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# IPSWICH & DISTRICT LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE

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*Hon. League Administrator:  
Mrs Lisa Jacobs*

*League President:  
Mr Peter Richards*

**July 2020  
(Circular 3)**

## **COVID-19 and the Winter League 2020/21**

### **To Club Representatives**

Since writing to you in April the Committee has been monitoring the situation and the advice published by UK Government, UK Tennis and Suffolk LTA.

You all no doubt will have welcomed the easing of restrictions in the recent weeks and the return to restricted social play in some of our Clubs.

On 1 July 2020, UK Tennis (The LTA) published an update; "Guidance for Tennis Venues Version 3" (see [www.lta.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.lta.org.uk/coronavirus) for more details) in this it stated that Outdoor tennis courts can open and doubles can be played, and that Local Tennis Leagues can be played. It also said that from 4 July 2020 Clubhouses /Pavilions can be open for access to outdoor courts and toilets. All of course while abiding with Government rules on social distancing.

Whilst appreciating that our member Clubs will be in differing positions in how they are able to respond to this advice, we as the IDLTL committee feel that it is appropriate for us to plan on the basis that the Winter League 2020-21 may be able to take place from October 2020. With that aim, I would be grateful if you would consider as a Club your likely position of taking part in the Winter League 20-21. If you decide that you would like to enter teams for the Winter League will you please refer to and follow the procedure outlined at the end of this circular.

The committee has considered further the holding of the 2020 AGM postponed in April. We feel that there is still difficulty at present in obtaining a suitable socially distanced environment in which to hold the meeting. It is also thought that with the Summer League having been cancelled, that there is limited pressing business that cannot be carried out by the committee at this stage. It is therefore proposed that the AGM 2020 be carried forward and combined with the 2021 AGM in April 2021. We would therefore ask for your agreement to this and that the present Officers and Committee members stay in place until that meeting.

We hope that a large number of our Clubs will be able to enter teams as usual for the Winter League 20-21 and look forward to returning to competitive tennis. Please see the Winter League procedures set out on the second page of this letter.

I would like to thank all those who continue to work on the development of the IDLTL and a return to League Tennis and particularly to the committee for their continued support. In the meantime do enjoy the tennis you can play and look forward to more matches soon.

Stay safe, stay well and stay fit.

*Peter Richards*  
League President

*Lisa Jacobs*  
League Administrator



## Winter League Procedures:- Message from Lisa

Later in July I will send an official email to both Club Sec & Fixture sec to request your 2020/21 Winter League entry. It is likely that we will request usual payment of winter entry fees, with the Summer fees already paid for 2020 transferring to cover Summer 2021 entries which are likely to match fairly well. Any adjustments can be applied after Summer 2021 entries are confirmed.

Please do not send entry details until you receive my formal Winter League entry request email as hopefully this will make the process clear for both myself and clubs once full details are sent out. Meanwhile, can you start canvassing your members ready for when I send your last year's entry for confirming or changing.

PLEASE make sure any new players understand the level of commitment needed, 2 out of 3 weekends for up to 14 matches, between beginning October to mid-February on set weekends for Ladies and Sunday 10.30am for Men.

Please also make sure that established pairs do still wish to continue, as any withdrawals after the leagues are stacked can make a big difference to the remaining teams in any division affected.

Thank You

