

What's new for 2026

Please refer to the website for documents and results: <http://neydl.website/>

It is hoped that athletes, coaches, officials and parents will make the effort to read all the information appertaining to the league, available via the website. However, experience tells us that will not happen – **so at least read this!**

Changes to Competing Age Groups.

The NEYDL will follow the new England Athletics age groups, so competition for 2026 will be for U14, U16 & U18 athletes.

New Events for Competing Age Groups.

The new age groups include new events and we will be incorporating the 200m Hurdles into the NEYDL timetable in both divisions.

Allocation of official's duties.

Whist the allocation indicated for field officials will be based on the published timetable, the actual allocation will be made by the referee based on the qualifications of the officials available on the day. **For this reason, it is essential that ALL field officials report and sign in 30 mins before the advertised start time of the Hammer competition.**

To further assist in this matter, team managers are asked to communicate the names of the officials expected to be supplied by the team a week ahead of each meeting. See <http://neydl.website/officials/officials> Hopefully this will help focus everyone's mind.

Timetable Change

The timetable for both divisions will alter slightly and the non-scoring mixed relay event has been withdrawn. Teams can still enter a non-scoring relay team with a mixture of genders if space allows.

HOST CLUBS

This season the league will provide a laptop and printer to be used for the results. However host clubs Div 2 only need to provide two people to enter the results.

Host clubs must provide a volunteer assistant for the photo finish.

Hosts are:

Div 1 – Darlington/Allerton, Gateshead, Houghton/Derwentside, Blyth/Alnwick

Div 2 – Blaydon/Wallsend/Gosforth, Chester-le-Street/Durham, Morpeth/Tyne Bridge, Middlesbrough

2026 Divisional Secretaries

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Allocation of Team Numbers

Once again, we are having a flexible rather than fixed allocation of numbers per team

When supplying pre-season declarations team managers are asked to supply the most likely names for the first fixture and not just all the possible ones for your team throughout the season. The main purpose of the exercise is to make production of results easier for the first fixture. We will still be able to top up a team's allocation later in the season if required.

So for 2026 the allocation for each team will reflect the number of athletes declared last season plus approx. 10%

Div 1			
	Start	Finish	Total
Blyth/Alnwick			
Darlington/Allerton			
Gateshead			
Harrogate			
Houghton/Derwentside			
North Shields			
Div 2			
	Start	Finish	Total
Birtley/J&H/Phoenix Flyers			
Blaydon/Wallsend/Gosforth			
CLS/Durham			
Middlesbrough			
Morpeth/Tynebridge			
New Marske			
South Shields/Elswick			
Tynedale/Prudhoe			