

Youth Report 2008

It has been a year of successes and disappointments with youth hockey in North Wales. The successes have been the successful setting up and running of U11 and U13 monthly tournaments for junior club players. This will continue next year and the region will also stage two U15 tournaments outside the league windows at Christmas and Easter for clubs. Thanks to all clubs who took part. It is much appreciated.

The region has also successfully ran the annual RAF Careers Youth tournaments. The winners and runners up in each age group were:

U11	Dysynni (winner)	Colwyn Bay (R up)
U13	Colwyn Bay (winner)	Northop Hall (R up)
U15	Colwyn Bay (winner)	Dysynni(R up)
U17	Colwyn Bay (winner)	Rhyl (R up)

Thanks to Matt Pritchard for organising these events.

The disappointments have been the failure to fulfil many of our long standing fixtures against English county sides and the annual North/South fixture. This arose because a number of our long standing coaches decided to stand down and replacements were not identified until well into the new season. This meant that no trials were held to identify talented players either.

While the region still is uncertain who the respective age group coaches will be next season, a trial date has been set for 21st September 2008 at NEWI and a date has been set for the annual North/South game on 16th November 2008. Discussions are ongoing to get other fixtures for our age group sides next year.

However, the region did play two games against Wirral Schools at U16 and U18 level. Both matches were won.

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