

## Norfolk Women's Hockey League League Management Committee

### Premier Division Report for 2017/2018

Congratulations to Norwich Dragons 3 who won the division and gained promotion to 2NE East league. They were top of the division for most of the season. Norwich City 3 were second and Broadland 1 third.

Highest goal scorer was Helen Brockington Broadland 1 with Sophia Basset Norwich City 3 and Evie Gardener Dereham 3. Evie was leading for much of the season but was caught by Helen and Sophia towards the end of the season.

The season had been disjoined due to the bad weather and games were played well into April. Problems arose as teams failed to inform myself or Linda Clements when the postponed games were to be replayed. Slip dates are issued with the league fixtures and written into team fixtures so players know when they are.

Nearly 90% of the team sheets were emailed and several were emailed in on the Saturday which was appreciated. Team sheets need to be checked before they are sent to ensure that they are correct. On numerous occasions the goal scorers were missing. Team sheets will change for the coming season so it is important that they are downloaded from the website.

81 different umpires were used again over half of these only umpired one or two games. 19 cards were issued for the season which is a great reduction from the previous season. Hopefully the fall will continue next season. Backchat was the most common reason a card was issued. Players need to remember that if the umpires were not there then the games could not go ahead so would they remember to respect their decisions. Captains need to check that their umpire for each game is qualified to umpire a premier league game, if not points will be deducted.

If teams have queries on any matter it is best to ask before going ahead due to the fact points might be deducted if a rule is breached.

Avril Mallett  
Premier Division Secretary

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### Division One Report for 2017/2018

Congratulations to Pelicans 2nds for winning Division 1 this season. In second place was Broadland 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was very close contest in the end with the winners and runners up only being decided on their final games of the season.

Top goal scorer this season was Katie Lake of Reepham with Tracy Brown of Pelicans in second place. 578 goals were scored in total this season. Only 13 players achieved double figures, and 50 different players scored just the one goal.

Fewer umpires have been used this season but thanks must go to everyone who has volunteered. 68 compared with 84 last year but nearly two thirds of these have only umpired one or two games. Both Terry Ransom and Barry Mann have umpired 20 matches each with John Clogan a close third on 19. The number of cards issued was similar to last year but there is an increase in those given for dissent/verbal which is disappointing.

The biggest increase this year has been in the number of matches postponed. We had bad weather in every month from November to March resulting in many fixtures being rearranged up to three times. The league added extra slip dates but many clubs still had to play rearranged fixtures midweek to fit every match in. In this division the last match was finally played on April 21<sup>st</sup> a full month after the final league date. Thank you to all captains and fixture secretaries for all the work involved in rearranging so many games. Please make sure that both Division Secs and Result Secs are always informed of the new date promptly.

Most teamsheets are sent by email, some still by post. Only a few have arrived late this season. I have had to email clubs when teamsheets were late or there was missing information. This has resulted in penalties having to be issued. Points have also been deducted this season with teams conceding games and also for using ineligible players and umpires.

I would appreciate if all Captains would consider the following checklist before sending in sheets. 1. Names and shirt numbers written clearly or typed. 2. Starred players and Doubling up/down recorded. 3. Scorers recorded. 4. Both umpires have signed sheet, cards recorded and reasons given. 5. Any comments on back of sheet noted by all concerned and finally both captains have signed.

Clubs have used 383 players this season, an increase from last year. Most teams have averaged 30 different players throughout the season whilst one club have used 54. More than a third of which only played once.

Finally congratulations must go to the following who have played in every match this year for their respective teams. Gemma Burton & Julie Glover, Diss. Jose Tibbenham, Magpies. Kelly Bird & Lucy Cook, Reepham, Ellie Bower & Jane Hughes, Pelicans.

Ruth Aldous  
Division 1 Secretary



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### Division Two Report for 2017/2018

Congratulations to Norwich Dragons Ladies 6s who won Division 2 with 49 points. Runners Up were Lowestoft Railway 2 with 46 points.

110 different players scored in the division, top goal scorer for the season was Maddie Chambers of Lowestoft Railway. Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Gemma Ballard of Norwich Dragons 6s and May Bandy of Lowestoft Railway 2s.

Brecklands had the least players play for them with 17 and Pelicans fielding 40 different players during the season. As a reminder would team captains make sure the team sheets are filled in completely with black ink, capital letters that are legible.

The weather this season has played havoc with the league causing in some instances a further postponement of an already postponed game. In the majority of cases the fixtures were rearranged quickly, as reminder a postponed game should be played on the next available slip date and needs confirmed with the Division Secretary and Results co-ordinator as soon as possible, following the postponement.

Only 1 late / lost team sheet this season, with the vast majority scanning and emailing them.

In closing, I would like to thank all the players, team captains, fixture secretaries, umpires and supporters who continue help hockey thrive in Norfolk

Glenn Moore  
Division 2 Secretary

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### Division Three Report for 2017/2018

Congratulations to Loddon 2nds who won Division 3 for the 2017-2018 season with Norwich Dragons 7ths finishing 2nd place.

There was a three-way tie for the top goal scorer for Division 3 and this is shared between:

Helen Larwood, Watton 3rds  
Charlotte Harvey, Loddon 2nds  
Adelice Kraemer, Norwich Dragons 7ths

Just a note for next season, please ensure you check the website at the start of next season to download the up-to-date and correct Match Report Sheets. Please ensure that your captains are aware of the recording procedures so that the team-sheets are duly signed, fully completed and arrive on time to the Divisional Secretary in order to avoid any penalties.

Finally, thank you to the many umpires, Norfolk Hockey officials and Club organisers and facilitators, without whom the matches would not be possible and continue to work at encouraging and developing hockey within the region.

Jenny Brine  
Division 3 Secretary

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### Girls Junior Development Report for 2017/2018

1. The Girls' Junior Development League winner for 2017/2018 is Norwich City B with 55 points. In second place is Harleston Magpies with 50 points and in third place is Dereham with 32 points.
2. The trophy for the most goals scored is won by Evie Brice of Harleston Magpies. Molly Largent, Effie Bowley, Evie-May Thorpe and Lilly McDonald must receive a special mention for being very close.
3. During the course of the season, sixty-nine different girls scored at least one goal and every team scored points.
4. The top two teams were always very close but in the end Norwich City B held on to win by five points.
5. The quality of play continues to rise and fewer teams are relying on the support from adult players. If the Junior Development Girls' teams are anything to go by, hockey is alive and well and can be found living in Norfolk.
6. My thanks to all the Umpires for being part of the development set up and for their helpful hints and clear advice.
7. My thanks to the coaches for the time they give to developing the quality of play and to the adult players who really understand the ethos of the league.
8. Finally, my thanks to all the parents who help with transport, refreshments and a lot of loud cheering on the side.

Chris Williamson  
Girls Development League Secretary

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### Boys Junior Development Report for 2017/2018

Congratulations to Norwich Dragons A who finished top of the league with Norwich City finishing a close 2nd.

It has been one of the most difficult seasons with regards to the weather and some teams really struggled to fulfil all their fixtures; but all the teams must be congratulated on doing their best to fit them in as and where they can, there were a number of evening fixtures played and thanks must go to coaches, managers & parents for enabling this to happen. A big thank you also to all the umpires that give their time to the development league.

Thank you to the teams that allowed Adult players to contribute in order for games to go ahead, some clubs don't have a large pool of development players to pick from each week and it is lovely to see the larger clubs embracing the spirit of the development league and agreeing to play these games. Just a reminder that the use of adult players should not influence the outcome of the game.

The top goal scorer is Jonty Black from Norwich City & close behind is Freddie Patterson also from Norwich City. Well done to Jonty.

Dereham used a total of 28 different players  
Norwich City used a total of 33 different players  
Norwich Dragons A used a total of 38 different players  
Norwich Dragons B used a total of 55 different players  
Harleston Magpies used a total of 28 different players  
Watton used a total of 30 different development players

There are still some team sheets missing from this season, please ensure that both team sheets are handed to the home team at the start of the game correctly filled in. Also please make sure that the goalscorer are recorded on the team sheets, I had numerous team sheets where no goals were recorded. It is the teams responsibility at the end of the game to make sure that these are entered onto the team sheets. If any club/team is unsure of the rules please read the development section on the Empressa Website.

Katy Harris



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### Honorary Umpire Liaison Officers Report 2017/2018

At season's end Norfolk had 293 Level-1 NHUA members.

Norfolk were not informed of all newly qualified L1 umpires due to the EH privacy policy.

This meant that there were some umpires "in the system" who were not on the county list.

It is imperative that club ULOs seek these umpire out and get them on the county list - else they are NOT NHUA members and they are NOT eligible to umpire league games - it is the clubs who have been and will be penalised.

Norfolk now have a few more umpire coaches - coaches who can assess newly qualified L1 umpires to become L1, assessed grade A.

It had been a quiet season. With not many rule changes this might have helped.

Only a couple of red cards and MMOs. A couple of rude umpires had been reported and Norfolk were looking into this and the NHUA would be talking to those concerned.

Phil Skinner

Norfolk Women's Hockey Umpire Liaison Officer



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### Honorary Results Co-ordinator Report for 2017/2018

It has been a very long season!

A big thank you to all who have been involved with fixtures and results this year.

A special thank you for your patience and understanding if you have been involved with the few minor hiccups along the way.

I would once again like to remind you all of a few things that will help us next season:

- Ensure fixtures are completed on line by 21<sup>st</sup> August.
- Fixtures Live must be checked before the start of the season to ensure that all data is correct. Clubs please check with each other before e-mailing me any changes.
- Notification of any further changes required to Fixtures Live throughout the season must be e-mailed to me by both the home and away team.
- Only the home team needs to text the result of a match played. This should be short and sweet e.g. D1 Broadland II 2 Watton 2
- Both home and away teams need to text any conceded/postponed/abandoned games.
- Please e-mail me if you have any queries/concerns with any recorded/non-recorded results.

Best wishes for a much kinder season of great hockey next year!

Linda Clements  
Honorary Results Co-ordinator





# Norfolk Women's Hockey League

## Clubs' Forum Report for 2017/2018

The Club's Forum is an opportunity for any club to have their say on how the league operates and be involved in the rules that are created.

Sometimes the rules can be complicated or unclear and the Club's Forum provides the ideal opportunity to discuss these instances and work towards making continued improvements to the administration of the league.

Loddon attended this year's meeting and found it very useful as we'd submitted 2 rule changes. Talking them through with other clubs and getting their stance on the issue enabled us to come up with wording that we felt would be fair and clear to all. The more clubs that get involved at this stage, the more chance there is of an agreement to a rule change being approved at the AGM as the issue would have been discussed and understood already.

Rule change proposals are not restricted to those who have attended the Forum, and all proposals are accepted as long as they are submitted before the final submission date.

All clubs are strongly encouraged to make use of the Club's Forum and take an interest in the league rules and how they affect your club.

Katie Gedge  
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