

To the Chair, Secretary and Fixtures Secretary of OBL Clubs

OBL – Letter to Clubs – June 2021

Last week we held our first Committee meeting since the AGM. We wish to seek input from your club regarding playing badminton in the 2021/22 season and to advise you of upcoming dates.

Dates for your diary (links are provided in the covering email):

- Wednesday 16 June, 7.30 pm (virtual) - “OBL – Return to Badminton” informal discussion.
- Wednesday 14 July, 7.30pm (virtual) – AGM

A couple of requests:

- Please could those with trophies arrange their return to Peter Browning so that they may be engraved with the names of the 2019/20 winners.
- Please check the club details on the OBL website for your club and update them if details for any of the listed Club Officials have changed (eg people, email and ‘phone contact details).

Events:

The “OBL - Return to Badminton” session is an opportunity for representatives from your club to tell us what the current feelings of your members and your Club Committee are regarding playing badminton in 2021/22. This will be useful to us for formulating options to present to clubs at the AGM a month later as, depending on the views expressed, this will impact on whether or not the OBL Committee attempts to organise league play (when and in what format) for the benefit of your members. In the January letter to clubs we stated our aim was to invite entries for the 2021/22 season and this remains our hope. It would be appreciated if you could advise who will be attending from your club (even if on the day before) and, especially if no-one in your club can attend, complete the form (see Appendix below) so that we have an indication of the various views currently held by your club members. Up to two representatives from your club are welcome as this should hopefully provide a range of views. Clearly, the widespread availability of venues in which to play is a major factor together with the safety of players.

The AGM will again be held virtually.

- The OBL Constitution requires the AGM to be held in May but we hope that, as for last season when it was held in August, you will understand and accept that this did not happen due to the impact of Covid and us wanting to base decisions on play next season on information post the currently planned 21 June date for easing restrictions.
- As usual (ref section 8 of the Constitution), if there are any proposed amendments to the League Constitution or to the Rules then these should be notified in writing to the OBL Secretary one clear month before the AGM. The proposals must be supported by two League clubs.
- If there are nominations for people wishing to stand for election to the Committee please advise these either in advance or at the AGM.
- The minutes of last year’s AGM are in the document library of the OBL website. For information, some actions may be carried forward for discussion by the incoming 2021/22 Committee.

We send our best wishes to you and your families and look forward to “seeing” you soon.

Janet Atkins

OBL League Secretary on behalf of the OBL Committee

8 June 2021

To contact the OBL Committee:

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Appendix

Feedback form re playing league badminton in the 2021/22 season

Club Name: _____

Do you expect to have a venue to play in for 2021/22? Yes No TBA (when?) _____

When do you anticipate this will be available from? Sept Oct Nov Dec Jan22 Later

How many teams do you expect to field? Same as 2019/20 Fewer More

If different to 2019/20, indicate likely change	Mens	-2	-1	+1	+2	other _____
	Ladies	-2	-1	+1	+2	other _____
	Mixed	-2	-1	+1	+2	other _____
	3D	-2	-1	+1	+2	other _____

Other comments that may be helpful for planning (eg do you anticipate significant changes in your membership, member's willingness to play/travel to matches, other formats that you would like considered for the 2021/22 season, issues that you foresee following the lapse in league play, etc)?

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Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your views.