

To all OBL Club Chairs, Fixtures Secretaries and Secretaries

We held a virtual OBL Committee meeting this week to discuss the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons. This letter aims to update you about our decisions and intentions (based on the latest publicly available information) and follows on from the OBL letter on 17 March when we advised that the current season was suspended until further notice due to Covid-19.

2019/20 Season

League play

- There will be no further league play this season.
- Matches between 17 and 31 March (or earlier if a club advised that their hirer cancelled the booking due to Covid-19) will be arbitrated using an average points method.
- For the remaining matches up to 16 March the result was decided by the Committee. The few clubs that were impacted will receive an explanatory letter by mid July.

Trophies

For those clubs that won trophies last season, please make contact with Peter Browning (using doubles@oxfordshirebadmintonleague.co.uk) to arrange their return as, without them, they cannot be engraved for this season's winners.

AGM

- We hope to hold a virtual AGM on Wednesday 12 August. If your club wishes to submit any proposals for an amendment to the Constitution or the Rules then please forward the written proposal, seconded by another club, to me by 12 July. The agenda and AGM details will then follow.
- For information, the Committee does not propose any changes and is deferring the revision of its Rules (which we had intended doing following a season using Azolve) until a later season.

Quiz & Fizz evening – the social event scheduled for 11 September has been postponed.

Club Contacts – please update details of your Club Committee on the OBL website.

2020/21 Season

- Current Government guidance/legislation has not specified when indoor sport may restart. An update is anticipated mid July but we do not yet know if/when our venues (especially schools) will be reopening to external hirers. Enquiries have received the expected “we cannot give you any indication yet” reply. The frustration of Badminton England has been reported in the media. Your club and members can access the open letter to the Prime Minister and detailed guidance on the stages for restarting play in various forms on the BE website.
- Consequently we will not be inviting team entries by the usual 30 June but will instead review the ability to run a League, when and in what format, at a later date. We will be asking for your input during August when hopefully the situation may be clearer.

With Best Wishes from the OBL Committee

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