



LFA League Sanctioning Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 30th March 2020 @ 5pm, via conference call

Attendees: Simon Hughes (acting Chair), Becky Greaves (acting Secretary), Aroz Miah, Cyril Rebak

1. Introductions

There was no set agenda for the first meeting of the committee, as this initial meeting was set up to discuss how the committee would operate as it is slightly different in its nature to other standing committees.

Introductions were made, and each member of their committee informed the group of their previous and/or current involvement within leagues.

2. Current Position

BG explained that over the last 2 seasons, she had been approving the league rules. However this is a task which takes a great deal of BG's time, and therefore the support that the committee would be able to offer would be crucial. This would be particularly important from a customer service point of view, in order to turn the rules around much more quickly, and in turn, to make sure that all leagues were sanctioned by the start of the new season.

BG was asked to confirm how many leagues and tournaments were required to be sanctioned each season. BG said that there were in the region of 35 leagues and around half a dozen tournaments. However, BG is currently working on a new guidance document to provide support to those who are setting up tournaments and ad hoc competitions; there is an expectation that the number of sanctioned tournaments will increase.

3. Disability Rules

SH has recently been reviewing the league rules for the 3 Disability Leagues run in London and explained to the committee some of the issues he had experienced when reviewing the rules. These were largely because SCOR/SCORY rules were not suitable for those with disabilities, although it was accepted that Disability Leagues still had to follow the main SCOR/SCORY guidelines.

ACTION: SH to finalise the Disability League rules and share them with CR and AM, together with the original versions of the Disability rules so all can see the changes made.



4. Planning Ahead - 2020/21 Season

There was some discussion about how best the committee should review the league rules for approval once the leagues started to submit them for the 2020/21 season.

It was agreed that:

- a) BG would draw up a rota, so that each week one each member of the committee would take it in turn to be the committee member receiving the rules.
- b) ideally there would be no more than 5 sets of rules going to each committee member each week, although CR and AM both agreed they would be happy to receive more if there was the demand. It was therefore agreed that BG would give the committee member on that week's rota a call to see if they would be happy to receive extra sets for that week.
- c) the committee would try to assess and approve or revise the League rules in no more than 14 days.
- d) there was no requirement for the committee to meet together more often than twice a year, and where possible this would take place by conference call. There would be a meeting scheduled for May/June to coincide with the release of the new SCOR/SCORY, and a further scheduled meeting in January to review the process from that season.

ACTION: BG to put a rota together and to start obtaining the availability of the committee from May onwards.

ACTION: all committee members to familiarise themselves with the 2019/20 seasons SCOR and SCORY. It is noted that these are likely to change only slightly for the new season, but looking at 19/20 first will give committee members a good understanding of what to expect.

5. **Date of next meeting:** Proposed date of next meeting: Wednesday 27th May @ 5pm via conference call