

Summer Tournament Report 2023

We managed to get the finals over the line – last semi final played night before final. Involved a lot of chasing on my part and not helped by the failure of the League Planner system to be able to cope with small draws. Consequently, we lost the ability to fill in match results / players etc as the system would not recognise winners of previous rounds. As a further consequence, I was struggling to check eligibility for most rounds. I resorted to getting hard copy match cards sent to me and trying to override the system. This item is, for me, the most important to resolve.

Sadly for Argyle 1 I did note they had played an ineligible player in the final against Formby and as a consequence the on night result was overturned and Formby declared winners.

Thanks to League delegates who officiated on the final's nights. Unfortunately, I was unaware of the £100 on offer for hosting clubs and hence Champion did not provide teas. Rob had the same at North Meols and also losing team leaving before presentation. I think next year we should highlight better decorum.

I have to hold my hands up here and admit I put Formby Village vs Ormskirk in the wrong cup. I only got out of jail as they failed to play by the agreed date so I scratched both. I did admit to both teams and have not heard any negative comments (to date). I will have to try harder next year but also maybe add a sentence to the rules putting more onus on clubs to check?

I had an issue on eligibility and understanding Rule 2(a) – correspondence with Rob clarified the rule intent but I have suggested additional wording to make it clearer.

Spartans draw has been issued to Rob who has changed handicaps in places. Once agreed Christian should be asked to put this on League Planner please.

Maybe we could ask that clubs should invest in some silver cleaner before returning cups!!

Cheers

Tim