

Oxfordshire Badminton League–Minutes of the 2018 AGM held on 2 May 2018

The AGM was held at 7.30pm in the Dining Hall of The Manor Preparatory School, Abingdon.

1. Chairman’s welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Judy said the League was grateful to those who had made the effort to attend as this enabled them to contribute to how the League is run and influence the decisions that are made. She invited people to enjoy the refreshments.

2. Attendees and apologies for absence

Twenty of the twenty two clubs and eight Committee members attended. Apologies were received from Ian Whitehead (OBL Treasurer).

Club/Committee	Club Attendee(s)	Club vote held by	No. of teams
Abingdon	Matt Jackson & Peter Browning	Peter Browning	14
Bicester	Duncan Soanes	Duncan Soanes	2 (3)
Blewbury	Penny Brassell & Debbie Ritson	Debbie Ritson	1
Chilton	Cathy Brown & Peter Selby	Cathy Brown	1
Deddington	-	-	2
Evenlode	Lilian Pallister	Lilian Pallister	14
Feathers	Stuart Quick & Ken Quick	Stuart Quick	4
Gosford Hill	Andrew Purrott	Andrew Purrott	7
Harwell Laboratories	Janet Atkins	Janet Atkins	4
The Leys	Norman Stewart & Steve Beegoo	Norman Stewart	7
North Abingdon	Richard King & Steph Elliott	Richard King	7
Oxford	Alex Burns	Alex Burns	3
Oxford Academy	Val Pomeroy & Laura Clark	Val Pomeroy	1
Oxford Brookes	-	-	1
Oxford University	Tom Johnston	Tom Johnston	3
The Park	John Boyd	John Boyd	2 (3)
Pegasus	Laura Huang	Laura Huang	4
St Clements	Stephen Hurt	Stephen Hurt	4
Thame	Oliver Graydon	Oliver Graydon	3
Wallingford	Karina Lewis	Karina Lewis	5
Wantage	Wendy Hall	Wendy Hall	5
Windrush	Julie Viney	Julie Viney	11
Breakaway (1) and Long Crendon (1) withdrew			109 (105)
Outgoing Committee			
Chairman (acting)	Judy Bendall	Casting vote only	
Treasurer	-	N/A	
Secretary	Janet Atkins	N/A	
League Fixtures Secretary	Peter Browning	N/A	
Committee	James Fisk, Matt Jackson, Karina Lewis, Jo Simpson & Julie Viney	N/A	

The Secretary advised clubs that they each had a named voting card to more easily identify designated voters.

3. Minutes of the 2017 AGM held on 10 May 2017 and matters arising

The AGM minutes were emailed to the notified Club Secretaries and were also available in the document section of the League website. It was proposed by The Leys, seconded by Evenlode, that the minutes be

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accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposal carried. The Park asked for feedback on the outstanding actions and this was provided (Judy advised that the on-line reporting system was on the agenda, there had been no feedback from clubs re future socials, cheques had been issued to the charities nominated to receive raffle proceeds and these had been acknowledged with thanks, no clubs had advised details of their summer clubs and Peter had updated the OBL website). Feathers asked why the 2017 minutes had taken so long to be uploaded to the website. The Secretary explained that the scheduled Autumn meeting had not taken place so the review and formal sign off of the minutes by the Committee was delayed until the February meeting and so they were issued in March.

4. Chairman's report

Judy said: " This has been a much better year from the previous years, the few issues we did have with the support from the Committee I believe we have managed to help resolve most of the issues and generally we have had a good year.

I would like to thank the committee for their input and hard work, from running the Fixtures process and manual reporting of results to communicating with clubs and the many tasks to ensure the Social and AGM happen.

As a committee we said last year that we were going to re look at the rules for next season and see where we can help and adjust some of them to help support the players and clubs. So later on we have a few promised new rules.

I would as always please ask all clubs to read the rules and ask all your team captain as well as they have changed quite a bit over the years and will again this year. Please ensure that names are complete and legible on scoresheets and, to avoid any confusion, if names are similar, that it is clear which player is playing.

If any of your club details change ie Chairman, Secretary please update your details and inform our Secretary (Janet) as this is the information the League uses to communicate with clubs.

The Committee believes we had less conceded matches this year, however due to the snow we made a sensible decision to extend the season to 16th April so all clubs could play these matches in time. By not playing a fixture, clubs ought to be aware of the indirect impact of their action on other clubs as it is not just the result between the two clubs that should have played that is affected. Although not desirable, please consider playing with a less than complete team rather than conceding.

We are seeking new blood on the Committee so please do ask if any of your club members wish to volunteer as we believe it is in the interest of the League to have as wide a representation of clubs on the Committee as possible

The Presentation and Social evening is being held on Friday 18th May. So I hope lots of clubs are ready to buy these tickets later for this event. Our thanks go to The Manor Preparatory School for the use of their hall and facilities. It's always a good fun and cheap evening. Please could you donate a raffle prize aswell? Please do use the nomination sheet (next to the attendance sheet) for charities to benefit from the raffle proceeds as this will be discussed later.

As we look forward to next season, please ask your Fixtures Secretary to organise your club's fixtures and to ensure that all matches are scheduled within the season ending on 31 March, this should be easier this season as Easter is much later.

Thank you again to the committee, especially Janet and Pete for all their hard work.

Thank you."

In response to questions, the League Fixtures Secretary confirmed that it is the responsibility of the team captains to ensure that player names are an accurate reflection of the players in a match. He also clarified that the decision to extend the season due to the snow was not taken lightly. Although clubs have been reminded that they must incorporate some contingency for any normal rescheduling (such as short periods of bad weather or unexpected venue unavailability) the late snow was viewed as "exceptional circumstances" due to

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it lasting several days and being late in the season. The Park asked if consideration might be given to a designated contingency period at the end of a season. **Action** New Comm

5. Treasurer's report

In Ian's absence, Janet presented the accounts for 2017/18, advising a surplus of just over £700 and funds of about five thousand pounds. The accounts record a surplus of income over expenditure of £734.06 (up from £693.04 for 2016/17), resulting from income of £1,011.39 and expenditure of £277.33, with both figures including the raffle proceeds and distribution to charities of £180. No bursaries were allocated for 2017/18. The bank balance was £5,105.38. If the refund of a bursary from 2015/16 is excluded, then the increase in funds was about £80. Most categories were similar to last year, with the increase resulting from lower postage for league packs (of about £50, due mainly to more hand delivery) and £21 higher profit from the presentation evening. As in previous seasons, OBL recorded their thanks to The Manor Preparatory School for allowing us to use the hall free of charge. Before inviting questions on the accounts, the attention of the meeting was drawn to Ian's proposals (on page 4 of the accounts) covering proposed entry fees and a possible distribution of funds back to clubs that he hoped would be debated at the AGM. Ian anticipated that costs were likely to be incurred when the website was revised in addition to an ongoing administration fee and the expectation that up to ten trophies would need replacing in the near future. The Committee would keep the balance under review and he assured the AGM that there was no intention to generate a profit but that the League needed to retain a working balance, both as a contingency (eg if the social was cancelled and liabilities still had to be paid) and to cover the timing of when income and costs (especially engraving) arose. Gosford Hill proposed the accounts be accepted and Thame seconded. Questions were invited on the accounts.

There was discussion about the potential distribution of funds. John Boyd (The Park) advised he had been talking with Brian Matthews (Windrush) just before the meeting and Windrush would like funds to be used to cover the training of junior coaches. Janet Atkins (HLBC) asked John if OBA were again intending to offer funds (which she believed were much more substantial than OBL's) to assist with assisting juniors to qualify as coaches and said it may be more beneficial to a wider range of clubs to consider a combination of funds direct to clubs together with an allocation for coaching. Peter Browning said that any distribution would be up to a total figure (decided by the Committee) and also that previous bursaries had been seasonal rather than every year. James Fisk suggested that an amount could be allocated to each club (maybe pro rata to the number of teams) and then each club could decide how they could best use the money. The Leys (Steve Beegoo) commented it was a balance of not over distributing funds and risking the League folding if there were unexpected costs against how to best help clubs in a responsible way. Blewbury suggested keeping the entry fee at £6 to maintain funds. Wantage (Wendy Hall) suggested that clubs be asked what they wished done with an OBL distribution.

Ian proposed in the accounts that the entry fee be reduced to £5 (from £6) per team. This was voted on, with 17 in favour and 3 against so the proposal was carried.

6. League Reports

Peter Browning, the League Fixtures Secretary, thanked clubs for sending in results in reasonable time and on the correct pre-printed scoresheets as this meant the divisional tables on the website were up to date. He commented that there had even been a few weeks when there were no outstanding results! He thanked clubs for reviewing the results and advising him of occasional errors. Full and legible names must be shown on the results scoresheets. Peter reminded clubs that he must be kept informed of all changes to the fixture list as soon as a club becomes aware that a match will not be played on the scheduled date. Clubs are expected to be proactive in rescheduling postponed matches and to try to avoid conceding matches. He accepted that the

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timing of Easter combined with the snow impact had not been helpful this season but all clubs were aware at the start of the season of both the 31 March deadline and the expectation to incorporate some contingency when arranging fixtures. Four teams withdrew in the season :(Mens (Park A, Div 3 and Bicester B, Div 5), Ladies (Breakaway, Div 3) and Mixed (Long Crendon, Div 4). Headington withdrew prior to entering teams.

Peter advised that the final positions were shown in the tables section of the OBL website. There had been 13 conceded matches out of over 560 matches and this has indirectly impacted the relative positions of teams. During the season the Committee discussed player ineligibilities that arose in a few teams within a small number of clubs. Rubber scores were adjusted and an unplayed match had an arbitrated result recorded. He commented that the system for returning trophies needs to be improved for future seasons.

Winners for 2017/18 were:

5 Discipline

Division 1 Feathers A

3 Discipline

Division 1 Abingdon A

Division 2 North Abingdon B

Division 3 St Clements A

Division 4 Evenlode C

Mens Doubles

Division 1 Windrush A

Division 2 Windrush B

Division 3 Pegasus A

Division 4 Abingdon C

Division 5 North Abingdon B

Division 6 Oxford A

Ladies Doubles

Division 1 Windrush A

Division 2 Abingdon B

Division 3 Gosford Hill A

Mixed Doubles

Division 1 Windrush A

Division 2 North Abingdon A

Division 3 The Leys A

Division 4 Evenlode C

On-line Reporting system

Peter advised that he is still trying to introduce the on-line reporting system but that this has not been helped by a cut in BE funding and staff. It may be that we need to apply additional resources to the project. **Action PB**

4 Discipline format aswell/instead of 5d

Peter advised that consideration may be given to running a 4D event in 2018/19, even if on a one-off or trial basis. This may depend on how viable the 5D format is for 2017/18. Clubs will be invited to enter 5D but can it run if there are just 6 entries and, if so, would teams play each other twice? Feathers felt it needs 8 entries (partly for more efficient use of four court halls) and this would be much preferred to playing teams twice. Evenlode (Lilian Pallister) hoped that 5D would continue to run next season. HLBC had reservations about the political correctness of 4D (being 5D less the ladies singles) but conceded it may be a practical way to retain high level inter-club play incorporating singles matches for male players. **Action 18/19 Committee**

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7. 2018/19 season

League entries are due by 30 June 2018. This consists of the entry form and full payment, including any £10 surcharge for non attendance at the AGM. The entry form will be available soon in the OBL document library.

The working assumption for clubs should be that two teams will be promoted and two relegated from each division. However, the final allocation of teams to divisions and the size of the divisions will depend on the number of entries received, the impact of any withdrawals or new teams and the application of the League Rules by the Committee.

The Fixtures meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm on Wednesday 29 August in The Manor Preparatory School dining room and all clubs are expected to send a representative. However, they do not have to attend if the spreadsheet containing their fully completed fixtures is submitted by 11.59pm on 27 August. Peter advised the process would be similar to recent years ie team entries would be allocated to divisions at a Committee meeting, the leagues would be published on the website (expect these from mid July), fixtures are to be agreed between clubs (at the Fixture meeting and, if they wish, earlier). The excel proforma will be available to clubs, pre-populated with match references for each fixture, so clubs just need to complete the dates and venue. Finalised fixtures in the required format must be submitted by the close of the Fixture meeting. These will be verified and clubs contacted to resolve any mismatches. The team packs containing scoresheets and rules will then be collated and issued before the start of the season. Nomination forms (for those clubs having more than one team in a discipline) will be in the document library and must be submitted before the first match is played by any of the teams in that discipline.

8. Proposals to be voted on at the AGM

No proposals were received from clubs.

There were four proposals from the Committee. The text of these (see Appendix at end) had been distributed to clubs in the week after the agenda was emailed out to enable clubs to seek the views of their members. Peter, as League Fixtures Secretary, led the discussion of the proposals and the voting by club representatives.

New Rule(s) to amend the scoring of conceded 3D matches in a similar way to 5D. As 3D is points based the impact of a conceded match can be indirectly harsh on teams other than the conceding team so the Committee wishes to introduce a method that is consistent with how such matches are treated in 5D which is also points based (the formula may not be perfect and will be looked by a future Committee). The Committee proposes amending Rules G2, G3, I3 and deleting I4 for consistency with 5D and to amend the layout to more closely reflect that of G4 and G5 for scoring doubles matches. Vote of 18 in favour, 2 abstentions so carried.

New Rule to freeze the names and scores on scoresheets. Clubs will be required to notify inaccuracies within a grace period of 21 days. This change does not remove the Committee's right to amend scores. The vote was unanimous with 20 in favour so carried.

New Rules(s) to address team nominations and their allocation to divisions. The Committee wishes to amend Rules F3 and L1, retain F4 and also rename section L (to remove the outdated reference to play-offs). During discussions on this, comments were made about what has happened in the past and again this season with "stronger" players playing in lower teams (in the view of some, to artificially strengthen a team &, in the view of others, due to the application of the rules by the League). Feathers were concerned this could make it harder for youngsters to progress (but were reassured when advised it is the club's view of strength at the start of the season but that the Committee may seek evidence if nominations appear strange). There was general agreement that stronger players ought to be playing in the higher divisions, that a club's nominations should reflect the relative strengths of their players and that a club's teams should be allocated to divisions in descending order of strength so that an A team would start in a higher position than a B team and so on. A vote was taken, with 20 clubs unanimously voting in favour of the proposal so carried.

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Amendment of references within the Rules to distinguish League Fixtures from OBL Secretary. All 20 clubs voted unanimously in favour so carried.

9. GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation).

The data protection legislation becomes effective on 25 May 2018. Christine Cherrington from Wallingford club had contacted OBL to ask what guidance we might be giving to clubs. OBL is awaiting advice from BE (their webpage currently states “information to follow”) but wishes to make clubs aware that they are the data holders for their clubs and so must protect that data. Comments from attendees (many of which had received guidance in their working environments, including Steph Elliott from North Abingdon) included the new rules reflecting best practice that hopefully most holders would already adhere to, issuing privacy statements so users know what is held, how the data is used and by whom, how long information is stored and giving the user the option to withdraw (but practically this would restrict their access to a service). The words “legitimate interest” were used and, in the case of badminton, there is a minimum of data such as name and club that is necessary to administer the badminton club or league and to provide BE with what it needs to affiliate players and insure them. **Action Secretary to consult Steph and Peter to advise clubs of BE guidance.**

10. Presentation and Social evening

The event is scheduled for Friday 18 May. The Committee has delegated tasks amongst its members. Nominations for the charities to receive this year’s raffle proceeds are invited. Please write the charity your club would like to nominate on the list next to the sign in sheet. Further nominations may be made on 18 May. At the AGM, the following were suggested: The Besom (by The Leys), Helen & Douglas House (by Wantage), Oxfordshire Air Ambulance (by Thame), Blewbury Village Hall fund (by Blewbury) and Style Acre (by Abingdon). The Treasurer will issue cheques to the charities after the Committee has voted on the suggestions. **Action IW**

11. Election of Committee for 2018/19

The Secretary reported that no nominations had been received from clubs in advance of the meeting. The acting Chairman passed control of the meeting to the League Fixtures Secretary.

Chairman – Abingdon proposed Judy Bendall, all agreed.

No nominations were made on the night so The Park (John Boyd) suggested the remaining Committee be re-elected en masse. Seconded by Wantage (Wendy Hall) and agreed unanimously. Therefore, Treasurer Ian Whitehead, League Secretary Janet Atkins, League Fixtures Secretary Peter Browning with general Committee members James Fisk, Matt Jackson, Karina Lewis, Jo Simpson and Julie Viney. A request was made to clubs to ask their members to consider volunteering as additional Committee members would be welcome.

Post meeting note – Rosanna Berrows (The Leys) has volunteered.

12. Any Other Business

The Park (John Boyd) asked why there were three Abingdon teams in division 1 of 3D. The Secretary explained that was an unfortunate oversight and would not reoccur. It did contravene Rule F7 and, despite discussing the legitimacy of having more than two teams in a division, we had not found the rule during a late night allocating teams to divisions and was noticed after several matches had been played in that division. John wishes to restrict clubs to one team per division : no support was voiced at the AGM for this suggestion.

The meeting finished about 8.30pm.

Janet Atkins

Oxfordshire Badminton League Secretary

31 July 2018

APPENDIX – COMMITTEE PROPOSALS FOR RULE CHANGES AT 2018 OBL AGM

The OBL Committee is proposing several changes to the League Rules. These are listed below, together with the reason we would like to implement the Rule(s) for the 2018/19 season.

Please consult your members so that they may advise your club representative which way to vote at the AGM. It is intended that these changes will be discussed at the AGM prior to voting.

Thank You.

A. New Rule (s) to amend the scoring of conceded 3D matches in a similar way to 5D.

Currently, if a 3D match is conceded, the match is normally awarded 300-0 to the non-offending team (Rule I4). This may distort the league tables and unfairly impact the relative scores of the other teams that were not involved in the fixture. In 5D, a score of 250-0 is initially awarded to the non-offending team but an averaging adjustment is made at the end of the season to the non-offending team's score but the offending team's score remains zero nil for a conceded match (Rule I3). The Committee wishes to apply the averaging method for conceded 3D matches.

The Rule changes seek, at the same time, to amend G2 and G3 so that their layout is more similar to the existing G4 and G5 Rules which specify the scoring for doubles matches (mens and mixed in G4 and ladies in G5).

The Committee proposes amending Rules G2, G3 and I3 and deleting I4.

Current Rules:

G2. For 3D, a match will consist of 6 rubbers with each rubber being 2 games to 25 points using rally points scoring system, excluding setting. There is a maximum of 300 points available for a team in one match and the match result will depend on the number of points scored, not the number of rubbers or games won.

G3. For 5D, a match will consist of 5 rubbers, with each rubber being 2 games to 25 points using rally points scoring system, excluding setting. There is a maximum of 250 points available for a team in one match and the match result will depend on the number of points scored, not the number of rubbers or games won.

I3. For 5D, in the event a team cannot fulfil a fixture the offending team will be awarded 0 points for the fixture, and the other affected team will initially be awarded 250 points. At the end of the season a scoring adjustment will be calculated for each non offending team. This calculation, excludes the affected fixture, and comprises: (the average points scored by the non-offending team for the whole season MINUS the average points scored by the offending team for the whole season) / 2) PLUS the average points scored by the non-offending team for the whole season.

I4. For 3D and doubles leagues, notification of postponement or cancellation of a fixture should reach the League Secretary and the opposing Club's Match Secretary at least 14 days before the date of the match. The teams are both expected to make every effort to rearrange a suitable date for the match before the end of the season but if a mutually acceptable date cannot be agreed the Committee will arbitrate. Except in exceptional circumstances any team cancelling a match less than 14 days before the match will concede the fixture and the points available (250 for 3D, 12 for mixed and men's and 8 for women's) will be awarded to the opposing team.

Proposed amended Rules:

G2. For 3D:

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- a) A match will consist of 6 rubbers with each rubber being 2 games to 25 points using rally points scoring system, excluding setting.
- b) There is a maximum of 300 points available for a team in one match and the match result will depend on the number of points scored, not the number of rubbers or games won.
- c) A conceded match will be scored as 0 for the conceding team and an initial 300 points for the opposing team. At the end of the season a scoring adjustment will be calculated for each non-offending team. This calculation excludes the affected fixture and comprises: (the average points scored by the non-offending team for the whole season MINUS the average points scored by the offending team for the whole season) / 2) PLUS the average points scored by the non-offending team for the whole season.

G3. For 5D:

- a) A match will consist of 5 rubbers, with each rubber being 2 games to 25 points using rally points scoring system, excluding setting.
- b) There is a maximum of 250 points available for a team in one match and the match result will depend on the number of points scored, not the number of rubbers or games won.
- c) A conceded match will be scored as 0 for the conceding team and an initial 250 points for the opposing team. At the end of the season a scoring adjustment will be calculated for each non-offending team. This calculation excludes the affected fixture and comprises: (the average points scored by the non-offending team for the whole season MINUS the average points scored by the offending team for the whole season) / 2) PLUS the average points scored by the non-offending team for the whole season.

I3. Teams are expected to make every effort to fulfil a fixture. If a team cannot fulfil a fixture then notice must be given and, if any additional court expenses are incurred, they are to be borne by the offending club.

- a) For 5D, notification should reach the League Fixtures Secretary at least 7 days before the date of the match (to enable the League to inform the intended opposition) and the team will concede the fixture.
- b) For 3D and doubles leagues, notification of postponement or cancellation of a fixture should reach the League Fixtures Secretary and the opposing Club's Match Secretary at least 14 days before the date of the match. The teams are both expected to make every effort to rearrange a suitable date for the match before the end of the season but if a mutually acceptable date cannot be agreed the Committee will arbitrate. Except in exceptional circumstances any team cancelling a match less than 14 days before the match will concede the fixture.

I4. Delete.

B. New Rule to freeze the names and scores on scoresheets.

There have continued to be instances when scoresheets have been incorrectly completed (either insufficient information and/or inadequately identified players). The League wishes clubs to take greater responsibility for the accurate and adequate completion of scoresheets and, if any mistakes should arise, that these are communicated in writing to the League. This amendment does not remove the Committee's right to amend results for the infringement of Rules.

Current Rule

D4. The home club shall supply a result sheet for every home match including cancelled matches. The home club is responsible for its accurate completion (dates, full names and scores for all matches and, for played matches, the signatures of both captains) and forwarding it to the League Secretary to be received within 10 days of the match. For cancelled matches, the reason for the cancellation is to be shown on the front of the score sheet. Where score sheets are submitted electronically the home club is to retain the hard copy until the AGM.

Proposed amended Rule

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D4. The home club shall supply a result sheet for every home match including cancelled matches. The home club is responsible for its accurate completion (dates, full names and scores for all matches and, for played matches, the signatures of both captains) and forwarding it to the League *Fixtures* Secretary to be received within 10 days of the match. *After 21 days from the date of the match, unless the League Secretary receives written notification of a mistake within this period, player names and scores will not be amended, except by the League Committee for any infringement of the Rules.* For cancelled matches, the reason for the cancellation is to be shown on the front of the score sheet. Where score sheets are submitted electronically the home club is to retain the hard copy until the AGM.

C. New Rule(s) to address team nominations and their allocation to divisions.

The proposal seeks to address the situation caused by the application of the current Rules when a club (which has more than one team in the same discipline) correctly nominates players in order of strength but a “lower” named team is allocated to a higher division as a result of the relative end of season position of those teams. The “strongest” teams would now be allocated to divisions in descending order, even if this can only be done by renaming teams at the start of the season.

The Committee proposes amending Rules F3 and L1, retaining F4 and renaming Section L (to remove the playoff reference and to include team renaming within promotion/relegation section).

Current Rules

F3. Any club entering more than one team in a discipline must nominate the players of their ‘A’ and all other teams apart from the lowest to the League Secretary, before the match is played by any of the ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’ etc teams and these players shall not be eligible to play in the club ‘B’ or respectively lower teams. The League Secretaries may return a nomination if they feel that the nominations are not in the spirit of the game. In the event of a team not being registered, the first team played will be the nominated team. The nominated players for a team will be displayed on the website. Any player who does not wish to be named on the website for reasons of privacy should ensure their club notifies the OBL Secretary (see FIXTURES/REPORTING RESULTS, rule D2).

F4. No player nominated for a team may play for a lower registered team. No player shall play more than twice for a higher registered team or teams without becoming ineligible to play for the original lower team. (For example, if a ‘C’ team player plays up once for the ‘A’ team and twice for the ‘B’ team then they can no longer play for the ‘C’ team and should they play twice more for the ‘A’ team they are ineligible for the ‘B’ team.) Should they do so, those rubbers will be awarded to the opposing team.

L1. The number of divisions in each league and the number of teams per division will be decided by the Committee by applying the rules for that league but the Committee reserves the right to promote or relegate teams if considered desirable in the interests of the League.

Proposed amended Rules:

F3. Any club entering more than one team in a discipline must nominate the players of their ‘A’ and all other teams, apart from the lowest, to the League *Fixtures* Secretary, before the match is played by any of the ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’ etc teams and these players shall not be eligible to play in the club ‘B’ or respectively lower teams. *The ‘A’ team should be the strongest team, the ‘B’ team the next strongest and so on in descending order of strength (see also Rule L1b regarding team allocation and renaming).* The League Secretaries may return a nomination if they feel that the nominations are not in the spirit of the game. In the event of a team not being registered, the first team played will be the nominated team. The nominated players for a team will be

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displayed on the website. Any player who does not wish to be named on the website for reasons of privacy should ensure their club notifies the OBL Secretary (see FIXTURES/REPORTING RESULTS, rule D2).

Amend the Title of Section L to PROMOTION, RELEGATION & TEAM ALLOCATION TO DIVISION.

L1.

- a) The number of divisions in each *discipline* and the number of teams per division will be decided by the Committee by applying the rules for that *discipline* but the Committee reserves the right to promote or relegate teams if considered desirable in the interests of the League.
- b) If, by applying the standard rules for promotion and relegation, this results in a club with more than one team having a lower registered team allocated to a higher division than a higher registered team, due to their relative end of season positions, the League will rename the teams for the upcoming season. The teams will be allocated to divisions in alphabetical order, with the “A” team being in the highest division that club will have a team in, the ‘B’ team in the next highest team space and so on in descending order.

D. Amendment of references to League Secretary to League Fixtures Secretary for clarity.

At the moment, the Rules refer to the OBL Secretary and the League Secretary. There has been some confusion so, for clarification, the Committee proposes that references to the League Secretary be replaced by the League *Fixtures* Secretary.

Janet Atkins

OBL Secretary

23 April 2018