

League Match Secretary Report – Season 2022

The season started Monday 25th April with the weather providing excellent tennis conditions. However, demands to the role of LMS was quickly brought for my attention. In the early weeks a high proportion of unregistered players created extra admin to check spreadsheets for eligibility. Most players were registered for the club's lower team/s so were added as per rule 19, but a few teams received a penalty as per rule 17 and names added retrospectively if quotas allowed. Unfortunately, three clubs did not have a confirmed match secretary before the start of the season causing further time-consuming admin. Being positive and looking forward, registering players to individual teams will no longer be required. However, I ask all clubs when completing their on-line League Entry Form that every effort is made to have relevant roles covered beforehand.

Starring's were submitted prior to the start of week 4 and following a starring's review after week 8 it was apparent some clubs were not complying with rule 9. Clubs deemed non-compliant were asked to review their starred players. May I remind clubs that players not available for regular team selection owing to sitting exams, unfit or not having re-joined your club! should not be starred.

Overall the weather did not cause too many postponements this summer except for week 4 and the unprecedented Red Weather Warning issued by the Met Office at the start of week 13. Despite an e-mail with Rob Hemmings support giving options to reschedule within the 2-week period permitted plus a further week, some team captains failed to reach amicable decisions. Subject to approval at the AGM, rules B21, 23 have been clarified to help avoid confusion.

The season continued for the main with good tennis played however complaints were raised by several clubs leading to LMRSC involvement and in five cases appeals went to the Excitative Committee. The outcome being several rules have been reworded for clarification, following a rule review by the excitative committee. A copy of the proposed rule changes has been sent to all clubs in advance of the AGM.

Congratulations to the teams winning promotion for season 2022

Division	1st	2 nd
1	Sphynx 1	N Meols 1
2	Formby 1	N Meols 2
3	Formby 2	Southbank 1
4	N Meols 3	Ormskirk 3
5	Formby 3	North Meols 4
6	Formby 4	Town Green
7	Croston 3	Ormskirk 5
8	Sphynx 4	Formby 5

To finish this brief report I wish to thank all those I have relied on for support and the many exchanges of e-mails between match secretaries for information.

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