

YLC Committee Meeting Minutes 21/3/22

Spring Online League

1. The introduction of RealBridge went smoothly and was run very efficiently by RealBridge for the YCBA. Barring a few minor hiccups where information had not been passed to some captains and a few people being unfamiliar with the way of doing things it was felt that it went well.
BBO had a few calls, but nothing major.
2. As players are now becoming more familiar with match set up for BBO it was felt that doing 2 presentations for setup pre- season for small numbers of people could be replaced with 2 videos and a question-and-answer session pre- season. One video on match setup for BBO and one on EBU League Management. **Mike to do the videos before the next season.**

Face To Face League

1. It was noted that the number of matches played face to face was high as a proportion of all matches played.
2. Though it was felt that the league should remain primarily face to face it was agreed that teams could play **online** if both captains agreed.
- 3 Refreshment guidelines to revert to how they were pre-pandemic with the provision that if it was deemed necessary to reintroduce the temporary rules at some point due to rises in Covid cases then the temporary rules for refreshment would be put back into existence whilst the temporary rules were in force.
- 4 The dates for the next face to face league have been established. In past seasons an early closing date for entries has been set which has caused problems for some clubs when trying to ascertain numbers earlier than they need. Consequently, we have decided to make the closing date a lot later than before the pandemic and for the upcoming season will be July the 31st. It is expected that the fixtures will then be out within 2 weeks of the closing date. Date to be advised nearer the time.
- 5 When entering results into EbuLeague it was decided to put the online league and the face-to-face league rules in line. In future it will be the home team captain who will enter the score for both leagues. **Robin to draft changes.**
- 6 The correction period for scoring errors is to be until midnight of the following day. The process should be
 - a) The home captain enters the score
 - b) The away captain checks the score
 - c) If there is a disputed score the away captain is to email the home captain before midnight of the day following the day of the match and copy the League secretary in on the email**Robin to draft changes.**
7. Unfortunately we are stuck with the unfixed bugs in the EBULeague and will still see that teams are ordered alphabetically when the teams have equal points. A small addition to the rules to explain that the team that won the head-to-head is the first way of splitting the

teams when this happens will cater for the vast majority of cases when there is a tie. Anything more complicated and an explanation will be given at the time as writing it in the rules would overly complicate them. **Robin to draft brief explanation.**

8 Rule 19 of the YLC says

“If the YLC decides that neither team is in default, or that both teams are in default, it shall award the teams such VPs as it considers appropriate in the circumstances”

It was proposed by Robin and accepted by the committee as to what this should mean. Precedent was found whereby this very issue had been discussed but not implemented. In effect the performance of each team’s results against the other teams in the league is used to determine the relative performance of the teams and the score is adjusted accordingly. This method in full to be written into the revision of the rules and used for a number of outstanding matches this season for which neither side was found to be at fault. **Robin to draft changes.**

Having determined that this method be used a number of matches were awarded accordingly.

The right of the YLC to award an appropriate score should still stand as some other unknown variable might apply in the future.

9 Unplayed matches in the face-to-face league and the Online league throw up different problems, so it was decided to treat the consequences of matches not being played differently and leave things as they are as regards the rulings.

10 The development of a ximping scoresheet is in an advanced state. **Nick to check on progress and ask about tallying across several matches.**

11 There may be a cost to attribute for the matches played on EBU. **Mike awaiting response from EBU and will then report back and calculate amounts if needed.**

12 Next Committee meeting 25th April 10.00am