

East Sussex Forum AGM report 2011

The September meeting at Heathfield RFC produced the usual requests to retain a B league for colts matches and suggestions were put forward for a way forward to improve player retention at Colts level as this is an ongoing problem every year, the new league set ups being the major topic of discussion throughout the year. Feedback was sought from the 22 clubs that make up East and West Sussex regarding the structure of the leagues for the next four years. 17 Clubs had made replies by the next meeting in January at Eastbourne RFC with the majority view being that the u13-u16's league should continue in their current format, but a request for greater flexibility over kick off times was requested mainly due to pitch congestion created by the u7's – u12's age groups.

The colts leagues at u17's and u18's continued to be a topic of a great deal of discussion with the suggestion that players made up of mainly u17's players should be able to request entry to the B league if the club was entering only one side. Positive feedback from county coaches had been received for the players nominations from league matches.

The final meeting at East Grinstead RFC provided feedback on the seasons leagues from u13's – u16's and entries for the 2011-12 season were discussed. Thanks to Steve Searle and Steve Briscoe must be made for the work they contribute to the successful, running of league each year.

The new proposed regulations for the 2011-12 season were discussed and submitted for approval to AGM.

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