVEN PLAYERS FOR 11-A-SIDE TEAMS, NINE PLAYERS FOR 9-A-SIDE AND SEVEN PLAYERS FOR 7-A-SIDE TEAMS. UNDER 7 & 8 TEAMS DO NOT HAVE THIS REQUIREMENT.

More players can be registered either before or after the deadline but we require the basic number so as to ensure that all teams have enough players to start the season.

The final date for the registration and transfer of players is the last day of February 2012.

Under 15 change.

Burley Trojans moved from 15B to 15C. New fixture programme for Div 15C.



Left - action from Bronte Playing Fields when the

9v9 Samba goals bought by the League went into use for the first time. Oakworth under 11s played a friendly against Bingley Juniors.

It was thought that some clubs need to mark the smaller pitches with BLUE lines as per the FA recommendations. Any club with this problem please contact the League Secretary.

