# NORTHUMBERLAND RUGBY UNION

**Patron: HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND**
**President: Craig Wrightson**

**Competitions Committee Meeting - Tuesday 2nd Sept, Tynedale RFC, 7pm**

## Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence

   *Apologies from Tom More, Simon Cox, Thomas Turnbull, Jack Pellew*
   *Tony Lenderyou introduces himself to group as CoR*

2. Committee Membership
   Do we have coverage?

   *It was discussed and agreed we have good coverage within the county for our remit*

   Do we need to invite Durham Member again?

   *We will get updates from Durham as and when from Ian McGeorge, the new Durham Rep*

3. Start of Season Matters

   Player registration

   *All clubs have the required numbers registered to play league rugby. Club registered for Level 9 and RFU registered for level 8 and above*

   State of pitches

   *PW informed us Ponteland had been asked a week in advance if pitches playable*

4. Cups

   Northumberland cup dates

   *Cup matches all sorted. Games played by 15 November with Plate being played by Christmas*

   Rule changes

   *KF proposed a couple of changes which were agreed and he will liaise with CS to update. Appeal time scale, call offs in line with leagues, number of substitutions*

   Cup locations

   *Some clubs will keep with having appropriate clubhouse insurance cover. Others to be returned to county.*

   Keeper of cups

   *PW 'agreed' to help look after the cups and organise collection before finals*

Photographs

*It was agreed that photos will only be printed and framed for the winners. A digital copy will be sent to runners up. This will save £50 per final.*

Budgets

*Budgets have been agreed. Spreadsheet to be updated reflecting £6 per meal allowance*

5. Leagues

Seghill

*Seghill have unfortunately withdrawn from the national league (DN3) they will look to play games in the Merit league*

CaNDY League update EMC League 1

*CJ to remind CaNDY 1 we are trialling EMC this season – Scores and Tries only*

Rule changes

*Rule changes agreed – main one is number of subs and weather draws are back*

*CS still waiting on some clubs fixture lists – CJ helping chase up*

6. Colts

Colts 7s

*AG has relaunched the County 7s to be played on 17 September. 10 teams have entered*

Competitions rules update

*Rules updated and agreed including allowing academy players to play and the half game rule*

7. North Competitions

League sizes

*Information about the Norths feeling of wanting 14 team league that will be passed back to the RFU*

Cup competitions

*The draw has been made and the first round played in September*

*Concern over the lack of direct contact with club that maybe involved in play-offs at the end of the season.*

*Link shared on WhatsApp Group via community Game newsletter*

*Community Game Update | Rugby Football Union*

8. Any Other Urgent Business

   *The question was asked about what Red Bull are doing for the community game*

9. Dates of Future Meetings

   *No date was put in. Lots of discussion on WhatsApp group so will meet towards Christmas or if an issue arises*

   *Tony thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and the meeting was close*

**CJ – September 2025**