

MCAA T&F League Proposals to the AGM – 2022

Proposal 1

That the following is added to rule 9-4:

Rule 9-4d) Team managers must ensure that all athletes are aware of and comply with the following UKA anti-doping statement:

“An entrant shall be deemed to have made him/herself/their self, familiar with, and agreed to be bound by the UKA Anti-Doping Rules and to submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping in the application and enforcement of the Anti-Doping Rules.

The UKA Anti-Doping Rules apply to entrants participating in the sport of Athletics, for 12 months from the date of the league match in which the athlete competes, whether or not the entrant is a citizen of, or resident in, the UK.”

Proposal 2

That the following is added to rule 9-14:

Rule 9-14 addition. A match will be considered attended by a club if there is at least one athlete, or at least three officials, from the club in attendance. If a club fails to attend a match (covered under rule 9-14) then they will score zero league points for that match.

Proposal 3

That rules under 9-3 covering requirements on host club and requirements on visiting clubs with respect to the provision of officials, be updated to align with the minimum required for a British Athletics level 1 event permit. Recognising that the permit conditions require two qualified officials in a field team then we propose additionally that a full field team (i.e. at least four people of which at least two are qualified) gains +10 points for officials.

Proposal 4

That clubs be allowed to enter a limited number of scoring third string athletes in events. The clubs to choose where to place these additional athletes for any given match. The maximum number of scoring third string athletes will be fixed [and agreed by AGM vote]. Rule 9-12f [N scores to count] would be retained but N revised slightly [by AGM vote] in recognition of the additional choice for athletes and clubs.

Proposal 5

That, if proposal 4 is not accepted, the AGM reviews the current N values and selects appropriate values for N in rule 9-12f.

The proposal is that the AGM selects between:

N=30 for all divisions,

And

N=30 for divisions 1-3 and N=27 for the regional divisions.

Proposal 6

That, if proposal 4 is not accepted, those track events that are run in lanes are seeded based on an athlete's Power of Ten time (suggestion is best time over previous and current season). The seeding to produce a minimum number of races subject to track constraints (number of lanes) and ability of the time-keeping team, as judged by the Chief Timekeeper, to cope with the numbers in any given race.

Proposal 7

That one league date (of the six available [in 2023]) be used to promote a single match where a limited number of technical events are held. Clubs from all divisions to be invited to this single match and the events to be conducted as per a normal league match. (It is expected that the match length will be around two and a half hours.)

Proposal 8

That clubs, following a vote from clubs in the appropriate division(s) organised by the league secretary, and with the subsequent agreement of the league management committee, be allowed to co-operate for the purposes of the league. Applications to be received no later than the AGM so that reasonable estimates of the divisional structure can be determined. The number of cooperating clubs to be limited to combinations of two. Any two co-operating clubs would share athlete slots, officials' duties and league fees – and it would be up to the co-operating clubs to decide how these items would be divided/shared. Within the league results, performances would be assigned to an athlete's home club and would appear as such on Power of Ten. For match team scoring we would combine scores from the cooperating club pair and this would be used for match position and ultimately promotion/relegation.

Cooperating teams would be allowed from different divisions with the higher division being the one in which the cooperating team would sit.

Proposal 9

That we introduce more regionalisation into the league beginning in season 2024.

Supporting decisions for the AGM

Against this principle we propose that the AGM addresses the following questions sequentially:

Question 1: Do we want full regionalisation – five regional divisions running on four dates and followed by a finals day, OR do we want to retain some pan-area divisions?

Question 2: If we want partial regionalisation - do we want one or two pan-area divisions?

Proposal 10

- a) If an attending (i.e. not the host) club steps in and provides an official (or officials) for the key roles of track ref, field ref, start team, then they shall be allowed to count them against their own club officials' requirements. (For example, if a club allows their L2 field judge to swap to the field ref role then the providing club still scores +5 points for a qualified field judge.)
- b) If a club provides an additional qualified official (or additional officials) that are loaned to other teams for a given match, then the providing club may carry forward to the next match the points for that/those officials. The receiving club does not score the +5 points for the qualified official. (For example, if club A attends match number two with two L2 field judges and loans one of these to club B then for match three it will be judged that club A has already scored the +5 points for a qualified field judge. The receiving club (club B) in this example will not score the +5 points in match two as they attended match two with no qualified field judge.)

Proposal 11

That we allow U17 and U20 athletes to compete in the Midland league using their age group weight specifications in the throws and hurdle heights in the U17 men 400H and U20 men 110H races. We propose that we apply a compensation factor, post event, to the U17 and U20 performances achieved using non-senior equipment. This would be done automatically within the results software when calculating event scores.