Cambridgeshire Korfball Association

Minutes of meeting to discuss League issues on Thursday 27th July 1995.

Those present: Jon Herbert, Scott Christie, Mel Pankhurst, Chris Carradice, Robert Nudds Juin Fok-Seang, Rebecca Elliott, David Rogers, Julian Lipscombe.

Meeting opened at 8.00 pm.

1. Organisation of two divisions

a) Confirmation of division 1 teams for next season
It was decided that the first division next season would consist of 8 teams. These teams would consist of the top 8 teams in the league last year. The rest of the teams entered into the league would form division 2.

b) Promotion/relegation criteria between divisions
There were two variations that were suggested:

1) The team that finished first in division 2 would be automatically promoted with the team who finished last being automatically relegated. In addition, the team that finished second in division 2 would then play the team who finished next to last in a two game play off (one game being played at each team's home court) with the team with the better goal difference over the two games playing in division 1 the following season.

2) There would be no automatic promotion/relegation and there would be two sets of play offs (the format of the play offs the same as in option 1) between the teams who finished last in division 1 and top in division 2; and the teams who finished next to last in division 1 and second in division 2. The winners of these play offs would play in division 1 the following season.

These two options were voted on and option 1 was chosen.

c) Basis on which divisions will run
It was envisioned that division 1 would be run with fairly strict adherence to the league rules, with division 2 being more of a developmental league, with more lenience being allowed to the teams. Robert will be the League Officer for division 1 next season, but there is still a vacancy for the equivalent post in division 2.

2. Eligibility of players

a) Playing for more than one club in a season
It was thought that it was unfair to restrict players to playing for one club during a season, as long as no one played for more than one club simultaneously. If a player requested a transfer between clubs, they would ineligible to play for that club on the same league week as playing for their previous club.

It was decided to have a transfer deadline date around the middle of the season. The date suggested was 31st January 1996.

b) Playing for more than one team in a club
To avoid the problem of division 1 players playing too frequently for lower teams from that club, it was agreed that for each league match, a form would be filled in by both captains that would contain the names of the people who played. This form would then be sent back to the League Officer. Only two of the players who played in this game would be allowed to play for a lower league team in the following league week.

For example, if Kites I played a division 1 match in league week 3, only two players who played that match would be able to play for Kites II in a division 2 match in league week 4 and so on.

3. Referees

a) Allocation of referees
It was decided to continue the current system, with some of the reasonably established teams who were not asked to provide referees previously now being asked to do so. Teams should also be encouraged to provide team members to attend refereeing courses so that there would be more qualified referees in the league.

4. Penalties

a) For non-provision of referees
There were two options offered for the penalties that clubs should incur for the non-provision of referee:

1) The team that was responsible for providing the referee should be deducted one league point (for example Kites II).

2) Each team within a club is deducted one league point (for example, if Kites II fails to provide a referee, Kites I, II, III etc. all get deducted a point).

It was decided to choose option (2) as it was argued that it was the responsibility of a club as a whole to provide referees, as most clubs had only one or two people who tended to do the refereeing commitments.

b) For defaulted games
In the case of a defaulted game in division 1, the goal difference was increased to a 15-0 walkover. In division 2, the walkover score would remain at 10-0. The circumstances in which a walkover could be claimed would be that if the team calling off the game did so within 3 days of the game taking place. In this occurrence the team cancelling the game would be expected to pay any costs (e.g., hall bookings) that are incurred due to the cancellation.

c) Misconduct of players

It was agreed that the sending off of a player was reliant on the referee's discretion. If a player was sent off, however, the player involved would receive an automatic three match ban. The referee would then produce a report of the incident which the captains of both teams would be required to sign. If one of the captains refuses to sign the referee's report, it was considered to be an appeal against the decision. This appeal would then be heard by the CKA/League Officer.

The meeting closed at 11pm.