

NORTH EASTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

LEAGUE RULES & COMPETITION ARRANGEMENTS 2021

A) League Structure

1. The League will have two levels with a maximum of six teams per division.
2. A team may consist of more than one club at the League's discretion.
3. Promotion and relegation arrangements will be set by the League prior to the start of each season. (Normally at least one club will be promoted from each division of the lower level.)
4. Four meetings will be scheduled each season (see also D10).

B) Club Responsibilities

1. Meeting venues will be booked and paid for by the League.
2. The League will allocate the responsibility for hosting each meeting to a member club (or clubs).
Host club responsibilities include:
 - providing a results team of at least two competent persons, plus an announcer;
 - providing officials' refreshments;
 - notifying changes (e.g. to the timetable) to competing clubs (see C2);
 - co-ordinating the meeting;
 - meeting their own club's commitment of officials (see D8).
3. The League will appoint principal officials (Starter, Marksman, Track Referee, Field Referee, Chief Timekeeper) who will be paid nominal expenses from League funds. (See also D8)
The League will also arrange and pay for first aid cover for all meetings.
4. The League will expect all clubs to host meetings when required.
5. Clubs must pay an annual subscription as set by the League.
(A surcharge may be made for late payment.)

C) General Rules

1. Meetings will be held under UKA Rules for Competition.
2. Competition will be provided for Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13 athletes of both genders.
The events and timetable will be set by the League prior to each season.
Changes to the timetable must be notified to competing clubs at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
3. Only first claim members of the club (or clubs in joint teams) may compete in the League.
4. All athletes must wear their club's official vest and the correct competition number.
5. Athletes must only compete in their own age group.

D) Competition Arrangements

1. Clubs must declare athletes (with their dates of birth) prior to the start of the season on the League form. Additional athletes may be declared at the start of each meeting.
Each athlete will be allocated a personal number (to be worn front and back except HJ & PV) which they will retain for the season.
Where athletes mislay their numbers, their team manager may issue them with a replacement number, which must be declared. A charge of £1 will be made by the League for this service.
Athletes not currently eligible for team competition (due to going through the transfer process) must obtain a separate number from the Divisional Secretary.

D) Competition Arrangements (contd.)

2. Team Managers must complete a team declaration form prior to each meeting. This may be amended during the meeting. The form will show who is intended to compete in each event with an "X", however, for races run in lanes, for seeding purposes please indicate the expected fastest runners as A & B. However, see also rule D3 below.
3. The best performing athlete from each club in each event will be scored as the A competitor and the next best as the B competitor, regardless of their nomination or (in track events) the race they actually competed in. Where athletes in separate races record the same performances, the athlete in the higher rated race will be placed higher.
4. Athletes may compete in a maximum of 3 individual events and 1 relay. Competition as a non-scorer counts towards these totals.
5. If an athlete competes in more events than permitted by D4, their score(s) from their highest scoring event(s) will be deducted from their team's total.
6. Event scoring (including relays) will be:

6 team division	A	9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3
	B	7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1;
5 team division	A	8, 6, 5, 4, 3
	B	6, 4, 3, 2, 1.
7. In field events decided by distance (throws, long jump, triple jump) all competitors will be allowed three attempts, with the best two competitors from each club achieving the designated standard being allowed one further attempt.

Clubs are limited to four competitors in each field event in each age group, the best two performers will score team points subject to achieving the minimum standard.
8. Each team must provide a Track Judge, a Timekeeper and four Field Judges. Ten points will be awarded for each of these officials provided, with an additional 20 points if one of the Field Judges is qualified to level 2B or above. Where a club official has been appointed as a principal official, they may still score points as part of their team's officials quota by declining travelling expenses from the League. Ten points will be awarded to the club of the person acting as Divisional Secretary at each meeting.
9. League points will be allocated as follows:

6 team division	6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
5 team division	5, 4, 3, 2, 1.
10. Final positions will be determined by the total number of League points at the end of the season. In the event of a tie, positions will be determined by the total of meeting points.
11. If a meeting is abandoned during the competition, the result will stand if half or more of the events have been completed. If less than half have been completed, the meeting will be void and not count towards the final positions.
12. In exceptional circumstances, with the agreement of the League Executive Committee, meeting dates and/or venues may be rearranged, but abandoned meetings will not be rearranged.
13. Any matters not specifically covered by the General Rules or these Competition Arrangements will be decided by the Executive Committee.

Note: Team Managers should ensure that relevant judges are made aware if an athlete is competing in two events at the same time.