

Table Tennis England Talent, Performance and Events Tournaments Approval Panel.

Minutes of Tournaments Approval Panel meeting held on Thursday 8th August 2019 at the offices of Table Tennis England, National Badminton Centre, Bradwell Road, Milton Keynes, MK8 9LA commencing at 2.45pm.

Those present were Harvey Webb (Chairman), Di Jermyn (Secretary), Mike Atkinson, Carol Miles (Table Tennis England, Competition and Events Manager) and Karen Tonge MBE (TOC).

1. **Chairman's Opening Remarks.** HJW welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for coming. He stated that all Burton Uxbridge tournaments had been removed from the calendar due to a greatly higher rent required from the club.
2. **Declaration of interests** – none.
3. **Apologies** were received from Margaret Welch, Simon Price and Gary Whyman.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were read and signed as a true record of that meeting.
5. **Action items from Last Meeting:**

5.3 – DMJ's lists of umpires and referees are out of date and she would appreciate being updated.

Action – KT will speak with Chris Newton.

5.5 – No complaints had come to notice.

5.6 – A letter will go to County Championships Committee. *Action – HJW.*

11.4 – BATTs have been spoken to.

11.5 – No visit has been arranged.

11.6 – HJW wrote to the office re sending entry forms in with tournament returns but no reply received.

6. Any other Matters Arising:

6.1 – Automated System – This has not been forgotten, but Sport80 are doing other work for Table Tennis England at the moment. Some testing has started on our system.

7. Reports:

7.1 – Correspondence – none.

7.2 – DMJ had received the OT4s for the previous season, but none had been received monthly this season. They are required so that she can check whether referees/organisers are playing in their own event which is not allowed. Receiving forms at the end of a season is of no help as the offence (if there is one) has long gone. The OT1s are coming in well on the whole and those not getting the proper signatures are required to do so. DMJ is not accepting any photo copies.

7.3 – MWA is not sure if he wishes to continue with this job due to the aggravation he receives from some organisers. He will continue at present so as not to let TAP down.

7.4 – So far this season there are only four 4* Tournaments on the calendar. Last season there were seven. Venues are becoming unavailable or very expensive and some tournament are losing money so will not carry on.

7.5 – The Sanction System is going well. There have been 125 yellow cards in 2018/19 season with no-one under suspension at the moment.

7.6 – There was nothing to report on the Tournament Observers Report.

7.7 – KT reported that TOC had run TO2 courses with 14 newly qualified TO2s. There was a Level One referee course and TOC are helping to give Level One referees the experience required to go on to Level Two (National). National Referees are in very short supply at the moment.

8. Calendar 2019/2020.

8.1 – HJW has just received EYS dates.

8.2 – Remove Gavin Rungay Tournament from the calendar.

8.3 – All Burton Uxbridge tournaments removed.

8.4- There is now a clash on 11th January 2020 between NJL and the Jack Petchey event. This should not have happened and CM stated that it was not fair to the NJL.

8.5 – BATTs have still not got their TR to be qualified; therefore either they change their tournaments to One Star or get a qualified TR to run them. Until they sort this, their entry forms will not be put on the website and they cannot run the events until this is sorted as requested.

9. **Calendar 2020/2021.** This had been dealt with at the earlier meeting to arrange that calendar.

10. Reviews:

10.1 – The Terms of Reference were accepted as correct.

10.2 – The Priorities List was agreed as correct.

10.3 - Consideration to be added: “NCL and NJL are not to clash.” *Action – HJW.*

10.4 - Updates required to the Tournament Regulations, Appendices and Forms. MWA and HJW would meet to action. *Action HJW/MWA.*

11. **Date of next meeting** to be confirmed when National Council dates are fixed.

There being **No Other Business** the meeting closed at 4.30pm.

Addendum to the Minutes of the Tournament Approval Panel held on 8th August 2019.

Notes from the Annual Tournament Approval Panel meeting to formulate the Calendar for Season 2020/2021 held on 8th August 2019 at the offices of Table Tennis England, National Badminton Centre, Bradwell Road, Milton Keynes, MK89LA commencing at 12 noon.

Those present – Harvey Webb (Chairman), Di Jermyn (Secretary), Carol Miles (Table Tennis England, Competition and Events Manager), Karen Tonge MBE (TOC), Alan Ransome OBE (British League), Mike Atkinson (TAP), Richard J Hudson (Schools' Committee), Jan Johns (VETTS) and Sue Chapman (Bribar).

Apologies were received from Simon Price, Margaret Welch, Gary Whyman, Neil Rodgers, Stan Clarke, Ryan Koolan (BUCS) and Dave Goulden.

HJW welcomed all to the meeting.

Alan Ransome opened the discussion with dates British League would like changed. After much discussion the following were decided:

JBL Tier 2 (1) changed to 3/4 October 2020.

Cadet County Championships (1) - 26th September 2020 from 3 October 2020.

Move British League (1) to 3/4 October 2020.

Move CC Premier (1) from 3/4 October to 28/29 November 2020.

Move BL Senior (3) from 20th February 2021 to 13th February 2021.

27th February 2021 British League Premier (7).

13th March 2021 British League Premier (8).

13th March 2021 CC Senior (3).

British League Premier move from 15th May 2021 to 1st May 2021.

A letter will be sent to the Chairman of British League suggesting that JB2 is removed from the calendar as it has now been suggested for a few years and the dates have not been used. Putting provisional dates in are blocking this calendar, so causing problems and if the competition does not happen again this season, it is wasting valuable dates. **Action - HJW**

County Championships.

HJW had received an email from County Championships requesting the following changes:-

Cadet CC Premier on 6/7 March 2021 was not liked as it clashes with the National Championships.

The meeting could not find a suitable solution and it was agreed that HJW should ask them if they could suggest an alternative.

Junior CC (3) 3rd April 2021 – agreed move to 12th December 2020.

Cadet CC (3) 10th April – agreed to move to 23rd January 2021

English Schools' Committee requested some changes of dates to avoid clashing with half-term.

The following changes were agreed:

Move Butterfly Schools Team Regional Finals from 13/14 February to 6/7 February 2021.

Move Butterfly Schools Team Zone Finals from 30/31 January to 16/17 January 2021.

Move Provisional Junior 4* from 2/3 January to 30/31 January 2021.

Richard Hudson to provide TAP with the dates the Schools needed well in advance of next year's meeting.

VETTS

Jan Johns advised that there may have to be a switch of dates for the VETTS NE to 12/13 September and Veteran 6 Nations go to 5/6 September 2020. JJ to confirm to HJW when known.

VETTS Eastern 14/15 November 2020 venue still to be confirmed. JJ to advise.

Joan Beedle Memorial Tournament still had to be arranged. JJ to advise.

Any other Business.

Sue Chapman suggested that we have three calendars on the go to try and avoid some of the problems we have had at this meeting. HJW pointed out that this had been tried in previous years but had not really been successful. However, after much discussion, Harvey agreed to try it again next year to see if it would help.

Alan Ransome said the calendar was far better than it had been for a long time which was a big tribute to Harvey and all his hard work.

There being **No Other Business**, the meeting closed at 2.20pm.