



## SNCLeague Update November 2013

### Consultation feedback and proposals for 2014

Thank you to the clubs who took part in the end of season consultation, feeding back their views and offering suggestions for next summer.

Virtually all respondents felt that the season was of the right length with an appropriate number of games and the large U13 league, despite some initial misgivings, was almost unanimously endorsed and will continue next summer.

Similarly supported was the return to a single U17 league with the dual league system, despite considerable changes over the last two seasons, still suffering continued disruption from withdrawals and an unacceptably high percentage of no result games.

For many managers, no result games, particularly those cancelled at short notice proved an ongoing frustration and an option of penalties for defaults were offered for consideration. Although some clubs wished to abandon forfeits altogether, there was a majority for retaining the current sanctions; a ten point deduction and one game added to the total played. It should be noted though that these were applied in only a minority of cases with managers often generous enough to mark defaulted games as a penalty free no result.

Whilst every club indicated a wish to either definitely enter an U9 team now or in the future, The League is keen to introduce this, as a pairs format, next summer and will be circulating interested clubs to this end. Only four teams will be required initially with the timing and frequency of these games decided, as always, by the participants themselves.

A quarter of respondents declared their youth numbers slightly or much higher but for nearly half these were lower or much lower, the most disappointing since this survey started, demonstrating there is still much to be done.

Proposals for 2014 are:

- A single U13 league with a maximum of 12 teams will remain.
- A single U17 league with a maximum of 8 teams will replace the dual leagues.
- Penalties, when invoked, will remain as a 10 point deduction with one game added to total.
- The League will circulate interested clubs regarding the introduction of an U9 competition.

### Registered Clubs for 2014

The following clubs have expressed an interest in entering The Leagues next summer. These are not confirmed entries and inclusion on this list does not necessarily guarantee admission.

- U11 – Topcroft, Gt.Melton, Mulbarton, Rocklands, Gt.Ellingham, Hethersett & Tas Valley, Swaffham, Mundford & East Harling
- U13 - Gt.Melton, Mulbarton, Rocklands, Gt.Ellingham, Hethersett & Tas Valley, Swaffham, Old Buckenham & Gt.Melton Girls.
- U15 - Gt.Melton, Mulbarton, Rocklands, Gt.Ellingham, Hethersett & Tas Valley, Old Buckenham, Swaffham, Cringleford Lodge, Hardingham & Mundford.
- U17 – Hardingham, Mattishall, Diss, Rocklands, Mulbarton, Gt.Ellingham, Old Buckenham, Swaffham &, Gt.Melton

Clubs not appearing here who wish to be considered for inclusion next summer should complete the [register of interest form here](#).



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The new indoor season starts on November 11th with the largest entry to date. Participating clubs are advised to familiarise themselves with the [rules and guidance notes](#) before their first fixture.

New entrants Old Buckenham take on holders Gt.Melton in the first fixture at 6.30 while old hands Topcroft and Saxlingham occupy the second slot an hour later.

### Adjudication panel

The League would like to thank the two independent members of the adjudication panel, Kerry Holl and John Rockliff, who were called into action on two occasions over the course of the summer.

### Website

The League has completed migration of the website to a new server. Some defunct links from search engines may remain for a while before these are removed from results but the site's address [www.southnorfolkcommunityleague.co.uk](http://www.southnorfolkcommunityleague.co.uk) remains the same.

Several forms are now utilising the Google platform for distribution as the time required to code these individually for an increasing diversity of browsers and devices has proved increasingly time consuming.



### Club Database



[The Club Registration Form](#) is now back online and listed clubs might consider refreshing their entries for 2014, particularly their provision of pre-season development activities.

View the [Norfolk Youth cricket Directory](#) here.

### And finally...

...thanks to all who have worked hard to provide youth opportunities throughout the season, helping to retain cricket as one of our premier summer sports.

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