

20 March 2020

COVID 19 and the Summer League 2020

To Club Representatives;

The Committee has been monitoring the situation and the Advice offered by; UK Government, UK Tennis and Suffolk LTA. As you appreciate the situation is a difficult one and fast changing.

We however appreciate that you and your Clubs need us to decide what is to happen to Summer League play. Our decision is outlined below. We have made it in the light of present known factors and in the hope that if possible we may be able to maintain some Summer League activity. The decision therefore falls into two parts, timed to coincide with further planned advice particularly from Tennis UK on **20 April**.

Part 1

1. The AGM planned for **8 April 2020** is cancelled and will be re arranged for September on a date to be announced.
2. All Officers and committee members will remain as they are until the AGM is held.
3. The committee has decided to action rule 1(h) of the constitution “ Committee to have full jurisdiction over any matters not covered by rules and it’s decision is final”.
4. Will all Clubs please update the League administrator a.s.a.p. and by **15 April** at the latest, on their position to enter teams and hold matches as outlined in Part 2 below. All cancellations and changes will be accepted without prejudice. If an exceptional 2020 Summer League takes place it will be” stand alone” and will not be used to arrange League positions for 2021 .

Following from the information we receive from Clubs and taking into account all advice from pertinent bodies and particularly Tennis UK (**20 April**) we will hope to move to Part 2. It is anticipated that this will involve the playing of an “exceptional” and probably restricted 2020 Summer League, from **1 June 2020**. We do this in the hope that we may offer exercise and the opportunity to play tennis for as many of our Clubs as wish to do so. We do this of course while supporting the advice that has been given to all citizens, and accepting people’s individual choices and circumstances and nobody should put themselves and others at risk.

Part 2

1. Based on revised entries the League Administrator will draw up the League “stacking” she considers possible and this will be agreed by committee and circulated to Clubs by **1 May**.
2. Between **1- 24 May** Clubs to arrange fixtures by remote means. The fixtures will be for home and away matches as usual.
3. Clubs to send to the League Administrator agreed fixture lists by **25 May**
4. League match play to commence from **1 June**. Play will be under the rules used for Summer League 2019. Results to be sent in as normal. The Summer League will be extended to end on **4 September**.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the development of the IDLTL advice. It is also accepted that it is given in a fast changing environment and that there may be changes required. We feel that it presents a logical way forward in the present circumstances and may allow us to play some tennis this summer.

With best wishes, all stay well and enjoy your tennis when you can.

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President IDLTL League Administrator.

