

REMINDERS !

A few helpful reminders to secretaries, especially new ones, of everyday matters to bear in mind

These notes cover some basic rules and common sense points but please read the exact wording of the relevant Rules.

REGISTRATION & PLAYERS

- 1 Registration Forms must be submitted before the team's first game; if more than one team from the same Club before the first game of any of it's teams in that section of the League.
- 2 Register ONLY 5 vets players or 3 vintage. Additional names on the form will be ignored.
- 3 Registered players must play in 2 of the first 5 matches. If a registered player becomes ill or is injured and can't play their 2 games, contact me to discuss and agree a replacement.
- 4 Strong non-registered players must play in 50% of the matches after their first game.
- 5 For the final 4 matches players must have already played 3 times (2 if 8 or less teams).
- 6 In Clubs with more than one team in the relevant section of the League, players who play more than 2 matches for a higher team will not then be able to go back to their lower team.
- 7 At the time of playing, Vets must be aged 45 (ladies 40) and Vintage 55 (ladies 50).

MATCHES

<u>Date changes</u>	OK until August 31 but a team does <u>not have to accept</u> a change thereafter.
<u>Confirming</u>	<u>Home</u> team to confirm matches with other side at least 3 days before the game.
<u>Arrival times</u>	3 players within 15 mins of the agreed start time - rest within 30 mins.
<u>List of players</u>	In playing order must be exchanged <u>before</u> the first game starts.
<u>Playing order</u>	Overriding rule is that they must be in order of merit but read exact Rules.
<u>Players short</u>	Fine of £5 per player unless reasonable early advice was given to the other side AND both cards state this. If a <u>non-eligible player</u> is used tell your opposing secretary before the match starts and state this on both cards.
<u>Refereeing</u>	Responsibility of home side but visitors ought to mark at least one match.
<u>Result cards</u>	Must be sent in by both sides within 3 days of match. Please complete fully <u>including</u> : date, division, team names, result and hospitality (away side only).
<u>Failing to appear</u>	Heavy fines for non-appearance unless acceptable prior advice. Read Rule 7.

WEB SITES

The Main MSL/MSRA web site is **middlesex-squash.com** and this has a link to the Vets web site. Another route to our site is longer and via my personal web site: **users.waitrose.com/~jharris** and then click on the link "Middlesex Squash League - Veterans and Vintage Section". If you wish you could use the full address (observing capitals as shown): **users.waitrose.com/~jharris/eaSquashPage.htm**. The site is updated usually weekly during the season and contains a great deal of information apart from secretarial details.

RULES OF THE MSL

The old handbook contained these but it is now defunct and the Rules have been redrafted with clearer and improved layout. They are shown (updated yearly) on our web site from which they can printed off.

CLUB LOCATIONS

Club guidance (addresses with postcodes and telephone numbers) is on our web site as well as the MainLeague web site where clicking on postcodes will display location maps.

SUBS

Subs are £30 per team if paid by July 31 - £35 from August 1 to September 30 - £50 thereafter.

HELP !

- <> I am available at all reasonable times on the 'phone and will not fail to return calls if messages are left. If there is a delay in any response required I am on holiday, ill or dead !
- <> I will accept faxes and e-mail for anything EXCEPT RESULT CARDS.
- <> Get in touch if you have a problem or query preferably in advance of potential difficulties.
- <> Keep me advised of mutually agreed changes in match dates, walkovers and changes in the addresses, telephone numbers, e mail addresses of yourself and 'Other Contacts'.

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