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This is a difficult time for Athletics as the Coronavirus lockdown has shutdown all competition both elite and at club level. Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde AC each summer normally compete in the Youth Development Leagues, both Higher (U20 & U17) and Lower (U15 & U13). All fixtures for these Leagues have been cancelled. This was particularly disappointing for the young athletes of the Under 13 and 15 age category, some of whom, who were involved in the consecutive promotions from Division 3 to Division 2 and then to Division 1. They were looking forward the challenge of what would have been a formidable task to remain in the Division 1 or even promotion to the Premier Division.

Likewise the Senior BWFAC, who normally compete in the Northern Track & Field League, have had this years fixtures cancelled. Katy Wyper and Fiona Hockey also have usually competed in the UK Women's League. This year, this League it was combined with the Male equivalent, the British Athletics League to form the National League for Men and Woman, which of course will delayed to next year.

The Mid Lancs League run both a Cross Country League in winter, and Track & Field League in summer. The Cross Country League was completed at the end of February, but the Presentation Evening due take place on Friday April 24th, at Ewood Park, Blackburn Rovers ground, has been cancelled. This is disappointing for the wonderful BWFAC Under 11 Girls team of Polly Kershaw, Aimee Harling, Kristie Leitch and Jemima Bradshaw who won the Team Silver, and missed out on a proper Presentation. The Under 13 Girls and Under 15 Girls teams both missed out on Team Bronzes, by both finishing fourth.

Individually Luke Rawcliffe won Gold and, Ben Winnemore Bronze in the Under 15 Boys competition, while Emily Japp, with 4 wins, won Gold in the Senior Women's. Nick Hume and Kevin Hesketh of Preston Harriers both scored the same points in the Men's Vet 60 category, with Hesketh winning on face to face.

In the Mid Lancs Track & Field League the first two fixtures due on April 18th and May 31st have been cancelled, leaving four fixtures, still technically on at present.

Throughout the Summer there are several Track & Field Championships, County, Regionals & Country, as well as various Age Categories. To date Lancashire Combined Events, Lancashire AA Championship, England Schools Championships have definitely been cancelled, but no doubt several more will bite the dust in the next weeks while the Lockdown is continuing.





