



LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE



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Last season's AGM was held in the third week in July which was approximately two months later than usual. Taking this into account, we did more than well to get all the team entries in, formulate the divisions and produce the handbooks before the end of October. It is to be hoped that things will be back to normal for the coming season when team entries will close by 30th June. This will take the pressure off myself and should ensure a better start to the season.

Following last season's chain of events or should I say chain of appeals, this season has been the smoothest for sometime which has been born out by the fact that we have not received a single piece of correspondence all season. Rules and regulations are a necessary evil and a thorn in most people's side but the effort we put into the last AGM's rule & reg changes has certainly paid off. The abolition of postponements and the new regulation 8, whereby a match can be reversed following the loss of a home venue, has worked. There are still walk-overs being given but no more than usual. There have been several complaints in recent years concerning the effect that walk-overs have in relation to promotion and relegation. This needs some thought and I have placed an item on the agenda for open discussion. There has been an increase in non-arrivals for the weekend play and whilst it is all very well for the League to receive the standard regulation 9 fines, it would have been far more satisfactory for those teams concerned to have "played table tennis". I can only refer people to regulation 3 which states "each league shall register sufficient players to enable it to run the number of teams entered".

Results of cup competitions:-

Mabel Neary Cup: Oldham 5 Manchester 2
Norman Cook Memorial Trophy: Bolton 5 Liverpool 2
Dennis Smith Memorial Trophy: Liverpool 5 Oldham 2
Jack Livingstone Memorial Trophy: Being played 7th May

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