

Newsletter – September 2021

We all hope you are keeping safe and well, and looking forward to playing TT regularly once again. The pandemic has disrupted our daily lives over the last 18 months, and prevented us from playing the sport we all enjoy. While the situation has eased, we have made plans to resume the league as from 11th October.

It will take time for us all to get used to playing again, so ease yourself back into playing, take the opportunity to exercise/practise beforehand, to help get you ready. We shall all enjoy meeting old friends (& enemies) on the table, but dont forget, the pandemic is not over and so we must still take care to reduce the risk of transmission.

This update will provide information for all players to review/reference;

Playing Protocol - Covid

Its a relief that we can open doors again at our clubs to enable league play to resume. While there are no legal restrictions now, we recommend that players always ;

- Use hand sanitizer provided at venues.
- Keep apart (1m+) from others wherever possible.
- Where a face covering when not playing, if you prefer.
- Avoid handshaking, touch bats or elbows instead.
- Players should bring their own refreshments.

It is important that YOU do whatever YOU feel is necessary for YOU to feel safe and comfortable when playing. Please report to the committee if anyone goes against your wishes to keep safe, as given justification, this will not be tolerated.

Teams

We have 16 teams entered this season, that will form two divisions, with matches starting as from w/c 11th October. With Compton down to 5 teams, we have new teams from Child Okeford and Chalke Valley. We are pleased to see new players entering the league.

There will be 9 teams in the 2nd Division, playing each other on 2 occasions. The Junior team at Stalbridge will play all matches at Home, and there is the prospect they will play some matches in division 1 to further their experience etc. This is good news and will hopefully promote more younger players to take up our sport.

Sadly, due to illness Keith Watkinson is unable to play this season. Keith has been in the league for many years, has always been an amiable, pleasant, well respected, strong competitor and we all wish him well.

As a result, Chalke Valley Nightjars will have difficulties fielding a full team each week. The committee agreed that most of their matches should be played at Home, that will hopefully avoid this difficulty.

Division 1 has a lesser number of teams, so will play each other on 3 occasions. It is envisaged that promotion may be enforced for the Division 2 winners in subsequent seasons, to address the issues created by having two different sized divisions.

Table Tennis England

As a reminder, all league players (senior and junior under 19) should be registered with TTE. A key benefit this provides is public liability and personal accident insurance, plus other items as listed on the TTE website

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/membership/membership-benefits/>

Dorset County Affiliation

Further to the AGM, we had advised the county association that we would not be renewing our affiliation. Having paid team fees for many seasons, our members have rightly queried what benefits we receive in return.

TTE has since confirmed that if we did not affiliate with the county, player insurance cover would not be valid for local league matches. This will now be revisited at the League Meeting to be held on Monday 4th October.

Rod Fry

As some will already be aware, Rod will not be playing in the league this season. After many years of dedicated service on the league committee/club chairman, Rod will be overseeing and playing in the Wimborne league. Rod's enthusiasm, facilitation of the league operation and ability to resolve playing issues will be missed. We wish him well and will keep in touch.

Rule Change

As from 1st October, the rule regarding The Racket will change as follows:

2.4.6. The surface of the covering material on a side of the blade, or of a side of the blade if it is left uncovered, shall be matt, black on one side, and of a bright colour clearly distinguishable from black and from the colour of the ball on the other.

We shall await to see who is tempted to go for a new colour rubber in due course.

Handbooks

Will be ready for distribution to Team Captains at the next league meeting on 4th October at Child Okeford Village Hall.

ChrisW has designed a new format for the Team Handicap competition. This aims to provide closer contests for all levels in both divisions. A great idea to revamp a long standing event, always worth trying new ideas, and we shall then have results to work from.

In line with TTE, tournament rules have been updated, a junior is now classified as being under 19.

There are many changes to this season's publication, feedback is welcomed to ensure this meets the needs of our clubs/players.

Website

As discussed at the AGM, we shall revert to using the TT365 system for the next season.

<https://www.tabletennis365.com/blackmorevale>

This will enable everyone to keep a track of results during the season, plus scorecards can be found on the website for printing. (a copy is otherwise attached FYI).

Enjoy the season.

The Committee

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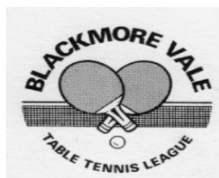
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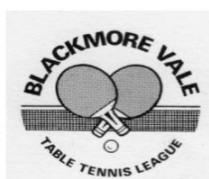
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