

NORTH WEST COUNTIES SQUASH LEAGUE

Minutes of NWCSL Extraordinary General Meeting held on 1st September 2014 at Alford Sports & Social Club, Manchester Road, Warrington, WA1 3NJ

The EGM was called to consider proposal to change the NWCSL League Rules following the discussions at the NWCSL Annual General Meeting on 26th June 2014.

The proposed amendments, shown below in red, were explained by the relevant proposers and seconders. Following discussions, the various proposal were put to the meeting for voting on.

LEAGUE RULES

Proposal 1: Point a Rally Scoring (PARS)

Proposed Rule changes as follows:

Rule 2 Scoring

Points will be one for each game won with five bonus points for winning the match. In the event of a match being conceded by default the bonus will still be allowed.

Delete the current Rule 2 and:

Insert new Rules 2.1-2.5

- 2.1 The winner of a rally scores 1 point and serves to begin the next rally.
- 2.2 Each game in Divisions 1, 2, and 3 shall be played to 11 points, except that if the score reaches 10-all, the game continues until one player leads by 2 points.
- 2.3 Each game in all other Divisions shall be played to 15 points, except that if the score reaches 14-all, the game continues until one player leads by 2 points.
- 2.4 A tie between 2 players shall be the best of 5 games unless otherwise decided by the Committee.
- 2.5 A team will be awarded one point for each game won; and the team winning the match will be awarded five bonus points. If a team concedes a tie as a walk-over, the other team will be awarded 3 points for that tie as if it had won by 3 games to nil. If any match is conceded as a walk-over, the winning team will be awarded 3 points for each tie plus five bonus points.

Proposed by Match Secretary; Seconded by Committee

Following discussion, the proposal was passed.

For 32 votes Against 18 votes

Proposal 2: Notifying Walkovers

Amend Rule 8.1 as follows:

- “8.1 (i) Where a match has been played, ~~B~~both teams must send their scorecards including full details of the results of ~~each~~ the match in writing signed by both match captains; and
- (ii) where a match is a walkover under Rule 6, the team claiming the walkover must send full details of the circumstances of the walkover;
- in each case to the appropriate divisional representative and, in the case of (ii) only, also to the Match Secretary, so as to be received by the divisional representative and, where also required, the Match Secretary within 6 days after the match has been or ought to have been played, unless agreed with either the Divisional Representative and, where appropriate, the Match Secretary. Scorecards in

relation only to matches played can be returned on a less frequent basis, when ~~the~~a team is entering ~~their~~its results every week on the website within 72 hours of the match being played. Any team not notifying the divisional representative within the prescribed period may be awarded no points and may be liable to a fine, both at the discretion of the Committee or any one of its duly designated Sub-committees.

Proposed by Match Secretary; Seconded by Committee

Following discussion, the proposal was passed with just 1 vote against.

Proposal 3: Qualification period for away players under rule 7.3(ii)

Alternative Proposals by Crewe Vagrants and Seconded by Congleton

That the period of qualification for being treated as a home player of a club in Division 1 by reference to the radius of 15 miles under paragraph (ii) of Rule 7.3 should be reduced from 5 years to 1 year or, if that is not accepted by the meeting, to 3 years.

Alternative 1

Rule 7.3(ii) to be amended as follows:

(ii) has been a bona fide member of the club which he or she represents in the relevant league match and has also resided either (a) within the County of any club in the 1st Division or (b) within a radius of 15 miles of that club **in each case** for a continuous period of, ~~in the case of (a) more than 12 months, and in the case of (b) more than 5 years, in each case~~ immediately preceding the time at which the relevant league match takes place (such periods for qualification to apply, for the avoidance of doubt, to both membership and residence).

Alternative 2

If Alternative 1 is not accepted by the EGM, then:

In paragraph (ii) of Rule 7.3 the words "3 years" should be substituted for "5 years"

Current Rule 7.3

For Information Rule 7.3 currently states as follows:

7.3 Any team in the 1st Division must play at least three Home Players in each league match. A Home Player shall be defined as a player who, on the date the league match takes place, either

(i) is eligible to play for Cheshire, Lancashire or Merseyside; or

(ii) has been a bona fide member of the club which he or she represents in the relevant league match and has also resided either (a) within the County of any club in the 1st Division or (b) within a radius of 15 miles of that club for a continuous period of, in the case of (a) more than 12 months, and in the case of (b) more than 5 years, in each case immediately preceding the time at which the relevant league match takes place (such periods for qualification to apply, for the avoidance of doubt, to both membership and residence).

Following discussion, alternative 1 of the proposal was passed unanimously, hence alternative 2 was unnecessary and withdrawn

Proposal 4: All Matches to be played on a Thursday evening

Alternative 1: To come into immediate effect for season 2014/15

Proposed by Alderley Edge

Alternative 2: To come into effect on 1 MAY 2015, i.e. for season 2015/16
Proposed by Committee

Alternative 1 will be voted on first and, if passed, alternative 2 will be withdrawn.
If alternative 1 fails, then alternative 2 will be voted on.

Proposed Rule Changes as follows:

Rule 5.3

Delete current Rule 5.3 and

(i) substitute the following as new Rule 5.1:

“Unless otherwise provided in these Rules all matches will be played on a Thursday evening.”

And

(ii) renumber the current Rules 5.1 and 5.2 as 5.2 and 5.3 respectively.

Rule 7.2

Delete the 2nd sentence in Rule 7.2 ie: “Players playing in the 1st Division on a Thursday night are NOT eligible again for a lower team on the Thursday night of the same week.”

Rule 9.2

Amend as set out in red below:

Clubs can ~~agree to~~ start a match at 7.30pm provided that the home club makes ~~two courts~~ **more than one two courts** available for ~~the duration of~~ the match. At least four players from each side should be present by this time.

Note: Rules 5, 7.2 & 9.2 will be taken together, as a single proposal.

Alternative 1 had been withdrawn by the proposer prior to the meeting.

Alternative 2 was discussed with arguments for and against the move of the 1st Division back to Thursday evenings.

Following the discussions, the proposal was lost.

For 10 votes Against 23 votes Abstentions 15