

**4th March 2021  
(Circular 9)**

### **COVID 19 Summer League 2021**

#### **To Club Representatives**

In response to the UK Governments announcement of the "Roadmap" for the relaxation of COVID 19 restrictions and relevant LTA advice, allowing both singles and double tennis to be played from 29 March 2021, the IDLTL committee have been working on arrangements to offer League tennis to member Clubs this summer.

The committee has considered a number of options regarding how the Summer League could be played.

In doing this they have been mindful of the following factors:

1. That the "Roadmap" going forward is dependent upon the continued improvement of the COVID-19 situation and is not guaranteed.
2. Not all Clubs will have access to courts and facilities at the same time or to the same extent.
3. Player availability for clubs to form teams will vary and may not be as it was for the 2019 season, when the Summer League was last played.
4. At any time in the summer months ahead, UK Government and LTA actions could require the postponement or suspension of play.
5. Concerns over possible compromise of the integrity of the League for future years if clubs cannot enter usual teams with confidence.

However, we feel that it is important to maximise the opportunity that we now have to recommence playing tennis, therefore the IDLTL committee has come to the following decision:

***The 2021 Summer League will be played as a stand-alone season.***

The 2021 League matches will be organised in the normal manner, results will be recorded and published, however division finishing positions will not be used for future promotion or relegation and League trophies will not be awarded.

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To facilitate the maximum amount of play and minimise the amount of difficulty Clubs may have in organising matches and fulfilling commitments, the following temporary changes/adjustments will be made:

1. League composition for 2021 will be based on the finishing positions in 2019 and incorporate promotion and relegation.
2. There will be temporary adjustment/relaxation of some rules in certain areas such as, player qualification and nominations and relaxation of the consequences for conceded matches.
3. No entry fee will be charged for 2021 Summer League.
4. The 2020 and 2021 AGM will be further postponed until September 2021 at the earliest and Officers and Committee members will remain in place until the AGM is held.

We appreciate that this is not a normal League, however, these are not normal times. We do hope that these arrangements will enable us to play tennis between Clubs in a competitive and sporting environment this summer, whilst avoiding compromising the integrity of the League for the future

***Further detailed information regarding summer entries, rule relaxation/adjustment and relevant dates will be sent out in the next few days to allow Clubs to consider team entries.***

If you have any questions or need further information, please refer to the League Administrator at [idltennisresults@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:idltennisresults@yahoo.co.uk)

Stay safe, stay well, stay fit,

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