

NORTH WEST COUNTIES SQUASH LEAGUE

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Minutes from Club Representative / Team Captain's meeting on Wednesday, 6th September 2000 at Warrington Sport Club

1. LATE STARTS

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 2000/01 SEASON:

The HOME team's scorecard MUST have the START TIME on it and be signed by both team captains. There MUST be an explanation for a late start, if NOT, both teams will be held equally responsible.

Start times up to 7:20 pm – No penalty

Start times up to 7:30 pm - £5 automatic fine for offending club(s)

Start times up to 7:45 pm - £10 automatic fine for offending club(s)

Start times up to 8:00 pm - £15 automatic fine for offending club(s)

Start times after 8:00 pm – To be referred to Disputes Committee Chairman

1st offence will be a warning only. Extenuating circumstances will be taken into account by the Divisional Rep. / Disputes Committee.

The proposal of penalties was made by the Committee in response to what had been asked of them at the AGM. It should ensure that some degree of consistency is introduced in the administration of rule 9, but it is not meant to over-ride common sense.

This proposal should help to open a communication door between clubs, which should be there, but rarely takes place, i.e. "if you know that you are going to be late, for whatever reason, a simple telephone call to let your opponents know, is only common courtesy".

From a personal view point, there would be nothing to stop two teams, to agree in advance, a later (or earlier) start time, if only to save one of the teams hanging around for up to an hour, wondering whether their opponents were going to turn up.

The last thing the Committee intend is to make this a profit making exercise at the expense of the clubs and teams of the North West Counties Squash League.

2. DISCIPLINE & TEAM CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Discipline

Feedback on past season(s) issues was given by John Hugall and particularly the increasing amount of the Disputes Committee's time spent on attempting to resolve petty issues, which should and could have been sorted on the night in question.

Tony Parker, one of the world's leading referees, gave a short presentation on the use of Rule 17 – Conduct, and how it can be used to avoid situations from getting out of control early within a match.

Team Captain's Responsibilities

The following has been proposed and it is hoped that it is supported by all clubs, teams, captains and players alike.

1. Team Captain is responsible for the behaviour, control and actions of team members

2. Both Team Captains to resolve petty issues immediately on the night

3. Where a team has no team captain, all 5 members of the team should be equally responsible

Of course, all serious incidents must be referred to the Disputes Committee's Chairman.

3. SCORECARDS

A rule change at the AGM now allows 6 days (previously 4 days) for the scorecards to be received by the Divisional Representative. The meeting decided that ALL CLUBS/TEAMS scorecards MUST be received by the WEDNESDAY following the previous Thursday's match, if "LATE STARTS" are to be effectively monitored.

There may be an a fine of £5 for late scorecards (at the discretion of the Divisional Representative)

Once again, everyone would be more than pleased to see a season pass by without any fines having to be collected.

4. APPROVED SQUASH BALL FOR 2000/2001 SEASON

The approved ball for season 2000/2001 is the Dunlop Revelation Pro XX (Double yellow spot). The Committee recognises that clubs may still have stocks of the old Dunlop XX single yellow spot ball, hence this ball will also be approved for the 2000/2001 season.

5. REFEREES / REFEREEING COURSES

The Committee's target is to see every team playing in the NWCSL to have at least two players who have passed through a Refereeing course. It has been decided to start with a bottom up approach and during the 2000/2001 season, there will be at least one referring course (preferably two) arranged in each of Cheshire, Lancashire & Merseyside areas. Every club with teams in all sections of Division 5 MUST send two representatives (more if possible) per team to one of these courses.

Any club wishing to organise their own refereeing course should contact their appropriate county referee contacts, given below:

Referee Contacts are:

Cheshire	John Hugall – Tel: 0161 973 1118 & 1056
Lancashire	Graham Horrex – Tel: 01772 783138
Merseyside	Ian Wilson – 01704 870579

6. SRA AFFILIATION

Both Cheshire & Lancashire SRA personnel have had to chase up more clubs than necessary for the payment of their SRA fees. Although much of the blame may lie with the SRA itself, I believe that all club representatives have had sufficient notice to check up whether their club has paid.

Affiliation to the SRA has been in the NWCSL Constitution for many years, so there should be no real excuses for non or late payments.

REMEMBER:- Points may be deducted for all NWCSL matches played before the payment of these fees.

7. WEB SITE

WWW.NWCSL.ORG

THERE IS STILL ONLY ABOUT HALF THE CLUBS SIGNED UP TO ENTER THEIR TEAMS RESULTS.

HAS YOUR CLUB SIGNED UP YET TO INPUT YOUR TEAM RESULTS DIRECTLY ON TO THE WEB SITE?

IF NOT, PLEASE CHECK WITH ALL YOUR MEMBERS, WHETHER SOMEONE HAS BOTH THE FACILITIES AND IS WILLING TO VOLUNTEER TO INPUT RESULTS WEEKLY.

HANDBOOKS

Please note: Handbook distribution is 1 per club plus 1 per team.

Dave Goulden