

HEAD COACH

U4 / U5 Boys and Girls

Phil Clarkson and Ollie Clarkson coach these at Guiseley School on Friday evenings in the Sports Hall as a PAYG arrangement. There have been 2 sessions per week and these are oversubscribed. They will be moving to Saturday morning in September at the indoor facility on Hollins Hill.

U6 Development Boys

The u6 have moved training venue this season to an indoor facility down Hollins Hill. Phil and Ollie also coach these sessions and these will also be moving to Saturday mornings in September.

Membership - 32 players.

Phil has had a problem getting volunteers this season but thinks he has enough parents and players to start 4 under 7 teams for next seasons. Big thanks to Phil and Ollie again.

U6 Development Girls

12 girls registered, they will be starting as one team in September and hopefully splitting into two if training numbers becomes more consistent. It's great to see two of our home-grown girls, Amber Craddick and Amelia Harrison training the new generation.

General View of this season.

We have lost a few teams and managers this season and the reasons vary. Some are standard issues, work and family commitments, but there is also a feeling of disconnect from the club at times. This isn't a criticism of anyone or anything just a feeling that managers are on their own, with really only you for support, which may actually be true.

As Head Coach, I would suggest we bring back manager meetings twice a season split into age groups and sections, such as Girls 6 to 11 and 12 to 17 and something similar with the boys. I know some teams don't attend but it's a good way of bring the club together and getting information across, we use to do this pre Covid and I think we should get back into the habit. I know other clubs do them and find it to be helpful.

Streaming, or Players Movement

Although we have a document for INTERNAL CLUB TRANSFER OF PLAYERS, I don't think it really covers the concept of Streaming. Streaming generally still works but me and Nicky have been having more and more issues with it, the interpretation of what streaming means can look very different between age groups.

I suggest we get a group of willing coaches to look at what steaming should mean at grassroots level which also may support Phil with the u6 split from the start.

When a manager feels that a player needs move teams due to ability level it should be assessed by an independent coach before any decision is made.

WGA

Guiseley along with Ilkley, Menston and Burley have come together this season to form the Wharfedale Grassroots Academy. The goal is to create a none for profit training academy that supports players and hopefully prevents them from moving on to other academy disrupting our team setups. There have been some teething problems with it such as teams requesting different training slots to accommodate both, and it may also have an impact on our use of Ben Rhydding AWP, But the overall feeling is positive especially for the girls as there is nothing locally for them.

Guiseley have 2 representatives on the newly formed committee.

Heather Jacques (Secretary) Guiseley Parent

Jeremy Zorilla (Treasurer) New Manager 23/24.

Kev Harrison
Head Coach