

Norfolk Women's Hockey League League Management Committee

Premier Division Report for 2016/2017

Congratulations to Norwich City 2 who won the division and gained promotion to 2NE East league. Promotion was confirmed on the last Saturday of the season. Broadland 1 were second and had been leading the division for a good part of the season.

Highest goal scorer was Danni Parke Broadland 1 who scored 27 goals with Lydia Lawrence Broadland 1 25 and Kate Hartland Norwich City 2 21. The leading goal scorers were close from the start of the season.

This season the league was fairly quiet regarding postponed games with only one week where all the game had to be postponed. All games were played on the slip dates before the end of the season. When a game has to be postponed then I should be informed asap as to when it is to be played. Games have to be played on the first slip date.

Over 80% of the teamsheets were emailed and several were emailed in on the Saturday which was appreciated. The quality of some of the emailed teamsheets were not of a high enough standard and had to be resubmitted. Emailing saves time and money. Several teamsheets were late and I had to contact the clubs to ask for them.

77 different umpires were used again over half of these only umpired one or two games. Thanks must goes to them, if it was not for them games could not be played.

30 cards were issued this season which is more than last season. There were 7 yellow cards which is a vast increase. The majority were for not being 5m and stick tackles.

I have umpired Premier games this season and have seen an increase in the amount of jewellery being worn. Would captain please ask their players to remove before the game starts. It is dangerous having necklaces swinging around.

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 2016/2017

Congratulations to Lowestoft Railway 1st team for winning Division 1 this season. It was a very close run contest with the final game of the season between the top two teams deciding the league winners. In second place were Dragons 5th's on goal difference only.

Top goalscorer this season was Suzanne Thorne of Dereham 4ths with last year's winner Katie Lake from Reepham second with only one goal in it. There were 139 different goal scorers but only 16 of these got into double figures. 581 goals were scored this season. There are still captains who are not recording goalscorers on the teamsheets. If I hadn't emailed clubs repeatedly the highest goalscorer may well be 'A N Other' in future.

It was pleasing to see a slight decrease in the number of cards issued – only 20. Three of these were yellow and the rest green. The main offences were for dissent and not retreating 5m at free hits although not all umpires are giving the reasons for cards being issued. There were 84 different umpires used in Division One. Highest number of games umpired was by Barry Mann with 24 and Terry Ransom on 13. 55 umpires only did one or two games.

358 different players have played in Division 1 with an average of 12.5 per game. Magpies 5's have used the most players 46. Half of which only played once or twice. 21 games have had players doubling up declared on the teamsheets. As this is only meant to be used as a last resort this is quite high but I am sure doubling up is often forgotten to be recorded on the teamsheet so this number probably should be higher. Six games only were postponed this season – five on the same frosty day in January and only three have had to be conceded.

Thanks to all captains for sending in teamsheets usually very promptly. However there are several clubs whose method of sending teamsheets by email make them very difficult to decipher once received. Scanning is the best method. Also can captains check before sending teamsheets that the umpires names are legible, goalscorers are recorded, players doubling up noted and reasons for cards being issued given.

A few teamsheets have arrived late or were sent to the wrong person. Penalties were issued accordingly.

If all these guidelines can be followed it will make divisional secretaries jobs a lot easier.

Ruth Aldous
Division 1 Secretary



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Division Two Report for 2016/2017

Congratulations to Norwich City 5s who won Division 2 with 56 points amassing an incredible 121 goals on the way and conceding just 16. Well done also to Yarmouth 2s who finished second on 50 points.

Top goal scorer was Amelia Barclay from Norwich City 5s. She was followed in 2nd place by Sophia Bassett also from Norwich City 5s. Please do remember next season to include goal scorers on the teamsheet or you may miss out.

A total of 377 players made at least one appearance for a team in Division 2 from Breckland using 15 players up to Pelicans 3s using 47.

There were just 3 late teamsheets throughout the season. Thank you to the vast majority submitting them in time with most teams consistently used the method of scanning and emailing their teamsheets.

There was a total of 10 postponed games, mostly from the weekend of January 14th. Slip dates and the odd Sunday therefore had to be used with the final game being played on April 8th with Breckland having to play their final 2 matches on this date. Thanks to all the Clubs Fixtures Secretaries for all of their efforts in getting all the fixtures played before the end of the season.

A total of 5 games were conceded during the season.

This is my 5th and final season as Division Two secretary and I feel it's now time to hand the baton on. I wish to pass on my thanks to my fellow committee members, all umpires, without whom it wouldn't be possible to play, and finally to all Clubs that have played in Division Two over the last 5 years.

Sue Cullum
Division 2 Secretary



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Division Three Report for 2016/2017

This season saw fewer clubs within division 3 having to concede matches, however it was unfortunate that Dereham 5th team were unable to maintain a full squad on a regular basis and had to withdraw from the league. All match results recorded for the Dereham 5th team were voided, and both points and goals scored were removed to ensure that the resulting positions and top goal scorers was a fair result.

Congratulations to Broadland 3rds as Champions of Division 3 of the Empresa Ladies Norfolk Hockey League with 43 points. A new team formed this season, testament to their back to hockey campaign.

Hornets Ladies finished 2nd place with 36 points.

Division 3's top goal scorer was Ellie Kirby scoring 25 goals for Hornets Ladies.

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.

Division 3 Team Winners: Broadland Ladies 3rds

Division 3 Highest Goal Scorer: Ellie Kirby of Hornets Ladies Hockey Club.

Jenny Brine
Division 3 Secretary



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Girls Junior Development Report for 2016/2017

1. The Girls Junior Development league winner for 2016/2017 is Norwich City with 46 points. In second place is Harleston Magpies with 44 points and in third place is Norwich Dragons with 38 points.
2. The trophy for the most goals scored is won by Maddy Reynolds of Norwich Dragons with Abigail Flatt of Norwich City and Niamh Sommers of Norwich Dragons as runners up.
3. During the course of the season, a total of sixty girls scored at least one goal and eleven girls scored five or more goals.
4. The top three Clubs were always very close but it was nice to see that every team scored points this season.
5. The quality of play continues to rise and fewer teams are relying on the support of the 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 2016/2017

Still awaiting last result of Norwich City boys Vs. Harleston Magpies Boys, Still **No** team sheets as yet from Saturday 25th March games.

The top goal scorer is Sam Emms from Harleston Magpies with 12 recorded goals but close behind is Bobby Sheppherd from Norwich Dragons A with 11 recorded goals.

Dereham used a total of 32 different players

Norwich City used a total of 28 different players

Norwich Dragons A used a total of 29 different players

Norwich Dragons B used a total of 30 different players (with 3 players being regular players for A)

Harleston Magpies used a total of 25 different players

Dereham have struggled all season but despite having to concede games have still played using adult players to ensure that the youngsters still get game experience. Thank you to teams that have allowed this to happen.

Overall team sheets have still come in incorrect, usually from the same teams, despite all teams receiving blank team sheets and a 'mock' team sheet as a guide.

The wrong team sheets are still being used, goal scorers are not always being recorded and there have been several unreadable team sheets.

Thank you to those clubs that did make the effort to use the correct sheets and printed their players' names.

Teams are also not always handing their sheets over to the home team to be sent and have had to be chased several times.

Katy Harris

Boys Development League Secretary



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Honorary Umpire Liaison Officers Report 2016/2017

The season has passed with a few umpiring matters to be resolved giving the following points to report on:

1. The RESPECT campaign is still up and running. This is for the use of both players and umpires following games. It is also for positive feedback as well as concerns. Please use it. This can be accessed through the Norfolk Umpire Hockey Association website.
2. There continues to be only a few queries raised in relation to the "grade" of umpire being appointed to games. Thank you to the umpire liaisons for their efforts in ensuring this. Where umpires have controlled games above their "grade" there have not been complaints, meaning that umpires can continue to develop as and when their confidence and ability allows.
3. If an umpire is assessed or re-graded, this has taken place as soon as possible. Please advise your club liaison when this happens so that the web site can be up-dated allowing divisional secretaries to review grades easily, if required.
4. As always, it is important to note that if a team has a problem or concern with an umpire, this is a matter to be raised at the time and on the team sheet. This gives both Captains the opportunity to comment on the concerns. This is also an opportunity to talk decisions through with the umpires to resolve issues and hopefully not have to involve the NHUA or the league. Alternatively, a concerned captain can, of course, email the appropriate League Secretary with their concerns. If you receive an email from a club regarding an umpire, please copy the Association into this email. The Respect Route can also be used. Where complaints have been raised, and these are few, they have been addressed either by re-assessment or coaching as required.
5. The new Level 1 course has been well attended. The availability of courses are now controlled by England Hockey and so individuals can log in and register onto a course at any time. The courses are limited and it is better to book early. Also, because the courses are centrally administered it is important/vital that candidates check the box on the registration form allowing England Hockey to pass their details on to NHUA.
6. It has been good to see the increasing number of young umpires taking control of league games. The growth in their confidence and ability has not gone un-noticed. Likewise, the support of the teams and managers has been appreciated, providing safe platforms for these umpires to develop.
7. Throughout the season the Association has provided other work shops and training events to support the County's umpires. The consistency in dealing with issues has hopefully been seen. The Association aims to continue this approach to training and development for next season and would like to see umpires of all ages and abilities attending. The Association web site has also been updated and now includes a section for guidance on rules.
8. The Association has also used an Umpire Newsletter as prepared and distributed by Alan Jones, which has been very well received; thank you Alan. It has proven to be an effective means of communication with all umpires. For example, the use of the Newsletter combined with a workshop enabled the Association to address the League's concerns with regards to

the conduct of players / teams, swiftly and effectively.

9. I would like to thank the umpire liaison officers for their hard work in appointing umpires to games and to the players and managers for their support of, particularly, the young umpires.

Caroline Illing

Norfolk Women's Hockey Umpire Liaison Officer



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Honorary Results Co-ordinator Report for 2016/2017

A relatively smooth running season resulting in the completion of each league table.

In case there are any new persons involved with fixtures and results next season here are a few tips to help you:

- Ensure August fixture sheets are sent in electronically by the closing date.
- 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 eg 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.
- Thank you once again for making my job easy this past year and best of luck to you all for a good 2017/18 season of hockey!

Linda Clements
Honorary Results Co-ordinator



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Clubs' Forum Report for 2016/2017

The Club's Forum is there to help give ALL the Club's a voice when it comes to the administration of the Norfolk Hockey League. While playing rules are set by the FIH, and cannot be changed, the actual hockey leagues themselves are responsible for their own administration.

Our Club's Forum, is not something that all hockey leagues do, and it is an ideal opportunity for Norfolk clubs to discuss league rules, put their views across, understand how these rules effect other clubs and help make changes if needs be to make the league we play in a fairer one for all.

We have found that some rules may over complicate matters for club administrators, although it may make life easier for the league administrators, and vice versa. However, this is where the Forum comes in. It is a chance to see everything from different angles with a practical discussion. The Forum attendees are then encouraged to absorb what has been discussed and share with their own clubs. What they do after that, is up to them. 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.

It is open to all clubs, no matter their size, and it is strongly recommended to take the opportunity to discuss our league rules.

Vicky Mitchell
WATTON HC