

**Background to the proposed change to Rule 14 to be
discussed and voted on at the Special General Meeting
on Monday 2nd September 2019**

Historically the County structure was an important part of Table Tennis in Wales, but over more recent years it has become less and less relevant to most players in the Cardiff Table Tennis Community.

The current Cardiff & District League rules state that to play in our League, players must be affiliated to the Glamorgan County. We have therefore each year as part of our registration process collected £2 from each player and passed that on to the Glamorgan County.

Last season, the Glamorgan County had 2 teams entered in the English County Leagues, one Cadet and one Junior team. There are no Senior or Veteran Glamorgan Teams entered. The fees paid to Glamorgan are primarily used to fund expenses for these teams.

The Management Committee have reviewed the value of the affiliation and now feel that there is little, or no benefit in the affiliation for most, if not all of our members.

Alongside that, the League Management System and Website we have received free from TT365 previously, is now becoming subscription based. While from season 2020-2021 onwards, we are likely to have some different system options on the table, the only viable option for us for the coming season is to continue with the TT365 system to run our league.

The Committee believe that removing the Glamorgan affiliation requirement and instead increasing our League fee by the same amount so the £2 can be used as a part contribution towards this year's TT365 subscription fee, would be of much more benefit to our members than continuing with the Glamorgan affiliation.

This change would be cost neutral to our members and the balance then needed to fund the TT365 website and system for the coming season would be a further £5 per member. It will be proposed by the Committee at the Pre-season meeting that the League should fund this balance from our reserves for the coming season.

Should any individual members wish to continue affiliating to the Glamorgan County, they could of course affiliate direct themselves.

The options regarding a future Website and League Management System and the funding of those will then be reviewed and agreed at the appropriate time for the 2020-2021 season.