

Agenda Item 9

Competition Secretary Annual Report (2018)

In general, the competitions within all four sections have run well this year however there was one issue in the Cheltenham section triples when a competitor became unwell during trial ends, before his match commenced.

Two Clubs, one away in Gloucester section and one at home in Cheltenham section, regrettably failed to appear for early rounds of the County Challenge Cup.

The use of two separate greens to host the two wood singles qualifiers with mixed draws did not prove successful with approximately 40% of entrants either withdrawing or not appearing. It's possible that the choices of venues played a part in this due to their location but we have decided to play all matches at Gloucester City/Spa next year.

All County rounds progressed without incident although one of the junior singles qualifiers later withdrew from the competition due to his unavailability for the National Championships. His place in the County final and at the National Championships was awarded to his semi-final opponent.

Following some of the events this year we have submitted a number of proposed regulation and rule changes to improve and assist with the running of the Championships and Competitions in the future.

Congratulations to all our finalists, and particularly the winners, there was some impressive play during the County rounds and particularly at Cam Mills in the Finals.

I have tried to use social media, particularly Facebook, in an attempt to keep everyone informed with match scores and results plus we have added more regular updates on the County website – thanks to Reg Tibbles for his work on this.

At Leamington almost all of our participants lost on the first day of their competition, with the Olveston pair being the exception, losing the last-16 round on an extra end.

My thanks to all those Clubs who generously provided their facilities for the County's use this year. It was unfortunate that Tetbury felt it necessary to withdraw from hosting the County Two Rink finals due to the condition of their green but fortunately Frampton on Severn were able to host at late notice.

Costs to the County for Umpires and Markers has risen considerably to £295 for this year's competitions due to a change of arrangements between BE and EBUA.

Thanks finally to the members of the Competitions Committee, Umpires, Markers and the other officers and officials who have given their assistance to help the competitions run.

The following amendments are proposed for 2019 onwards (additions in **red**, deletions in **blue, strike-through**)

Regulations

1.5.1

Players may only play two rink and county cup for the same club and from the same club as they play championships.

2.16.1

Where, in the opinion of the CCC, exceptional circumstances prevent the commencement of a game, every effort should be made to play the match within seven days or before the date of the next round, whichever is the sooner. Where rearrangement is not possible a coin toss shall decide the tie.

2.19

As soon as any individual or team become aware that they are unavailable for a subsequent round they shall advise the relevant section or county competition secretary and withdraw from the competition immediately. If they do not and it is subsequently discovered that they knew of their unavailability in advance they shall be removed from the competition and receive a one-year ban from all championships/competitions (including County Cup/Two Rink).

3.1

Match results must reach the appropriate Section Competition Secretary by 22:00 on the day the game is played. Results of ~~County Two Rink~~ competitions not held within sections should be submitted as per the instructions printed in the yearbook.

3.2.2

Score cards for the County Cup shall be submitted to the section competition secretary within 24 hours of the match being completed.

6.3

If a Singles competitor or a Pairs, Triples or Fours team who has qualified for the National Championships does not represent GBA at the National Championships, that Competitor/Team shall be disqualified from the County Competition, shall not be awarded a County trophy or prize money, and will not appear in the County Competitions Honours Roll. Their entry (named entrant in team discipline) shall also not be accepted for the following year's County Championships or Competitions (including County Cup/Two Rink). An exception ~~will~~ **may** be made where a medically certificated illness **or injury** intervenes **after qualification**, provided the County Competitions Secretary is notified in advance, receives the medical certificate and accepts the incapacity of the player.

Rules

7.3

Clubs may use as many members of their Club as necessary; players may only play for one team. Playing an illegible player shall lead to disqualification.