

**North West U16 Novice and Development League.**  
**Incorporating a U18 Years Canoe Polo League.**

**The Proposal**

To establish arrangements to facilitate the initial set up of a pool winter based Regional Novice and Development U16 Years Canoe Polo League at the Speke Pool. Within that context that we create an ethos in the promotion of a welcoming atmosphere with the notion that the participants not only develop their core game skills but also that they can enjoy themselves within those learning processes. Friends of Allonby under the auspices of the Regional Committee will administer and host the Youth Leagues Arrangements.

**The Future**

Dependant on the level of support in terms of participant numbers the intention is that during the summer months the activities will develop into a multi youth leagues arrangement and with it the use of the multi pitch set up at Collingwood.

The Collingwood activities will also open up to entry interest from both regional U16 and U18 year's old teams. To maximise the capacity and given opportunity we shall also welcome interest from outside the region. If we can establish a commitment base of interest then we envisage with the use of the pool and Collingwood that the League/s will run year round. It depends on the gender mix but we shall also endeavour to promote and administer separate girls and ladies activities within the overall Collingwood arrangements.

**Costs, Resources and Finance**

The Regional Committee, (Finance) and Friends of Allonby (Multi Pitch Facility) have offered to support regional participation. In financial terms Friends of Allonby are prepared to waive any potential facility hire charges. Fees, to encourage participation from all: individual, team and or clubs, fees will be levied on an individual basis.

Pool Fees at £10.00 per 6 Hour Session Collingwood at £5.00 per Day Session.

Although the NWC and FOA will administer the payment of the pool costs, initially at least there is the likelihood of a financial shortfall. Receipts at both venues will be maximised in order to balance the pool costs. A financial budget and cost analysis will be available to view monthly. Any financial overages incurred will be used to support future pool costs in addition to the purchase of a leagues admin kit: For example, scoreboards: stop watches: balls: and refereeing sets.

**The Activities.**

The success or otherwise of the venture will be reliant on the participant teams and clubs adopting ownership to the planned activities and adopting a collective kindred in supporting each other. If we are to grow and even more importantly sustain an interest for our young people then we collectively have to accept the responsibility and a degree of maturity for that to happen. In addition to the pool games the arrangements have the potential for us to also run rolling sessions in the adjacent training pool, run some forward paddling/ergo activities and challenges, to provide Rules and Refereeing Courses for the participant players. The entry level is as yet unknown but with a 6 hour pool slot the likelihood is that we will plan in some time perhaps as much as an hour plus for the players to allow some core skills individual and drill practices prior to the games starting up.

## **Leagues Rules**

The North West Leagues will run in conjunction with the planned pool tournaments from April to April each year. For the current arrangements the new season 2019/2020 commences with the first tournament planned in June at the Collingwood venue. The Regional League Rules will follow and replicate the National Rules with the following exceptions.

1. Although British Canoeing Membership is preferred participant players as a minimum must provide club membership of a British Canoeing affiliated club.
2. Support and development. Where novice teams are participating and in the context of safety and additional support but also on the proviso that the player does not unduly influence the outcome of the game, teams will be allowed an additional experienced player to further the development of the novice participant players
3. Youth Class Pre April 2019. (The currently planned pool based tournaments)  
'Youth is open to any team whose athletes are not more than 16 years of age on 30<sup>th</sup> April of the year in which the season finishes.' (April 2019) under 16 Years old.  
Youth Class Post April 2019/2020  
'Youth is open to any team whose athletes are not more than 16 years of age on 30<sup>th</sup> April of the year in which the season finishes.' (April 2020) under 16 years old.  
'Youth is open to any team whose athletes are not more than 18 years of age on 30<sup>th</sup> April of the year in which the season finishes.' (April 2020) under 18years old.

## **Schedule of Tournaments, Team Administration and Payments**

### **Speke Pool 2019 Season Saturdays 1-7 p.m.**

U16 Years Pool Based Novice and Development League.

2019: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Collingwood Facility U16 and U18 Years Both Leagues Saturdays 10.00 a.m. Onwards.**

2019: June 15<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, the August date will be confirmed dependant on confirmation of the Belfast and Welsh event dates. September 14<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Speke Pool 2019/2020 Season Saturdays 1-7 p.m.**

November 2019 - April 2020 dates TBC

## **Administration and Payments**

1. Places will be allocated and confirmed in receipt of the payment of fees. Fees to be paid a tournament in advance. For the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Tournament Fees must be received by the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Thereafter team lists, and payment is required and places will be allocated on the receipt of fees by the previous event. March 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment is due at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> event and so on.
2. Team Lists must be submitted and teams and individuals must be able to provide DOB evidence if requested at each event attended.
3. Whilst the onus of retaining the evidence is on the individual teams and clubs themselves Parental and Guardian Consent Forms should be routinely available.
4. Payments should be forwarded to:  
Bank: Lloyds Bank  
Account: Friends of Allonby Canoe Club, Liverpool.  
Account Number: 26732268  
Sort Code: 30-97-88

### Tournament Confirmation and Allocation of Places

Confirmation of the tournament arrangements, attendance and game plan will be distributed at least a week in advance.

There have already been some expressions of interest from outside the region. Dependant on the regional response to the Collingwood activities as it is mutually beneficial it is our intention to promote and accept interest from elsewhere.

So far interest has been shown from:

Liverpool Canoe Club                      1 team plus.

Penrith Canoe Club                        1 team plus

Friends of Allonby Canoe Club        2 teams plus

So potentially numerically 5 teams in total.

As it impinges on both the financial and practical use of the pool, the allocated time and the use of the pool capacity in terms of the numbers of players the space can accommodate needs to be maximised at all times.

It doesn't necessarily follow that clubs are able to enter as complete teams. There has to be an appreciation that participant players will take part perhaps as interested individuals and or part of teams and or clubs. The allocation of both time and cost is based on the participation of 5 man teams where fees are required and payable for every participant player.

Expressions of participatory interest have been indicated from members of the following clubs:

Duddon Canoe Club

Friends of Allonby Canoe Club, Liverpool.

Kingston Kayak Club

Liverpool Canoe Club

Penrith Canoe Club

Further interest and information should contact

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Thanks

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