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Double up! Twice the training opportunities and more games for most

This is a very important Newsletter for all members and parents, as it outlines the biggest changes at the Bulldogs since we moved to Bebington High five years ago. We have managed to make good of what looked like a disappointing situation when fewer teams than expected entered the Wirral Junior League and then we lost a couple of players for our seniors. The summary is as follows

- For the first time ever most members will have the opportunity to train twice per week.
- Most members will play regularly in two teams and will play a lot more games than last season.
- We will train at two venues: Bebington High and Wirral Grammar School for Boys.
- We will play at two venues: Wirral Grammar School for Boys and Flint High School.
- As it stands at the moment, we haven't got the players for a seniors' team.

Changes to where we play

We have re-entered under-14 and under-16 teams into the North Wales League. This is because we had fewer entries than expected to the Wirral League, which will play approximately monthly. My apologies for the late change of plan to parents who have talked with me throughout the summer and who have read the previous Newsletter. As organiser of the Wirral Junior League I am disappointed that we can't have a local league every week, but our friends in North Wales have been very accommodating and it could turn out to be a great development for the Bulldogs.

North Wales, Flint High School: first games Tuesday 11th October

Teams will play in North Wales in strict age ranges. After the changes, we have entered one team in each age group of under-12 (year 7 and below), under-14 (year 9 and below), under-16 (year 11 and below) and under-18 (year 13 and below).

All teams will play on Tuesdays. The under-12s and under-14s games are at 6 pm and will be played on the smaller cross-courts. Under-16s and under-18s play at either 7 pm or 8 pm on the main court. Our teams in the under-12s, under-14s and under-16s will be mixed boys and girls.

Wirral League, Wirral Grammar School for Boys from Tuesday 1st November

We will play on Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm when we have no clashing North Wales fixtures. The age rules will be more relaxed in order to maximise participation in the first season. Our three squads in the "under-14s" competition will be two small squads of under-14s boys/girls and the year 10 girls.

Depending on coach availability, we will enter three squads in the "under-16s" competition: the boys from the under-14s North Wales squad as one team, all of the girls and year 10/11 boys.

Registration reminder

With fixtures starting on 11th October, we need parental assistance to make sure we register all members as quickly as possible. Every existing member should have received a new club membership form in early September. **Please return the form with updated information and three passport photographs.**

North Wales League 2009-10 and 2010-11 Under 16 Playoff winner
Wirral League 2006-7: under-14 Playoff winners. North Wales League 2008-9 Under 16 Champions and Playoff winner
Wirral League 2005-6: under-11 League runners up, under-14 Playoff winners, under-16 play-off runners up.
Ellesmere Port under-11 League Winners & Play-off Champions 2004-5
KBH Mini-Basketball Division 1 Runners-up 2002-3 and 2003-4
Ellesmere Port Under-14s League Runners-up 2004-5
Merseyside Cup Runners Up 2003-4
Commended for our Junior Development Programme, North West Sports Awards 2002.
North Wales Division 3 Champions 2000-2001
Merseyside Division 2 Championship and Cup "Double" 2001-2
Clwyd Cup Runners Up & Junior League Champions 1998-99
North Wales Handicap Cup Winners 1999-2000

Major changes to training from October 17th /18th

Effective from Monday/Tuesday 17th /18th October (but subject to confirmation from Wirral Grammar School for Boys) we will train at Wirral Grammar School for Boys on the Tuesdays when the Wirral League will not play. The result of this is that every member will get the opportunity for more training this season relative to last season. In many cases *training time will be double that of last season.*

Every player will be assigned a primary team and a secondary team. They must train with their primary team and should train as often as possible with their secondary team. As a result, training times will change as follows:

Under-12s train Mondays 6:00-7:30. Heather will be the coach. Those members in Year 7 will be expected to train and play for the under-12s. The three experienced year 7s, who have already played under-13 or under-14 for 2 years, will also continue to train and play as under-14s.

Under-14s train Tuesdays 6:30-8:30. Clayton will be the coach. The under-14s should also attend the skills session on Mondays 6:00-7:15.

Under-15 girls train Tuesdays 6:30-8:30. Jen will be the coach. All of the girls should also attend the Monday skills session between 6:00 and 7:15 pm.

Under-16s train Mondays 7:30-9:00. Trevor will be the coach. Those in year 11 and some in year 10 will be invited to join the Tuesday under-18s sessions when fixtures permit and will play in the under-18s.

Under-18s train Tuesdays 6:30-8:30. Alex will be the coach. Under-18s are also welcome to train (and therefore help) with the under-16s session on Mondays 7:30-9:00.

Seniors should attend the under-18s session, Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 but are also welcome to train (and therefore help) with the under-16s session on Mondays.

Monday training is at Bebington High Sports College, Tuesday training at Wirral Grammar School for Boys.

Allocating players to squads for training and playing

All players will be expected to play and train in their age group. The better ones will be rewarded by “playing up” in the older age group, but may not get the chance to train with that group very often. I will work with the coaches to ensure that it is clear the players who will play up regularly and those who will play up occasionally.

Player Name	Principal Team	Secondary Team
Training times		

Overview of sessions from Monday 17th October

Mondays at Beh High	6:00-7:15	Skills session for all under-14s and under-16s. Coaching individual skills and providing an opportunity for new members to assimilate with playing members.
	6:00-7:30	Training for under-12s. The under-12s will get 15 minutes of full-court play at the end of the session.
	7:30-9:00	Under-16s training. All under-18s are members of the Seniors' squad are welcome.
Tuesdays	6:30-8:30	Wirral Junior League (u-14/u-16/girls) at Wirral Grammar School for Boys
	6:30-8:30	Under-14, girls' and under-18s training at Wirral Grammar School for Boys
	6:00-9:15	North Wales League (u-12, u14, u16, u-18) at Flint High School

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