

## **NWBA Annual Report 2019**

### **Chairman's Introduction**

Welcome to NWBA's Annual Report 2019.

I wish to begin by acknowledge the efforts of our clubs, coaches, players, officials & parents, without whom the league could not run.

I would also like to thank my fellow committee members, who give up their time voluntarily to help run Basketball in North Wales. The senior and junior leagues have run very smoothly this year and this is thanks to the fantastic organisation work by the committee.

As mentioned in last year's report, the NWBA still unfortunately relies on 2 or 3 individuals in running the league. To keep things running at this level we must have more people and clubs taking on responsibilities. The NWBA meetings have been very well attended this year, with most clubs sending representatives. These meetings are vital to decide on league matters, and I thank all clubs for their attendance, and urge the clubs that have not sent members to ensure they do so in future.

On a personal note, I will be stepping down as Chairman at the end of the season. I would like to thank you all for your support in my almost two seasons as Chair and wish all clubs and the league the best in the future.

Diolch yn fawr

***Aled Gwilym Jones***

***Chairman***

***North Wales Basketball Association***



## **Committee Structure 2018-19**

### **Chairman**

Aled Gwilym Jones

### **Vice-Chairman**

Rob Morgans

### **Secretary / Treasurer**

Iola Jones

### **Junior CV League Fixtures Officer**

Trevor Gauntlet

### **Child Welfare Officer**

Richard Holden

### **Public Relations Officer**

Richard Holden

### **Sponsorship Officer**

Richard Holden

### **Website & Social Media Manager**

Lesley Broadhurst

### **Senior League & Cup Fixtures and Officials Officer**

Ashley Fisher (2018) - Joe Robinson (2019)

## **NWBA Junior Basketball Report**

### **NWBA Junior Central Venue League**

NWBA junior Central Venue League had another busy and successful year at Holywell High school sports hall. Games were played every Tuesday night. We did not have an u12's league this year.

However it has been a tight squeeze to fit all games in this season and it was fortunate that some teams were able to play at their home venues to free up time at Holywell. All games were played by June 4th.

MVP for each team were chosen by the opposing team and their names shown on the website with the results. The player with most MVP in the Under 14s, 16s and 18s were awarded a trophy at the end of the season. Top scorer in these age groups were also awarded a trophy at the end of the season.

Huge thanks to the small team of officials who have made it possible to run this league this year.

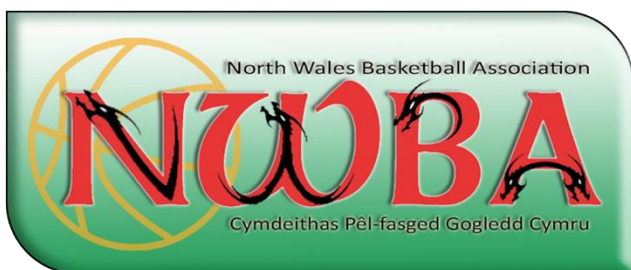


### **Under 14's League**

Six teams entered this year which was an increase from last year - Caernarfon Celts, Brackenwood Bulldogs, Bebington Bulldogs, Mold Magic and Wrexham Warriors with Ynys Mon Celts entering a team

in this age group for the first time. Caernarfon Celts and Ynys Mon Celts played their games against each other at Caernarfon and Holyhead and the games between Bebington Bulldogs and Brackenwood Bulldogs were played at Bromborough. This was a very competitive league this year with some really close games.

**League Winners** - Wrexham Warriors / **Runners-up** - Bebington Bulldogs



### Under 16's League

Five teams entered again this year - Caernarfon Celts, Bromborough Bulldogs, Hive Heat, Ynys Mon Celts and Wrexham Warriors. Hive Heat from Birkenhead played for the first time in the NWBA league. All games were played.

Hive Heat and Bromborough Bulldogs played their games against each other at Birkenhead and Bromborough with Ynys Mon and Caernarfon Celts playing their games against each other at Holyhead and Caernarfon. This allowed much needed time at Holywell.

**League winners** - Caernarfon Celts / **Runners-up** - Bromborough Bulldogs



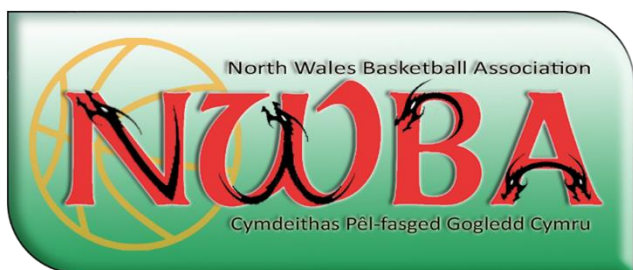
### Under 18's League

Six teams entered at the beginning of the season Bangor City, Bromborough Bulldogs, Caernarfon Celts, Conwy Cannons, Mold Magic and Wrexham Warriors. However in December Bangor City withdrew from the league after having to cancel their fixture with Wrexham Warriors at very short notice and due to players not committing they decided to withdraw from the league.

This meant that for the second half of the season there were only 5 teams in the U18's league. Caernarfon Celts and Conwy Cannons played their games against each other at Bangor and Llandudno. This was again a very competitive league with some very close games with the league winners decided on the final game of the season.

**League winners** - Caernarfon Celts / **Runners-up** – Mold Magic





**All Wales Finals** – The top two teams in the U16's and the U18's league qualified for this competition to represent NWBA in Aberystwyth on May 5th. Caernarfon Celts U16s and Bromborough Bulldogs U16's and Caernarfon Celts U18s and Mold Magic U18s. However Caernarfon Celts U18's were not able to attend due to players injuries and availability. The league offered the all the leagues other teams, but none were able to attend. Basketball Wales were informed of the situation in plenty of time and were able to make the required arrangements.

Well done to all who competed in Aberystwyth. Caernarfon Celts U16's came 3rd and Bromborough Bulldogs U16's

came 4th with Mold Magic U18's coming 4th in their age group.

### NWBA Junior Cup Competition.

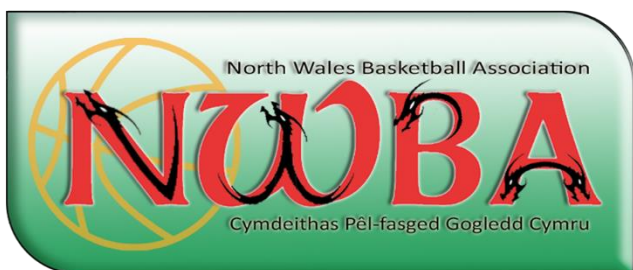
The cup competition again took place over two days at the Brailsford Centre Bangor. U14's



and U16's cup was held on March 3rd and the U18's cup was held on March 10th. Unfortunately we were not able to get sponsors for the cup this year. Like last year, this day was well supported by parents and families

**Under 14's Cup** - Under 14's Cup – Five of the six teams entered, playing a round robin format.

**Cup Winners** - Caernarfon Celts /  
**Runners-up** - Brackenwood Bulldogs



**Under 16's Cup** - All five teams entered.

**Cup Winners** - Caernarfon Celts winners / **Runners-up** – Bromborough Bulldogs

**Under 18's Cup** – Five teams entered and again playing a round robin format. Another well attended day with competitive games.

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## Senior Basketball

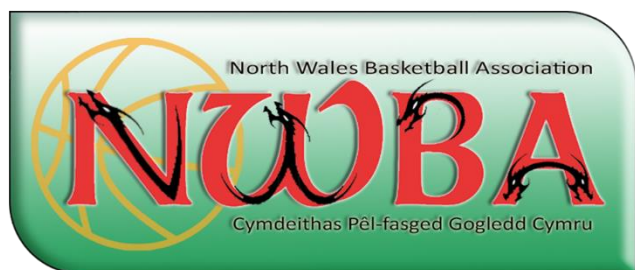
### Senior League Regular Season



Six teams entered the league this year. The league was very competitive with the play-off positions up for grabs until the last games. League Champions Mold won 9 of their 10 games.

**League Champions** – Mold Magic / **Runners-up** – Deeside Dragons.





### Senior Play-offs

The top four teams from the league qualified for the play offs, with 1<sup>st</sup> placed Brewers facing Celts, on their home court, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Deeside Dragons facing Wrexham Warriors on theirs. Mold and Wrexham then played the final at Central Venue Holywell.

**Play-off Champions** – Mold Magic / **Runners-up** – Wrexham Warriors

### Pat Sanders Senior cup

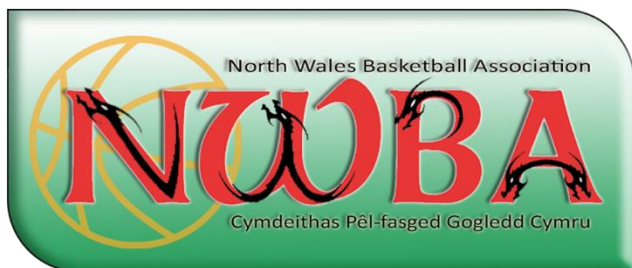
The 6 teams entering the cup this season were drawn into two group of 3, the draw taking place on a Junior League Game night at Holywell. The top two teams from each group entered the semi-final whilst the bottom two teams competed for the NWBA Plate, where Caernarfon Kings defeated Brewers Basketball at Holywell central venue. Mold Magic played Caernarfon Celts in the Pat Sanders Cup final, also at Holywell.

**Cup Champions** – Mold Magic / **Runners-up** – Caernarfon Celts



### Basketball Wales Playoff Finals

Mold Magic and Deeside Dragons represented NWBA at the Basketball Wales Playoff Finals. After defeat for both teams against two strong SWBA teams in the semi-final, Mold defeated Deeside to claim 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



## Officiating



Huge thank you to all those that have officiated Senior and Junior games this season. The league simply could not exist without you! Thank you to Ashley Fisher and Joe Robinson for arranging the Senior League Officials and to Iola Jones for arranging the Junior League Officials this season.



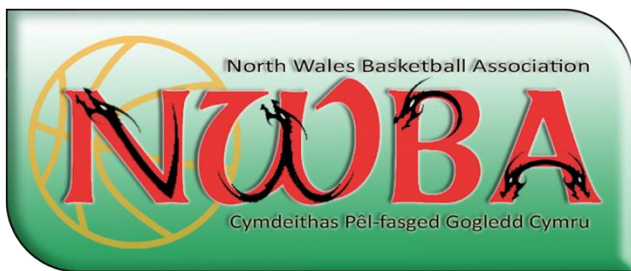
## Public Relations and Sponsorship

Big thank you Richard Holden for on both roles of PR and Sponsorship Officer this season.

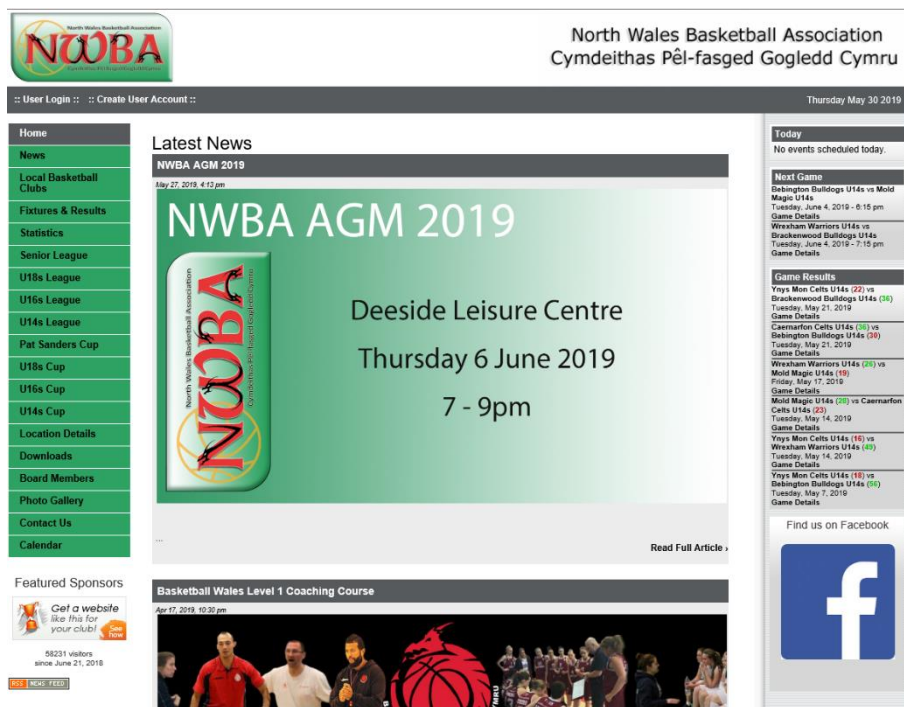
NWBA had many articles in local papers this year which is great as it helps promote the league.

Unfortunately we did not receive any sponsorships this season, if any members know of any interested parties please let the committee know.





## Social Media and Website Report



There has been up to date results, news and posters about the NWBA throughout the season on the [NWBA Facebook](#) and [website](#).

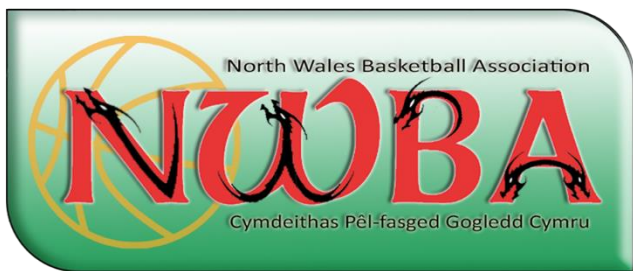
The website has had 54268 visitors since June 21 2018 – over 5,500 visitors a

month, which is fantastic. There is a function to feature sponsors on the website, so this revenue streams need to be looked into.

Facebook page's 'People Reached' this season is averaging at around 2,000 a week compared. Each individual post averages around 800 people reached this season.

Thanks to all the clubs for sharing NWBA content and sending in scoresheets and MVP pictures. Huge thank you Iola for her tireless work of inputting all the scores and scorers from all games into the website so promptly.

Website and Social Media Officer, Lesley Broadhurst will be stepping down from her role at the end of the season, NWBA would like to thank her for her fantastic work over the last few seasons.



## NWBA Awards

The NWBA “Awards Week” on Facebook took place on the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. A massive thank you to Lesley for her hard work creating all the fantastic posters, and to all the teams for returning their Senior League ballots.

## NWBA Select Team



The select team, coached by Tom Griffiths, competed against the SWBA team in Cardiff in September 2018. A fantastic effort by the North saw NWBA come away with a well-deserved victory! Big thank you to Alan Duppa for organising the team.