**North West and Central Canoe Polo Committee**

**North West & Central Region Canoe Polo League application 2015/16**

Please read and complete the following application, further details on the arrangements and structure of the league, as well as the teams currently entered can be found at [www.nwcpololeague.co.uk](http://www.nwcpololeague.co.uk)

**League Structure**

The Structure of the league is slightly different to 2014-15. This is detailed below. Teams should apply for the division that they believe most suits them. Guidance is provided to aid decision making. Allocation of teams to divisions will then be formalised once entries have been received to ensure an appropriate distribution of teams.

**NW Division 1**

After last year's trial of splitting division 1 into two sub divisions, we are returning to a conventional straight division of 8 teams. This is aimed at teams that competed in NW div 1a or the top half of div 1b in 2014-15. This equates approximately to National League Division 1, 2 and top of 3. One tournament will be played outdoors with the remaining tournaments in Stockport. Assuming a full division, teams will play 4 out of the 5 tournaments.

Provisional dates:

* 19 Sep (Liverpool Collingwood Dock), 10 Oct (Stockport), 12 Dec (Stockport), 23 Jan (Stockport), 19 Mar (Stockport)

**NW Division 2**

Division 2 remains a straight 8 team division. This is aimed at teams that finished in the bottom half of NW division 1b, competed in NW division 2 or finished at the top of NW division 3 during 2014/15. This equates to approximately National League division 4. One tournament will be played outdoors with the remaining tournaments in Cheadle Hulme (South Manchester) or Fenton Manor (Stoke-on-Trent). Teams will play 4 out of the 5 tournaments.

Provisional dates:

* 27 Sep (Trentham), 12 Dec (Fenton), 13 Feb (Cheadle), 5 Mar (Cheadle), 9 Apr (Cheadle)

**NW Division 3 and 4**

Division 3 and 4 will remain as two independent 8 team divisions. These divisions are aimed at teams of a lower national league division 4 standard or teams new to polo. One tournament will be played outdoors with the remaining tournaments in Cheadle Hulme (South Manchester) or Fenton Manor (Stoke-on-Trent). The tournaments will be a mixture of standalone tournaments and 'gala' tournaments where a division 3 and a division 4 tournament are played back to back on the same day at the same venue. Teams will play 4 out of the 5 tournaments.

Provisional dates (div 3):

* 19 Sep (Liverpool Collingwood Dock), 7 Nov (Cheadle), 5 Dec (Cheadle), 30 Jan (Fenton), 27 Feb (Cheadle)

Provisional dates (div 4):

* 19 Sep (Liverpool Collingwood Dock), 7 Nov (Cheadle), 5 Dec (Cheadle), 6 Feb (Cheadle), 27 Feb (Cheadle)

**Costs**

The costs for 2015-16 are broken down below. The entrance fee consists of your last tournament fee and a £30 administration fee. **Your entrance fee and your last tournament fee must be sent in with your application before your place can be confirmed.**

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| **Division** | **Administration Fee** | **Tournament**  **Fee** | **Total Due**  **(if paying as you play)** | **Total Due**  **(if paying in advance)** |
| NW DIV1 (4 tournaments) | £30 | £90 | £390 | £360 |
| NW DIV2 (4 tournaments) | £30 | £70 | £310 | £280 |
| NW DIV3 (4 tournaments) | £30 | £70 | £310 | £280 |
| NW DIV4 (4 tournaments) | £30 | £70 | £310 | £280 |

**Payment Information**

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| **By Bank Transfer**  Payee Name: **NWC Canoe Polo Committee**  Account Number: 1384 0654  Sort Code: 20 47 61  Please put your team name as the reference. | **Cheque**  Please make cheques payable to ‘**NWC Canoe Polo Committee’** and write your team name and division entered on the back and post to;  NW Canoe Polo Treasurer  80 Windermere Road,  Carnforth,  LA5 9AS |
| **Pay all in Advance.**  A number of teams paid all their tournament fees at the start of the season. This had a significant impact on reducing the amount of time spent administering the league and made tournaments run more smoothly as divisional organisers did not need to take monies. As an incentive, teams paying for all tournaments in advance will not be required to pay the administration fee. | |

**Conditions of Entry**

1. Your Team and Club will abide by the governance regulations outlined in the NWC Canoe Polo League rules which are obtainable at [www.nwcpololeague.co.uk](http://www.nwcpololeague.co.uk)
2. All competitors must be members of your club and your club must be affiliated to British Canoeing for the whole season or have alternative insurance arrangements in place. *Competitors do not need to be British Canoeing Comprehensive members.*
3. Pool fees will still be due If your team fails to attend a tournament, regardless of notice given.
4. We accept that there may be a requirement or benefit for club members competing in higher regional divisions to 'play down' in a lower division. This can help the development of players and ensure fixtures can be fulfilled. Teams should make the tournament organiser aware of any players 'playing down' Teams should only have one player playing down in any one match. The player is expected to play at an equivalent level to the division being played. Tournament organisers have the authority to scratch matches if they feel teams are not abiding by the spirit of 'playing down'. Teams will be able to refer this to the League Coordinator if they feel a decision is unfair.
5. In line with the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit and British Canoeing recommendations, we require any person who wishes to engage in video or photography to register with the tournament organiser prior to carrying out such photography. If you are concerned about photography taking place please inform the tournament organiser.

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Please complete this form electronically.

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| Club: | | British Canoeing Affiliation: |
| Team Name: | | |
| Division applied for: | | |
| Supporting information to support division application (e.g. previous performances / paddler standard): | | |
| Please set out significant other commitments (e.g. national league entry, non availability outside term time) | | |
| Primary Team Contact: | | |
| Contact Number: | Alternative number: | |
| Email Address: | | |

**Payment Method for Entrance Fee**: *(please highlight)*

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| **Bank Transfer** | **Cheque** | **All in Advance** |

Note that in submitting an entry, I agree with the conditions of entry and will abide by the League Rules.

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| Signed: | Date: |

**Please send completed forms to:** leagues\_coordinator@nwcpololeague.co.uk

**Deadline for Applications is the 31 July 2015**