



# LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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To: All Secretaries of Member Clubs at Level 6 and Below  
All Fixture Secretaries of Member Clubs at Level 6 and Below  
All County Representatives of Member Clubs at Level 6 and Below

Dear Colleague,

## Meeting - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### LANCASHIRE LEAGUES for LANCASHIRE CLUBS

I write to advise you that there will be a Meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Liverpool St Helens FC, starting at 7.00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the formation of Lancashire Leagues for Lancashire Clubs at Level 7 and below.

At the General Meeting of the Lancashire County RFU on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017, Peter Hughes gave an impassioned plea that, in order to ensure the survival of Lancashire clubs, there should be Lancashire Leagues for Lancashire Clubs at Level 7 and below. (See his notes).

The goals of this proposal are as follows:

- To keep Rugby at level 7 and below in Lancashire for Lancashire clubs.
- To build a sustainable and competitive league structure supported by the County RFU.
- To keep Rugby local and meaningful, avoiding distant travel to games outside Lancashire.
- To build leagues with a minimum of 12 teams to ensure enough home games in a season to provide necessary commercial revenue for all clubs at these levels.
- To provide regular matches for players to ensure they stay in the Game.
- To build a proud membership of Lancashire RFU County clubs that govern their own destiny and not in the hands of neighbouring county leagues or the Raging Bull leagues.

It was agreed by the members present, and supported by the Officers of the County, that there should be a meeting of representatives of all member clubs at level 6 & below to discuss the formation of Lancashire Leagues for Lancashire Clubs at Level 7 and below. (See list).

This meeting is very important for the survival of Rugby Union in the County at these levels. I therefore ask you to send a representative(s) to this meeting.

Please could you ensure that your club committee discusses this important proposal in advance of this meeting and is represented by persons with authority to speak and vote on behalf of your club.

I look forward to seeing you at Liverpool St Helens FC.

Yours Sincerely

Mark Downs

Hon. Secretary

Directors: K Andrews, CA Baker, RTJ Briers, P Deakin, M Downs, JRS Greenwood, DN Herriman, JT Hughes, TD Stirk, MJ Worsley.

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## AGENDA

1. Welcome – Tom Fitzgerald, President of Lancashire County RFU
2. North West Competitions Organisation  
[Dave Clarke – Vice President Lancashire & Secretary RFU North Competitions Committee]
3. Lancashire Leagues for Lancashire Clubs at Level 7 and Below  
[Peter Hughes – Past President Lancashire & Lancashire (North) Clubs Representative]
4. General Discussion – Representatives of All Clubs
5. To Vote on the Proposal that:  
*'Lancashire County RFU should organise leagues for those Lancashire Clubs at Level 7 and below who wish to participate, commencing in season 2017-2018.'*