



League Organiser's Report – 2018/19

There was a general restructure at the start of the season to revert to 10 teams per division in the Men's league as far as possible, also back to two divisions in the Ladies. The season also now finishes a little earlier, around mid-April, and has a three-week break over the Christmas / New Year period which has more or less done away with the previous lengthy gaps in the schedule.

PAR scoring was introduced across all leagues, and was generally well received although some minor tweaks are suggested below in order to extend playing time in the lower leagues.

Racketball was partially incorporated into LMS at the start of the season to schedule fixtures and automate league tables. Players are not yet listed and results are entered using a workaround.

Congratulations to the winners of the various leagues:

Men's: Lee-on-Solent – ran away with the Premier by over 50 points for their third successive title;

Ladies: Winchester – just edged out last year's winners Nuffield Health by 10 points;

Vets: Petersfield – cruised to their first title in style with a very strong squad of players;

Summer: Trojans Titans – retained the Farooq Mirza trophy with a 4-1 win over Salisbury United.

Proposed changes for 2019/20

1) England Squash (ES) Numbers

It is already a league requirement for all participating clubs and players to be affiliated to England Squash. Mostly we are compliant with this (probably over 90%), some clubs better than others, but in order for Hants to secure the previously discussed 'county rebate' we need to mandate the ruling and impose a penalty on players who play without a valid ES number.

This essentially relates to a little tightening up on club admin, and it is proposed that a one-point penalty is applied to players who don't have a valid ES number (with one week's grace for new players). ES will be monitoring compliance via LMS.

2) PAR Scoring

Following consultation with club captains, and in order to extend playing time in the lower divisions (or reduce it in the top divisions), it is proposed:

- Men's play PAR11 down to Division 2, and PAR15 in Division 3 and below
- Ladies play PAR11 in the Premier, and PAR15 in the Championship
- Vets play PAR11 in the Premier, and PAR15 in the Championship and below.

3) Racketball

Following discussions with the racketball section, it is proposed to move to full automation on LMS next season. This will essentially mean:

- Clubs listing/ranking all players, with ES numbers, before the start of the season
- Captains recording scores and entering results on LMS after matches
- Although we could go easy on infringements generally, a penalty would have to be applied if a player does not have a valid ES number, to comply with the ES affiliation requirement
- The introduction of six points for a win, three for a draw, for consistency with squash.