

Newsletter No 7-Winter 2018/19

Season 2018/19

Welcome to anyone reading our Newsletter for the first time. If you are new to BHR and want to know anything, please just get in touch.

It only seems a few days since this season started and we are well over two thirds of the way through. Ironically, the weather in January was not too bad and the Warring ton League could have played through this year. I guess, as usual we can blame the English weather for being so unpredictable.

Presentation Day

We have (provisionally) booked De La Salle for our presentation day on **8th June 2018** so please try to keep the day free. The format will be similar to last year with short inter-club matches being played before presentation of trophies.

More information will be available after Easter.

Fees for 2019/20

At their last meeting the coaches decided to simplify the payment of fees from May onwards.

A significant amount of time each month is taken by our Secretary having to remind parents to pay the fees for their youngsters. To ease this burden the coaches have decided the following:

“BHR financial year runs from 1st May to 30th April each year.

Fees will be due on the 1st of each month payable by Standing Order, if paying monthly. Cash or cheque will not be accepted.

Members not paying will be excluded from training or playing until fees paid up to date.

Any member not paying on 1st of consecutive months will be de-registered until all fees paid up to date.

Alternatively, the annual membership fee can be paid directly into the bank as a lump sum but must be paid before the end of July each year.

If anyone has difficulty paying the fees, the club is very willing to help. Initial contact should be made to the club Welfare Officer who will act in confidence.”

On behalf of the coaches I want to emphasise that the last thing we want to do is stop youngsters playing football but we sadly, we will have to stop youngsters playing if fees are not paid on time. We have over 300 members at the moment and I would ask if you are one of the few that we have to remind each month, that you set up a standing order on 1st of each month.

My apologies for “labouring” this point but it is important that we streamline our Club’s administration procedures as we continue to grow.

Codes of Conduct

Our codes of conduct can be found on our website (www.bleakhillrovers.com) and as part of the season 2019/20 application form, you will be asked to confirm that you have read and will abide by our Codes of Conduct.

We are fully supportive of the FA and League's stance on the conduct of players and parents and we will take appropriate action if anyone contravenes the codes.

Photographs/Videos of matches

As a club we do not encourage parents/coaches to video all or part of matches. Anyone wishing to take a short video of any match must have prior permission of the teams' coach, the opposition's coach and the referee.

We have some players in the club (as do some of our opposition) who do not want their photographs to appear on social media, please respect this as you will probably not be aware who those players are.

Wildcats

As many of you will be aware we have a successful Wildcats (girls) group training every Sunday at 2pm on Bleak Hill School Field. We have been invited by both Bleak Hill School and Eccleston Mere to run "taster" sessions in the next half term.

We will have a girls team running in a League from September and hope to follow that with more teams as next season progresses.

We need more parents to help coach these years so please get in touch via info@bleakhillrovers.com if you can help. No experience is necessary!

Quiz Night

We did not sell enough tickets to run quiz night in February but it has been suggested that we should set up a "Social Committee". If you would be interested in joining this group, please contact me on info@bleakhillrovers.com and I will arrange for us to meet you to discuss how we might proceed.

"The Garage"

As many of you will know, we store our equipment in a garage on Broadway owned by a generous friend of the club. Thank you very much for helping our coaches set up before and take down after matches.

Please can I ask that you do not dismantle the side pieces of the goals as they can be stored in the garage as an assembled side piece. The cross bars and back bar are stored in the chains hanging from the roof of the garage.

Facebook, website etc

We have a Bleak Hill Rovers Facebook page so if you are a user of Facebook, please can I encourage you to make friend with us (if that's the right expression!)

If you wish to post any part of matches or pictures, please be aware of the comment made under the section above "photographs/video of matches".

We also have a website at www.bleakhillrovers.com which has a lot of information about the Club and also has a link to our Club shop. The club gets a small donation for everything bought through the webshop.

Ecclesfield

We have had another winter when matches on Ecclesfield have been almost impossible and we know that this is frustrating to many of the youngsters. Please be assured we are doing everything we can, through the Ecclesfield Committee, to get the Windle and Ecclestone Councils to either re map the pitches or sort out the drainage.

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Safeguarding and DBS check

There has been a lot of press recently about abuse at clubs. Can I assure you that all our coaches and helpers have been DBS checked by the FA and the vast majority have attended an FA Safeguarding Course.

Please feel free to get in touch with me or any of the coaches at any time if there is anything you wish to raise about the club.

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