

EXETER AND DISTRICT LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE AGM

**to be held at Exeter Golf and Country Club
on Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 7.00 pm**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022**
Matters arising
- 3. Presentation of Trophies / Roll of honour**
- 4. Chairman's report**
- 5. Treasurer's report**
- 6. Match Secretary's report**
- 7. Devon Tennis report**
- 8. Election of Officers and Committee**
- 9. Proposals for rule changes**
 - Age limit for playing in league – 13(?) – This came from the winter AGM where the committee was tasked with suggesting a rule for a lower age of 13 unless in exceptional circumstances. The age limit was felt to be ok but the committee was loath to get involved. Andy suggested that a minimum WTN would be used if exceptions were requested. This was felt to be a reasonable compromise. See Appendix A for possible rule first draft
 - High Temperature postponement without penalty – proposed by Bovey Tracey – See Appendix B
- 10. Future of the league**

We need to prepare for a turnover in committee members in the major posts and should be succession planning. We also need to consider what the future holds with people being busier and busier. Are we going to end up going to League Planner for our results etc and if so what will be the response from clubs when each registered player MUST be an BTM member? If we do change, what will happen to those rules we may not be able to enforce any more and what protections can we enact to prevent skulduggery. Note also that the captains of the teams that will have to enter the match scores themselves which is more work for them.
- 11. Any other business**
 - Reporting of results from Mens Divisions 1 and 2 last summer.

Appendix A

Rule x – Players in the league shall be at least 13 years of age at the start of the respective league seasons (1st April for summer, 1st September for winter). Exceptions to this will be made if the junior player in question has a World Tennis Number (WTN) of at least nn.n on that day.

Appendix B

In the event of high temperatures, Captains may mutually decide to postpone a fixture without forfeiting points with the home captain submitting three new dates to the visiting team. In making the decision (which should be made 90 minutes prior to commencement of the match, and in the case of daytime play additional measurement to be taken 30 minutes prior to commencement of play), to avoid a potentially dangerous situation, the Captains should consult the Heat Stress Index Chart (attachment above) using www.calculator.net/heat-index-calculator. This shows at what level play should be suspended. Should the Captains decide to go ahead with the match, the following should be adhered to:

1. Players take personal responsibility to ensure they take all necessary precautions to protect themselves from the sun and heat.
2. The home team provides a good supply of drinking water (with ice if possible) and that it is easily accessible at all times. Wherever possible, and if they are able to do so, parasols / umbrellas / gazebos should be erected to offer players and spectators shaded areas to protect themselves from the sun.