

Summer League Match Secretary Report – Season 2025

The season got underway Monday 28th April and the early weeks enjoyed good weather for tennis. However, league planner challenges appeared very quickly with 19 LTA Unknown Player Alerts received within the first two weeks. A small number were due to player's not being registered or linked to their club and quickly resolved. The majority however were due to a new LTA registration category requirement for 'competition eligibility'. My thanks to Chris Harrison at Croston LTC, who helped to identify the problem and to Rob who communicated with the LTA.

By week 7 and due to a delayed check for 'player activity' it was found several teams were in breach of rule 8. Despite varying reasons put forward by the clubs, rule 17 was applied for playing an ineligible player. Unfortunately, this remained an issue throughout the season with 26 players in breach of rule 8. In total there were 221 occasions of players playing twice and, in some cases, multiple occasions within the same week for some clubs, though its intended purpose was for occasional use only. Due to the high workload involved in policing rule 8 a recommendation for removal of rule 8 will be put forward at the AGM

In weeks 5 and 7 a second division team was found to be in breach of rule 10 for playing a first team 'starred' player down on two occasions and penalised under rule 17. They did appeal but was not accepted after consideration by the Executive Committee.

During week 7 complaints were received from two 3rd division teams, the home team captain claiming the opposition had failed to turn up, the opposing team captain claiming they had cancelled due to the weather conditions, per rule 22. Following an Executive Committee appeal the match was to be played with a deadline for completion. The match remained not played and therefore points were shared as per rule 23. To avoid a similar situation reoccurring, all the weather-related rules have been reviewed and some changes proposed for consideration at the AGM.

A check on 'starred player' activity at week 14 showed most clubs had complied though some players only having a 50% activity record and 4 starred players were below that figure. I received one 'starred player' challenge but it was not confirmed.

The season completed for divisions 1 to 7 after 14 weeks with division 8 continuing for a further 4 weeks due to being a division of 10 teams. Congratulations to the teams winning promotion, see chart below.

Division	1 st Position	2 nd Position
1	Sphynx 1	Formby Village 1
2	Argyle 1	Ormskirk 2
3	Waterloo 1	Formby 2
4	Mawdesley 2	Formby 3
5	Campion 1	Mawdesley 3
6	Argyle 2	Croston 2
7	Maghull	Hillside 3
8	Formby Village 4	Waterloo 2

Summery – season 2026 has been at times stressful and very time consuming and wish to thank Rob for his continuing support and John Spurr who offered his sound advise on several occasions.

Thank You

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