

**SHA Ladies League Meeting Agenda
Old Cranleighans HC at 8pm**

14/11/18

1. Apologies for absence:

Committee: Terri Foggin; Angela Durnin

Clubs: London Edwardians; Old Georgians; Richmond; Wanderers

2. Matters Arising:

- a) Following a request from Woking HC, the meeting discussed their proposal that the start of the League season should be put back until October and that the requirement for match report forms to be completed should be removed for lower divisions (clarified as Division 11).

There was an long discussion on League dates and different clubs variously wanted: a later start date; just the one week off for half term; a longer Christmas gap.

The Secretary advised that the number of weeks off during the season depends very much on when Easter falls as very few clubs are keen to play League games beyond Easter.

22/09/18	LEAGUE
29/09/18	LEAGUE
06/10/18	LEAGUE
13/10/18	LEAGUE
20/10/18	LEAGUE (Div 10 & 11) / SLIP DATE 1
27/10/18	Half term / SLIP DATE 2
03/11/18	LEAGUE
10/11/18	LEAGUE
17/11/18	LEAGUE
24/11/18	LEAGUE
01/12/18	LEAGUE
08/12/18	LEAGUE
Christmas break	
05/01/19	SLIP DATE 3
12/01/19	LEAGUE (Div 10 & 11) / SLIP DATE 4
19/01/19	LEAGUE
26/01/19	LEAGUE
02/02/19	LEAGUE
09/02/19	LEAGUE
16/02/19	Half term / SLIP DATE 5
23/02/19	Half term / SLIP DATE 6
02/03/19	LEAGUE
09/03/19	LEAGUE
16/03/19	LEAGUE
23/03/19	LEAGUE
30/03/19	LEAGUE (Div 10 & 11) / SLIP DATE 7
06/04/19	LEAGUE (Div 10 & 11) / SLIP DATE 8
13/04/19	SLIP DATE 9
20/04/19	Easter weekend

There was a debate about the merits and disadvantages of having to comply with League rules on eligibility all the way down to Division 11 but the consensus of opinion was that it was better to try to provide a level playing field by not allowing players to double up and especially to avoid much better players boosting lower division teams.

The Secretary advised that, as there is no relegation from Division 11, if a team is struggling to field a side under League rules then they can concede the game but play it as a friendly and agree with their opposition that the team will be boosted either with their own club members playing a second game or with the opposition helping out on numbers.

b) Colts playing ladies hockey – Old Cranleighans

Old Cranleighans have recently been contacted by the parents of children playing colts hockey at another club but who would like to play in their adult sides. The advice from the League Committee up to now has been that League rules require a player to be a bona fide member of one club and they may not play colts for one club and in the League for another however, the rule (4.2 below) may be open to interpretation.

4.2 To be eligible to participate in the League, each player must be a bona fide member of the club that she is representing. A player can only be a playing member of one club at a time. A player is deemed to have represented and played for a team if her name appears on the team sheet or match report form regardless of whether she actually played.

Guidance Note: A person who plays for a club outside the League is still barred from playing for a SHALL League team. The only exceptions to this are specific exemptions granted by the SHALL Committee on application or students returning for the holidays.

A discussion took place mainly between those clubs with large colts sections with Surbiton having a policy of playing juniors in Surrey League teams only if there were not enough adults to make up the teams whereas others tried to integrate the juniors with the adults. Some clubs felt strongly that it was important to give juniors as much opportunity as possible to play adult hockey whereas others felt that many juniors were playing enough hockey at school and in their colts matches and risked injury and burn out if they were playing 3 games in a weekend as well as training 2 or 3 times a week.

The Chairman, Marilyn Walker, suggested that if clubs wanted to allow colts from other clubs to join their adult sections this season then the League should allow this, for the current season, but clubs should advise the League Secretary (including how many) so that the Committee can gain an understanding of how widespread this is. The issue will be raised again at the next League meeting when it is expected that a different set of clubs will attend.

c) Fines update

The Fines Secretary, Angela Durnin, was unable to attend but sent a spreadsheet via Laura Aalen, the Results Secretary, and clubs were asked to check the spreadsheet and either object to the fine or arrange payment. All fines incurred this term must be paid by the end of December.

d) FixturesLive results update issues

There have been issues with people being unable to update their match results on FixturesLive on Saturdays. The Secretary contacted FixturesLive and was told that there was a 'cacheing' issue but that is now fixed and that they are monitoring the system.

e) Surrey Cup

The Secretary reported that Nicky Robinson from Croydon & Old Whitgiftian had kindly taken over the running of the Surrey Cup from Jo Firth and that the first round games have now been completed. The second round draw has been sent out and matches must be completed by the end of the year.

f) Reminders:

- i) Walkovers – Do not update FixturesLive but one of the captains should email the Matchday Secretary (Terri Foggin) to advise of the walkover and they should cc the opposition captain. Terri will update FixturesLive to show a 3,0 win to the team who has not conceded and will deduct one point from the conceding team but this may not happen immediately so please be patient.
- ii) Match Report Forms – please try to send your team list with shirt numbers to the home captain in advance of the game so that the form can be printed out in advance. Amendments to the form can be made on the day and Laura Aalen is happy for captains to mark whereabouts on the list an added player should be placed by drawing an arrow. **Please remember that the numbers on the form must correspond to the actual number worn by the listed player – do not just use their squad or home shirt number if that’s not the number they were wearing. Goalkeepers must always be listed as ‘GK’.**
- iii) Correspondence - Please always include the division, club name and team number in the subject as well as the opposition and date of the game if the correspondence relates to a particular match. This helps with investigating any questions as well as finding correspondence at a later date if needed.
- iv) **Match scheduling:** Since the meeting, it has been brought to the Committee’s attention that some clubs are scheduling League matches for 9.30am starts as a matter of course without obtaining the specific consent of their opposition. This is not permitted under League rules and clubs who do this risk having the match awarded as a walkover to the opposition. Please make sure you check your pitch allocations and take this up with whoever allocates the pitches if this is the case with your club.

g) Future meeting dates/venues

The Secretary asked that any clubs willing to host either the January or March League meetings contact her. The remaining 2 meetings will be held on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday night.

Epsom, Old Georgians, Purley Walcountians and Woking have offered so the Secretary will be in contact over possible dates.

3. Any Other Business

- First Aid Kits – Clubs were reminded that each team is required to have available a first aid kit with ice pack for every League match and should not be relying on their opposition to provide anything.
- Old Cranleighans asked that any clubs interested in Back to Hockey matches contact them about friendly matches

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- Jane Hallett, who is a member of the Surrey HA Committee, proposed that the League use some of the fines income to run umpiring courses for ladies and asked for ideas from clubs about how we can encourage more ladies to umpire our games. If you have any ideas then please send them to the Secretary who will pass them on to Jane. Purley Walcountians intend to run two pre-season tournaments next September which will be used for umpire coaching so teams can enter and bring along a club umpire who can have some coaching from experienced umpires and umpire coaches.
- Jane Hallett also reminded clubs that players, coaches and spectators should stay between the two 23 metre lines.
- Marilyn Walker advised that there should be more information available about the England Hockey restructure by the January League meeting so this will be on the agenda for that meeting.
- Clubs are reminded about the etiquette to observe when using social media. It is not acceptable to 'tag' your opposition into your comments about them or the matches against them. Please ensure that your team captains are aware of this.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Committee attendees: Marilyn Walker (Chairman); Janet Slater (Secretary); Laura Aalen (Results Secretary); Liz Aeissame (Registrations Secretary)

Club attendees:

Club	Representative
Barnes	Laura Aalen
Berrylands	Sarah Candy & Teresa Parke
Chertsey Thames Valley	Jane Jones
Epsom	Andy White
Guildford	Linda Roe
Leatherhead	Liz Aeissame
London Academicals	Eleanor Figueiredo
London Wayfarers	H Waterhouse
Old Cranleighans	Helen Hawes & H Stoddart & K Stoddart
Purley Walcountians	Jane Hallett & Jane Wilson
Reigate Priory	Janet Slater
Royal Holloway	Hannah Bedford
Sunbury & Walton Hawks	<i>Unable to read signature</i>
Surbiton	Chrissie Wilson-David; Sunny Pottay
Surrey Spartans	Lezanne Denton
Tulse Hill & Dulwich	Marilyn Walker
Wimbledon	Joanna Close
Woking	Linda Jacks