

Suggestion / Feedback Drop Box

Answers to Questions



DATE	QUESTIONS / SUGGESTIONS	EMNA COMMITTEE RESPONSE
Jan/Feb 2023	<p><b>Umpiring</b> - Can there be any advice given to teams regarding umpiring fees? Why are C to B Award umpires being paid the same as B Awards?</p>	<p>1. <b>Umpiring fees-Effective 14 September 2022</b>, the Regional umpiring fees which many Essex Met clubs use as a guideline for the fees which they pay to umpires in Essex Met were increased to <b>A-£30, B-£25, C working to B-£22.50, C-£20</b> and (as a consequence) <b>IO-£15</b>. Mileage is also paid, at 45p per mile. EMNA County Officiating Lead advised these increased rates to Club Secretaries on 15 September 2022.</p> <p>2. <b>Extension of umpiring award expiry dates</b>-The normal expiry periods of 2 years from the date of attending the relevant course and (for C, B and A), the date of passing the relevant written paper were extended by 22 months for all learners whose expiry date would have fallen between 16 March 2020 and 1 September 2021, due to the impact of Covid, thus increasing the period in which learners have to apply for their practical assessment. EMNA County Officiating Lead has notified learners who were impacted by the extension individually and maintains a tracker for learners which includes all expiry dates and extensions.</p>
	<p><b>A crèche</b> – There are so many females with children – Mums pay for this - it would help them to play netball for their club without worrying about who would look after the children</p>	<p>Redbridge Sports Centre (“RSL”) currently do not run a creche. A third party rents space and operates a Montessori nursery in the JBI Monday-Friday and provides staff &amp; equipment (including the play area next to Court 9). RSL currently have very limited space at weekends and any consideration of hiring space would be in the main building, not the Jean Brown Indoor Arena. For a third party to operate a creche on League Saturdays-the third party would need to provide staff and equipment and operate the same hours each League Saturday. RSL would need more information, eg hours of operation and number and ages of children to consider feasibility.</p>
	<p><b>Game cancellations/changes</b> - Based on 21 January, it was apparent that not all Club Secretaries had communicated the information in League Secretary’s email and, in the case of two players from one club, when advised to contact their club Secretary to check, said that they didn't know who it was. To ensure the widest possible distribution (this would also apply to cancellations/changes in the Junior League) (1) Publicity lead is asked to publicise on the website and on social media;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cancelled games to be posted on Noticeboard at RSL, Social Media and Facebook</li> <li>2. Cold weather notification proposals.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Teams can contact RSL re court updates and use RSL hotline.</li> <li>b. League Secretary with assistance of Committee will email Club Secretaries and club emergency contact if games are cancelled on the day or at short notice.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<p>and (2) copy of League secretaries emails are placed on the noticeboard and/or the fixtures are marked (maybe in red) with the cancellations/changes</p>	
	<p><b>Suggestion re League proposed alternative Structure</b>                  1. <b>Timings</b>-to give an extra session-9.00, 10.30, 12.00. 1.30 &amp; 3.00</p>	<p>1. To be considered as one alternative.</p>
	<p>2. <b>Playing up:</b> Now 5 times-can it be quarters</p>	<p>2. This is not possible - Marking quarters on the Results Card is only suitable for games indoors, it would not be feasible for games outdoors. Rule 7(b) currently provides that a player may only play up 4 times in one season, on the 5th time, she may only play for that team: the Rules Sub-committee will consider amending this to 5 times for next season.</p>
	<p>3. <b>League Structure</b> –in summary 10 teams per division, one round of 9 games, mid season second round top 5 team compete and bottom 5 teams compete</p>	<p>3. This is not possible because these would result in fewer games played and there would be insufficient time to schedule the more complex arrangements – other proposals under consideration.</p>