

Date: Thursday 6th June 2024

Potential Discontinuation of Nidd Valley Juniors

Dear All Parents/Carers of Junior members,

We write to inform you that, without people standing for committee and coaching positions with Nidd Valley Juniors, then Nidd Valley Road Runners will be unable to provide junior provision in its current form after the end of this summer school term.

Unfortunately, despite numerous appeals for support, no one has stepped forward.

As of the end of the July 2024, the following roles will be vacant and require filling:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary

In addition, you will be aware that the coaching and supervision requirements for juniors are greater than those required for adults, and that the existing coaching provision for Nidd Valley Juniors is insufficient to be sustainable in the long term. Additional Coaches in Running Fitness (CiRFs), Athletics Coaches and Coaching Assistants are required urgently. This is a significant commitment in terms of training and time, which provides a valid DBS and relevant safeguarding checks mandatory. Unfortunately, parent helpers and unqualified volunteers **CANNOT** lead sessions. The self-declaration does not cover participation other than been present and therefore should not be accounted in the numbers. This is a non-negotiable requirement as stipulated by UKA (United Kingdom Athletics.)

You are invited to meeting to discuss this further at the following meeting, where members of the senior committee and junior sub-committee will be able to answer any questions.

Mon 10 Jun 2024, 19:30 (after the NVJ session) Girls Gym, King James's School

The senior committee wish to put on the record their thanks for John and Michelle for all of their work in leading Nidd Valley Juniors, and in doing it for longer than they had initially planned. They also wish to recognise the hard work put in by all of the other committee members and volunteers who have given up their time.

Nidd Valley Juniors has achieved great things, and we hope that this can continue. However, unless this changes, then Nidd Valley Juniors will cease to operate.

Yours sincerely

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