

Banbury Tennis Leagues – 2018 AGM Proposals

- Proposal that away teams match fees for winter / floodlit are raised to reflect current costs. Electricity, maintenance have all increased and these fees have not changes for many years. They are currently £3.50 per player. This is the same as we charge home players who also contribute to our membership fees.
I propose raising to £4.50 beginning autumn 2018.
'How much fun can you have anywhere else for £4.50?'

- Proposal to clarify Rule 2 which is currently stating the following:

2. The proposed fixtures will be posted on the League website as soon as possible after entry forms are received by the League Secretary.

Unlimited fixture changes within the period of the League (October to March) are allowed before a deadline date which is also posted on the League website.

After the deadline date each team is allowed to change one fixture which should be agreed with the opposing team and notified to the League Secretary as soon as possible via the link on the website.

Note - AK: I understand rule 2 is about setting up fixtures at the beginning of the season and not about late cancellation cases such as due to illness and other unavailability of players etc.

Some captains interpret the rule that after the deadline each team can re-arrange 1 match if they are unable to field a team at any notice.

- The only point we wanted to bring up was the possibility of a Ladies Doubles team over the winter (weekends or weekdays.)
The situation we have in Kings Sutton currently is we've lots of Ladies wanting to play matches (12 in total) but not enough men who can regularly commit. So we're not able to increase our mixed teams but have Ladies keen to play. The new Ladies summer weekend team went well, even though there were only a few teams - it would be nice to have an equivalent winter Ladies league if other clubs were interested.

Note - AK: Also Buckingham Tennis Club would like to enter a Mens Winter Weekend Team if we had such competition

Additional Issue for discussions – 2018 AGM

Raised by Caroline Morland, Harbury (abridged from her email by AK)

Currently there is a discrepancy between the league rules and the way in which Playwaze is working out league position in the event of a tie on sets won.

League Rules:

16. One point will be awarded to each team for each set won in each rubber. In the event of a tie on points, the League positions will be decided by the total number of games won in all rubbers played.

However, if you look at the actual playwaze tables, the ranking after sets won, is on games won – games lost.

Therefore – is it possible to confirm which “rule” will be used to split tied teams at the end of the current floodlit season? and more importantly to bring the two into line?

I suspect that the simplest thing would be to change the league rules to match what playwaze is doing.

This would not have been obvious in the last year’s midweek summer leagues, as every team plays the same number of games, so deciding a tie on games won or game difference should have given the same result.

AK comments:

Yes this is indeed how Playwaze resolves the situation when two teams have the same number of points. It looks at the games won – games lost difference next.

This is fairly standard e.g. in pretty much all sports including some of the most popular football, rugby, basketball etc. leagues where they always sub order by a goal difference.

I can’t change this in the Playwaze database engine which builds tables dynamically. I can’t simply tell it to make it to look at the games won column but I can of course always manually amend the tables at the end of the season to reflect our current rule should there be a need to do so.

Saying that to my mind a won/lost game score is a much better indicator of the quality of the team than just the won games score so I think we should discuss this issue and then perhaps amend our rule if AGM agrees.