

Proposals for ADLTA AGM 2023

1) New wording for rule G17 (from the committee)

Current rule G17: In bad weather, both teams must turn up to play, unless advised otherwise by the home team.

Proposed rule G17: In bad weather, both teams must turn up to play, unless advised otherwise by the home team. An acknowledgement of the cancellation, due to bad weather, from the away team must be received by the home team for the cancellation to stand.

2) New wording for rule G12 (from the committee)

Current rule G12: In the event of a team conceding two or more walkovers during the season, the Committee shall give serious consideration to making all the matches of that team void.

Proposed rule G12: In the event of a team conceding three walkovers during the season all matches for that team shall be made void.

3) Nominated players (from committee)

If one nominated player does not play any fixtures for their nominated team for the entire season then that player cannot be nominated for any team for the following season.

If two or more nominated players do not play any matches for their nominated team for the entire season then that team will be deducted 5 penalty points for every unplayed nominated player at the end of the season and additionally those players cannot be nominated for any team for the following season.

4) The league standings calculation should be Rubbers, then Sets, then Games in the event of a tie in the league.

Proposed by: Wrecclesham
Seconded by: Wrecclesham

5) Proposal from the committee for changing rule G15

Current rule G15. In the event of a tie on points in any division, promotion and relegation issues shall be settled on games won.

Proposed rule G15. In the event of a tie on points in any division, promotion and relegation issues shall be settled on sets percentage then games percentage.

6) In the event of a no-show, the winning team will be awarded an extra 2 points overall (not 2 extra points per set). Therefore, in the summer league, the team awarded the walkover gets a 9-0 victory plus 2 extra points i.e. 11 points for the win. In the winter league, the team awarded the walkover gets an 8-0 victory plus 2 extra points i.e. 10 points for the win. The defaulting team gets deducted one penalty point overall.

Proposed by: Wrecclesham
Seconded by: Wrecclesham

7) Match format

Matches in the Summer League 2024 be comprised of just two pairs per team in all Divisions for Ladies, Mens and Mixed teams.

Each pair to play two sets against the opposing teams' two pairs with a Championship tiebreak in case of the score being one set all in any one rubber. Total sets played, per couple, would be four with the potential of two Championship tiebreaks.

Should bad light (or lack of floodlights) stop play the match can be deemed complete if three rubbers are complete and at least one set of the fourth rubber is also complete. The scoring of the incomplete set and potential championship tiebreak would be split 1-1.

Matches to be played on weekday evenings starting at 6.30 p.m.

This to be trialled for one season in 2024 and then clubs asked for feedback. A vote to be taken at the AGM in 2024 on this continuing or reverting in subsequent years.

Proposed by: Sue Osbourne Worplesdon

Seconded by: Sarah Hamilton Worplesdon

8) Time scales

Match secretaries to receive fixtures earlier than they do currently, perhaps at end of previous season so it does not impact school holidays. As when fixtures were agreed in person there should be a week for arranging and then 1 or 2 weeks for any amendments and for fixtures to be input to the tournament software at least one month prior to start of new season. This will allow captains to organise their teams with plenty of notice, especially for the start of the season.

Proposed by: Brightwells

Seconded by: Brightwells