



NWBA Committee Meeting

8/6/21 - 8pm

Via Zoom

Present – Joe Robinson (Chairman), Iola Jones, Arwel Jones, Rich Holden ,Trevor Gauntlett, Sue Aldridge

Apologies – Jamie Thomas

1. RETURN TO PLAY

- **League application** - Team application to be completed by 01/09/2021. All Clubs must submit an application form by this date. Iola to sort an online form.
- **Starting date for league** – League games to commence week starting 4/10/21.
- **Pre-Season friendlies**- to be arranged during September as league testers to highlight changes eg Covid regulations. Hopefully, each team will have one friendly game before the season starts. More information nearer to the time.
- **NEW RULE** – The Committee decided that due to the exceptional circumstances of return to play this year that all clubs must have a representative at all meeting including committee meetings. They do not have to be a committee member but one representative from each club must attend meetings via Zoom.
- **REGISTRATION** – NWBA registration fee will remain the same as 2 years ago
- Seniors £10 Juniors £5
- New club fee also applies as per NWBA rules

2. SENIOR LEAGUE

TEAMS FOR NEXT SEASON - Teams that have confirmed – Cheshire and Wirral Raptors (2 teams) Brewers Basketball, Mold Magic (2 teams) Wrexham Basketball .
Caernarfon Celts and Bromborough Bulldogs – not decided.

- **format of the league** – Home and away games.

Following discussion regarding long travel times to and from opponents' venues it was decided that some senior games can be played at Holywell or a CV if 2 teams agree to do so. This will only be sanctioned by the league if approved by the fixture's secretary/league secretary.

3. SENIOR PLAY-OFFS FORMAT

Semi Final

- 1 leg semi final

- 1ST placed team play 4th placed at 1st placed team's home court
- 2nd placed team play 3rd placed team at 2nd placed team's home court.

Final- To be played at Holywell

- 4. NATIONAL WELSH LEAGUE** – BW are setting up a new National League in September. Teams to contact James Morgans if they want to apply to join the league. Any team that plays in the National League must also play in the NWBA or SWBA.

5. JUNIOR LEAGUE

Games to be played at Holywell on a Tuesday night with some games on a Friday night for U14s. If Holywell is unavailable, then a new venue will have to be found.

Some teams can play home and away fixtures with a team nearest to them to allow more free slots at Holywell.

Each team to play each other twice during the season.

Teams (already confirmed) for junior league –

Under 14's: Mold Magic, Wrexham Warriors, Caernarfon Celts x2, Bulldogs, Ynys Mon Celts.

Under 16's: Wrexham Warriors, Caernarfon Celts, Bulldogs, Ynys Mon Celts.

Under 18's: Mold Magic, Wrexham Warriors, Caernarfon Celts and Bulldogs and Cheshire/Wirral Raptors.

Under 12's tournament dates/venues- tournaments to be arranged for this age group at different venues during the season e.g. Bangor, Wrexham Deeside. Hopefully, teams will take responsibility for organizing a tournament in their local area.

6. JUNIOR CUP FINALS

Venue: Brailsford

Dates: March/April- Iola to contact Brailsford about the availability of the hall.

- Hopefully, Arriva will sponsor the Junior Cup as agreed in 2020 – Request that James Morgans contact the sponsor when we have dates confirmed.

7. SENIOR CUP

Same format as the 2019/20 season

- Two groups
- Groups to be drawn at a junior league night
- Round Robin format
- Group stage to be played before Christmas if possible
- 3rd from each group to play each other for the NWBA Plate @ Holywell
- 1 leg Semi Final will be top placed team from each group playing the second placed from the opposite group – Can be played after the completion of league and playoffs.
- Final can be played in Holywell after the completion of league and playoffs.

8. OFFICIALS FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEAGUE.

Senior teams to organize their own refs and table officials – Home team to sort this.

All Junior teams are asked to supply refs and table officials for junior games during the season. Concerns was raised to the lack of officials to officiate our league games and if we do not get enough people to commit, we will not be able to run the league. All teams are asked to encourage their members to attend courses etc and be available to officiate in the league when needed. A newly qualified official will be allowed to officiate junior league games with a qualified official.

9. OFFICIALS COURSES/CLINIC

Iola to contact BW regarding refereeing and table officials courses before the start of the season so all teams can have qualified officials for games. Online courses were mentioned as Basketball England have online courses. Iola to ask BW about this.

10. COACHING COURSES

Iola to contact BW about coaching courses and clinics.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Arwel and Iola gave feedback after attending a zoom meeting with Joymo regarding online streaming of games as a way to raise money for your club etc. We are waiting for more information regarding costs etc from Kate Gordos. If anyone needs further information, please contact Kate.

BW have put together a sponsorship package to send to businesses and covers NWBA and SWBA. Iola has been working on this with Kate supplying information etc. Waiting to hear more in the future.

Outside Courts initiative – following a NWBA committee meeting to decide 3 venues for the BW Outside Court initiative, Caernarfon, Holyhead and Wrexham, were selected. BW then invited all 3 clubs to a meeting. Caernarfon Celts have been working alongside the local council and BW in applying for grants etc from SportsWales. Hopefully, the outside tennis Court in Caernarfon will be refurbished in the next few months.

12. DATE OF AGM – 7/9/21 - 8pm via zoom.

ALL CLUBS ENTERING A TEAM MUST ATTEND THIS MEETING