

LKA Competitions Committee Meeting

Wimbledon Community Centre
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24th April 2010

Present:

Karen Palfreyman (LKA Chair), Sally & Lol More (both Nomads) (LKA Competitions Administrator and LKA Competitions Coordinator), Steve Brooker (Supernova) and Craig Gosling (Mitcham and EKA Competitions Officer)

1. Attendance

Apologies received from Croydon, Trojans, West London, Highbury, North Downs and Woking
No apologies received from Bec, Pelham, and Scorpions.

2. The LKA Leagues

a. Referees

Referee commitments have been fulfilled thanks to clubs co-operating the LKA when fixtures needed to be revised mainly due to heavy snow in January

KP designed a form which enables referees refs to feed back to the LKA committee when they have had abuse from teams/players during a match. The form is available to download from the LKA website.

b. Proposed rule changes

Due to the poor attendance by club representatives at this meeting

There were 3 proposals for rule changes discussed at the meeting in January which the clubs were asked to discuss with their committees to enable a vote to be taken at this meeting.

- Amend Section 9.2.3 regarding number of players that can be dropped to a lower team, proposal to change from 2 to 3. Feeling in the meeting was that 2 was correct and didn't need to be changed
- Amend Section 2.2 of the Appendix regarding allowing clubs to "double up" their lowest team in order to get a team out, proposal to allow this in the lowest LKA division only. Feeling in the meeting was that the current system caused confusion and was unfair to other clubs
- Amend Section 3.2.3 of the Appendix regarding allowing teams to avoid automatic promotion, proposal to always promote the winners. Feeling in the room was that the current rule was adversely affecting other clubs

Trojans, who were unable to attend this meeting due to a club wedding, e-mailed in support of increasing the number of players allowed to be dropped to a lower team to 3. However, as no other clubs had communicated that they were in disagreement with the feelings shown at the January meeting, this meeting decided that the rule changes proposed in January should come into effect for the 2010/2011 season.

c. Under age players

It was decided that the LKA needed to have a record of the signed consent forms that each club must have for any Under 18 year old playing in a senior competition. Therefore each club must e-mail a list to the LKA Child Protection Officer giving details of the players concerned prior to the player taking part in a senior competition. The list must be updated with any changes that occur throughout the season.

d. Issues with Fixtures Live

Most issues with Fixtures Live have been resolved. **CG** to arrange for **KP** to have access to FL with area level privileges.

e. Fixture/Venue Problems

SM raised the issue of several teams not travelling to SCORE to play against Highbury 3. It was agreed that clubs should look at their away fixtures when they are published at the start of the season and raise any issues regarding fixtures that are likely to cause problems. This should enable fixtures to be re-arranged sufficiently in advance.

3 Inter-Area

Senior representative team

Mark Fenton (Bec) agreed to manage the Senior representative team. Mark arranged for the purchase of new kit and recruited Terry Forde (Nomads) as coach.

The Senior team won the Inter-Area competition and has qualified Home Nations tournament on May 9.

4. Hosting EKA Events

LKA will host NYD at Sparrows Den, West Wickham on July 4.

5. League Structure

Due to clubs from other Areas not wanting to take part in the Champions Trophy, Highbury, the qualifying team from LKA gained an automatic place without the need to play off against the SERL 2nd placed team.

EKA held a competitions forum on April 10 which was attended by LKA, other areas and clubs. EKA said at that meeting and **CG** confirmed today that EKA will decide upon the makeup of the Regional leagues for the 2010/2011 season.

7. Outdoor Competition

An Outdoor Fixtures secretary needs to be found if LKA are to run an outdoor league in September. **LM** to e-mail clubs to recruit a volunteer.

8. 2010/11 Indoor Season

The Indoor League requires a Fixtures Secretary and a Referees Secretary to work with the Competitions Co-ordinator. **LM** to e-mail clubs with a description of both roles and to seek volunteers prior to the LKA AGM.

The priority is to recruit a Fixtures Secretary for the Indoor league. The Outdoor league will take place if :

1. A Fixtures Secretary is recruited for the Indoor league.
2. A Fixtures Secretary is recruited for the Outdoor league.

9. EKA Competitions Forum

The issue of Multi-Game Venues was discussed. Trojans e-mailed their concerns:

1. HSKL Expansion will extend the season by potentially 4 weeks, add to club costs, increase travel, and stretch our resources.
2. MGVenues. This needs to be modelled up so we can see the practicality. Again more travel, time and cost are likely. 2nd teams need to be playing alongside this model. Maybe a test week or 2 during next season to see the implications.
3. If clubs start to give up there own hall time for MGV it maybe difficult to retrieve that hall time a year later.
4. HSKL format and structure needs to be decided. Also promotion too it and relegation from it. And the impact to LKA leagues, also are we a region? Will Kent what's left join us?
5. Trojans 1 could expect to play 18 match weekends, 5 cup rounds, 2 Europa cup weekends and 4 England senior training weekends under this new structure. Our 1st

– 3rd teams will change even more regularly as we try to give some respite to players.
So we will not meet the only dropping down of 2 players rule.

6. The idea that other teams will watch and stay to watch other games is also unlikely.

LM confirmed that Nomads were against MGVs and that we need to e-mail LKA clubs with teams that are likely to be affected in order to gain the views. **LM** to e-mail other LKA clubs.

LM agreed with Trojans about increased costs stating that Nomads had looked at this issue and believe that costs could increase by 50%. **CG** said that it is not the intention of EKA that clubs should be out of pocket and believed that EKA could get better hire rates at sports halls than the clubs have been able to.

LM also agreed that hall time lost at our usual home venue due to MGVs would be difficult to retrieve the following season.

10. Junior Competitions

KP has booked Trinity School for 22nd May 2010, between 9.00 - 16.00 for a one-day tournament for Year 3 children (Under 9s). There will be a £20 entry fee per team which will be refundable to teams on the day. So far there has been little response from clubs with the exception of Supernova who have contacted **KP**. Due to the resignation of the LKA Juniors Officer, **KP** has been running with this event. **KP** has e-mailed clubs appealing for help but has had little or no response so far. **SM** volunteered to run the desk at the tournament.

12. Date of next meeting

To be set after the LKA AGM but will be arranged for a Saturday in September 2010.