Additional information, if required, to inform AGM 2026 discussions

Overall participation numbers

League Sec has looked at the stats from the July matches in 2025 and 2026 (not had time to go through every match in 2025 and 2026, so have picked the July match as representative of participation levels). The stats from these July matches, and also the technical matches, in terms of overall participation levels are below:

Match	Division	2026 Number of athletes (Number of teams)	2025 Number of athletes (Number of teams)
18/19 July 2026 13 July 2025	1	197 (6)	206 (6)
18/19 July 2026 13 July 2025	2	181 (7)	199 (7)
18/19 July 2026 13 July 2025	3NE	149 (8)	149 (8)
18/19 July 2026 13 July 2025	3SE	118 (8)	171 (8)
18/19 July 2026 13 July 2025	3SW	122 (8)	173 (7)
21 June 2026 15 June 2025	Technical match	327 (37)	270 (36)

Divisions 1, 2 and 3NE managed to essentially hold their participation numbers. Marginally down in 2026 – possibly due to the lack of the old U17 year 1 (school year 10 so not an exam school year); but also possibly as the 2026 match was a bit later and might have hit holidays.
Divs 3SE and 3SW struggled.
League sec comment in drafting: although it is tempting to think we can worry less about divs 3, this is probably not true. If divs 3 disappear, or reduce in number, then relegation from div 2 looks less challenging and clubs will stop trying in div 2. I suggest if this happens we risk the league unravelling – in other words it would be a mistake not to address the regionals' participation problems.

Impact of the throws minimum scoring standards in terms of participation numbers

Again we have looked at results from the July matches in 2025 and 2026 to give some idea of the impact of the throws' scoring standards. The table below shows athlete numbers above and below the scoring cut-off. For 2026 we see in Div 1 it mostly removed participation from any athlete who couldn't throw the standard, whereas in Div 2 this was more mixed. **In both divs 1 & 2 the scoroing cut-off did remove a number of participants.**

Event & standard	2026 Div 1		2025 Div 1		2026 Div 2		2025 Div 2	
	Above	Below	Above	Below	Above	Below	Above	Below
Men SP 8m	10	0	12	3	7	5	9	5
Men DT 20m	10	1	12	2	9	2	10	3
Men HT 18m	7	0	7	3	9	0	7	5
Men JT 25m	14	0	13	2	11	2	9	5
Women SP 7m	13	0	12	0	13	2	7	10
Women DT 18m	9	0	12	3	11	1	10	6
Women HT 20m	9	2	9	5	8	2	9	6
Women JT 21m	9	2	9	4	7	2	5	10
TOTALS	81	5	86	22	75	16	66	50

Committee proposal – some examples to help visualise how the committee's updated scoring could operate

The league committee AGM proposal contains four recommended changes to the league scoring:

1) Update the B+C scoring ladder so that it is less common for last place to score significant points. (Protect a shortened timetable.)
2) Introduce minimum scoring standards across all events in order to protect the timetable.
3) Update the minimum scoring standards for the throws to reflect better UK ranking lists. (Continue to protect the timetable but balance also with participation.)
4) Extend the bonus points scheme to be less of an "all or nothing" system. (To encourage athlete development, and hence future participation.)

B+C ladder update

When we introduced the B+C scoring ladder it had the desired effect of stopping single C string athletes gaining full points regardless of performance standard. We were cautious with the selected design to ensure it could accommodate large fields. This has turned out not to be necessary and we need to change how the points fall off with position so that it better serves the field sizes we encounter in practice. The following is the example for a seven-team match:

A string scoring (unaffected) = 12, 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4
Existing scoring: 7 Club Match B+C String = 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2.5, 2, 1.5, 1, 1, 1, 1
Updated scoring: 7 Club Match B+C String = 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1

Minimum scoring standards for all events

Minimum standards are derived by comparing standards to the performance of rank 200th on the 2026 UK rankings. The standards are a fraction of that 200th performance value. For reasons to do with the different nature of track events and field events the fractions necessarily slightly differ by event. (The calculations are also cross-checked with WA scoring tables.) The minimum scoring standards are:

MEN Event	UK 2026 200th rank	Current standard	Percentage against the UK 200th rank in 2026	Updated standard	Percentage against the UK 200th rank in 2026
100	10.80		N/A	14.0	75
200	21.94		N/A	30.0	72
400	49.27		N/A	70.0	70
800	1'52.92		N/A	2'40	70
1500	3'50.38		N/A	5'30	70
3000	8'24.81		N/A	12'00	70
110H	18.00		N/A	24.0	74
400H	63.00		N/A	90.0	70
3kSC	10'59.00		N/A	15'40	70
LJ	6.46		N/A	3.90	60
SP	10.87	8.00	74	6.50	60
DT	33.05	20.00	61	20.00	61
HT	30.75	18.00	59	18.00	59
JT	43.66	25.00	57	26.00	60

WOMEN Event	UK 2026 200th rank	Current standard	Percentage against the UK 200th rank in 2026	Updated standard	Percentage against the UK 200th rank in 2026
100	12.19		N/A	16.0	75
200	24.99		N/A	34.0	73
400	57.90		N/A	82.0	70
800	2'12.37		N/A	3'10	70
1500	4'32.32		N/A	6'30	70
3000	9'59.53		N/A	14'15	70
100H	17.30		N/A	23.0	75
400H	70.89		N/A	100	71
3kSC	13'54.52		N/A	19'50	70
LJ	5.33		N/A	3.20	60
SP	9.91	7.00	71	6.00	61
DT	29.52	18.00	61	18.00	61
HT	33.09	20.00	60	20.00	60
JT	29.38	21.00	71	18.00	61

Updated throws minimum scoring standards (alignment to UK rankings)

Whilst reasonably well balanced in terms of WA scoring the 2026 throws minimum scoring standards are not as equitable when compared to UK rankings. Matching to 60% of the 2026 200th UK rank gives the following:

MEN					
Event	UK 2026 200th	Current standard	Percentage against UK 200th rank in 2026	Updated standard	Percentage against UK 200th rank in 2026
SP	10.87m	8m	74%	6.5m	60%
DT	33.05m	20m	61%	20m	61%
HT	30.75m	18m	59%	18m	59%
JT	43.66m	25m	57%	26m	60%

WOMEN					
Event	UK 2026 200th	Current standard	Percentage against UK 200th rank in 2026	Updated standard	Percentage against UK 200th rank in 2026
SP	9.91m	7m	71%	6.0m	61%
DT	29.52m	18m	61%	18m	61%
HT	33.09m	20m	60%	20m	60%
JT	29.38m	21m	71%	18m	61%

Extended bonus point scheme

To encourage athlete development, we propose extending the existing bonus point scheme to be more than the current all or nothing system. Two examples are given below (a throw and a run) and both have a range of bonus points aligned to the UK 100th and 200th ranks.

HT (men):

Distance thrown	Current bonus points scheme	Extended Bonus Points scheme
32.00	0	1
34.50	0	2
37.00	0	3
39.50	0	4
42.00	5	5
44.50	5	6
47.00	5	7
49.50	5	8
52.00	5	9
54.50 and above	5	10

Note: 42m is UK 100 target; 100th rank is 39.82m (95% of UK 100 target);
200th rank is 30.75m (95% of 32.37m).

Rank 100 in UK is approximately rank 30 in the Midlands & rank 200 around 60th.

800m (men):

Time run	Current bonus points scheme	Extended Bonus Points scheme
1’54.00	0	1
1’53.25	0	2
1’52.50	0	3
1’51.75	0	4
1’51.00	5	5
1’50.25	5	6
1’49.50	5	7
1’48.75	5	8
1’48.00	5	9
1’47.25 and below	5	10

Note: 1’51 is UK 100 target; 100th rank is 1’50.15 (99% of UK100 target (velocity))
200th rank is 1’52.92 (99% of 1’53.79)

Rank 100 in UK is approximately rank 30 in the Midlands & rank 200 around 60th.

A couple of examples from 2025 are given overleaf:

DIVISION 1: As scored in July 2025 (A STRING):

Event	Event	HT		metres	MEN				
HT	A string					Perfor-	Position	Bonus	Total
MEN	Posn	Competitor	Club	Bib		mance	Points	Points	Points
	1	Archie Small	Leam	4		57.07	11	5	16
	2	Jonathan Briggs	BRAT	1		44.45	9	5	14
	3	Ian Osbourne	B&W&B	2		30.57	7	0	7
	4	Kevin Murch	R&N	66		29.63	6	0	6
	5	Lloyd Andrews	Glouc	33		17.93	5	0	5
	6						0	0	0

Scoring if we used position AND bonus points:

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	5	Lloyd Andrews	Glouc	33		17.93	0	0	0
	6						0	0	0

Note: Archie ranked 22nd in UK in 2025 and 4th in Midlands.

DIVISION 1: As scored in July 2025 (A STRING):

Event	Event	800	metres	MEN				
800	A string				Perfor-	Position	Bonus	Total
MEN	Position	Competitor	Club	Bib	mance	Points	Points	Points
	1	Finlay Hutchinson	Notts	5	1:49.36	11	5	16
	2	Callum Hanlon	Leam	4	1:56.64	9	0	9
	3	Sam Downing	BRAT	1	2:03.15	7	0	7
	4	Barney Colclough	B&W&B	2	2:04.68	6	0	6
	5	Joe Musgrove	R&N	6	2:07.27	5	0	5
	6	Jeremy Mower	Glouc	3	2:44.02	4	0	4

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	4	Barney Colclough	B&W&B	2	2:04.68	6	0	6
	5	Joe Musgrove	R&N	6	2:07.27	5	0	5
	6	Jeremy Mower	Glouc	3	2:44.02	0	0	0

Note: Finlay ranked 45th in UK in 2025 and 4th in Midlands.