

To all OBL Club Chairs, Fixtures Secretaries and Secretaries

This letter is an update to the 26 June update following a virtual OBL Committee meeting.

2019/20 Season

League play

The Committee discussed various options for determining the results of unplayed matches and, whilst we acknowledged that no method will be an ideal representation of what the actual result might have been had the match been played, we decided that using an averaging method for the Covid-19 impacted fixtures was not only the least worst option but was also consistent with the approach of several other sports.

Results for the matches between 17 and 31 March (or earlier if a club advised that their hirer cancelled the booking due to Covid-19) have therefore been calculated using an average points method to produce an end of season ranking for each discipline. In addition to the standard end of season adjustments applicable to the 3D discipline, adjustments have been incorporated within the averaging for all disciplines for teams which benefitted from conceded matches so that the average we used more closely reflected the matches played during this season.

For the residual outstanding matches up to 16 March the result was decided by the Committee (based on the circumstances of each fixture) and the relevant clubs notified of the result.

The rankings of teams by division for each discipline will be published on the OBL website so please do notify your members so that they may see where teams were placed.

AGM

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 12 August at 7.30pm using Zoom for a virtual meeting (please see the attached provisional agenda and draft accounts). No proposals were received from clubs and none are proposed by the Committee but please do "send" a representative to join the AGM meeting as there are several issues we wish to seek the views of clubs on, including about how best to approach the 20/21 season with regard to the format and timing of any matches.

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 they are

needed for engraving for this season's winners. Despite several requests he has not yet been contacted by all clubs who won.

Club Contacts

If the details of any of your Club Contacts such as Chair, Secretary, Fixtures Secretary or Treasurer have changed (eg as a result of your AGM), then please update them via the club area of the OBL website. Contact Peter Browning if you have mislaid your login.

2020/21 Season

Although it is welcome news that Leisure Centres are allowed to reopen from 25 July the stages to resuming badminton (outlined on the BE website) mean that competitive doubles badminton is not currently permissible. We are also aware that most schools have not yet advised when/if their courts may become available for external hire. Irrespective of any new guidance from official bodies we need your input, preferably at the AGM, as we are very keen to hear from clubs what views their Committee and members have about options for playing in future.

With Best Wishes from the OBL Committee

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