

Fixtures report at conclusion of 21/22 season

The season started under a cloud of “will it / won’t it” start or complete. With the fortitude of club secretaries, and players, it did start and indeed complete.

The final league positions are on the tables, the teams in bold print will be the teams to be promoted. The emphasis was on keeping the divisions small to enable all fixtures to be completed. It is hoped that in a new spirit of optimism that perhaps clubs will be looking to provide opportunity for a broad base of players to take part in the league next season. This may involve younger / less experienced / more experienced but less fit people to participate, therefore allowing more teams to “test the water” in the lower divisions & enabling some adjustment to the number of teams in the higher divisions.

Going forward.

- ✓ It is hoped that PLC could attract some ladies to enable participation in the Beckly Cup.
- ✓ We welcomed back the University, into the league. As Liv is leaving this year, it would be good to get a name / contact number before their end of term, of who is likely to take over next year. Therefore, enabling support to be offered for the new season.
- ✓ To encourage the addition of Launceston Inclusive into the league.
- ✓ To hopefully enable a 2nd Ladies division.
- ✓ To have all club representatives to have read the new Constitution, and to be aware of the implications to match play.
- ✓ To emphasise to clubs contacting the Fixture secretaries to rearrange a match; also, to know the criteria for necessitating a rearrangement.
- ✓ To encourage all teams to use electronic scoring. It is quick, all set up and simple to use. It would be clearer to read, both names and scores, and quicker to be recorded on the website. This would alleviate the shambles of some of the match sheets that are sent to us.
- ✓ Clarity on the shuttles to be used in matches.
- ✓ Completion of matches by the 31st March. Easter in 2023 is April 9th. Encroaching into April, with then Easter, makes the engraving process “rushed”, with no wiggle room for checking for errors prior to the Presentation evening.

In conclusion, this has been a good season. I would like to particularly praise the younger element who played the game in a friendly, and sporting manner. They are a credit to themselves, their families, their clubs and their coaches. To those not playing in the Plymouth league, next season, we wish them well and hope that they keep playing elsewhere.