

Junior Agm Meeting 2010 at West Worthing - 22nd August 2010

Present:

Mick Sheeran - Junior LO (League Organiser)

Colin Flack - Copthorne

Camron Malik - Copthorne

Paul Sanders - Crawley

Simon Currid - Dunnings

Peter Higgins - West Worthing

Mike Harris - West Worthing

Paul Butcher - Bognor and Littlehampton

1. Review of Season

Results to be recorded promptly, Junior Reps please see your Club Fixtures Secretary (Check LMS Website) if having difficulty using LMS.

Season to finish at the end of April, not to be extended like last season which achieved very little in trying to get teams to complete matches.

Fixture re-arrangements are still very flexible so please DO TRY and get games played rather than giving Walk Over's.....Juniors need to play matches.

2. Confirmation of Teams - we were just waiting on one club and I am pleased to say they confirmed a week later.

New Season to start at the beginning of October after Sussex Junior Closed Championship.

Fixtures will be released Week beginning 13th September.

We have 3 new Clubs this season :-

Storrington (2 teams)

Crawley (2 teams)

Weald. (1 team)

We have lost Chichester and Cooden but I am very pleased to say we remain in a strong healthy position of 6 Divisions containing 31 teams..

3. Team Registration Fees.

It was proposed that fees remain at £20 per Team which has been the cost for the last 3 seasons.

There was a strong body of feeling at the meeting that Clubs entering multiple teams should receive a £5 discount on their 2nd, 3rd teams etc i.e paying £15 for each of their subsequent teams.

Mick Sheeran said he would have to take this to the Sussex SRA committee for their approval. Update - I attended the quarterly SSRA meeting on Tuesday of this week and put forward this suggestion.

The committee took on board the suggestion but pointed out that the Budget for the 2010-11 season had already been set using the existing registration fees level, so their hands were somewhat tied.

They will reconsider the fees structure during the coming season ready for next season.

N.B The SSRA Committee did ask that any Junior Section that is not having their Team Registration fees paid for by their Club itself, then please let them know as this causes the committee serious concern.

So if this applies to your Junior Section please let me know by email and I will pass the details on to SSRA.

4. Age Review - it was agreed that the Upper Limit of U19 on the 1st September should remain in place.

5. Remain PAR 11 or move to PAR 15

This was debated at length and it was agreed to remain at PAR 11 as this was the scoring system for all England Squash Junior Sanctioned Events.

6. Single Dot Lower Divisions.

It was agreed that Div 5 and Div 6 should use a single dot ball as these divisions are for the inexperienced Juniors.

Please note that Teams can always agree to be flexible when fielding very inexperienced players e.g. if both teams happy then use a red dot ball. Common sense prevails, I know many teams let the weaker players have 2 serves.

Remember we are here to help the children learn the game and have fun.

7. Everyone was ok to accept their Promotions and Relegations.

8. Refreshments - It was agreed to remain simple, a of Bag Crisps, Biscuit and an Energy Drink.

9. Trophies were presented to Mike Harris on Corals behalf.

10. AOB

Mike Harris put forward to the group the idea of a new Junior Grand Prix Tournament.

These would be an extremely quick tournament that would last for 2 hours in total.

All matches would last 10 minutes, with the winner being the one with most points after a 10 minutes of play and then progress to the next round.

This would allow for quick fire rounds, a final and a winner, all achieved in the space of 2 hours.

All the Junior Reps thought this quick simple format was an excellent idea to introduce Juniors to tournament play who may have may not have entered the bigger more formal events.

So watch this space for the Junior Grand Prix.