

Hi Guys

As you will notice this month there are somewhat less players than normal. Basically we now need to be affiliated to Badminton Scotland and we are achieving this through your admin fee (yup that's correct; the money isn't being pocketed by anyone!). Those of you that have paid can continue playing but we need to become official in the eyes of the establishment and in order to grow we need to be on board with our NGB which we are happy to do.

There were other ways of doing this that did not cost the league any money but they all involved you paying more (to the tune of approx £20 each on top of your admin fee) so we have gone down the following route because the League is set up on the premise that you can play anyone in your pool in any venue so you may not all be members of the one centre so are still fully able to do this:

We will register a Club called SSL Club, this will be affiliated to the NGB as a Tournament Club (basically this means that you can enter any tournament as a fully affiliated member in good standing with the NGB), the club will be fully set up, insured and constituted in line with the requirements of the NGB.

We will register a League called Shuttleworks Singles League with the stipulation that in order to play in the league you need to be a member of the SSL Club (in other words we monitor who is affiliated) which will be the only club registered to play in this league

Sadly we had to go down this route for two reasons:

- We had asked the SBU to give us a list of who is and who is not affiliated based on who plays in the league – we are still waiting on this information.
- We had asked certain members if they were affiliated as a sample and it turns out they were not when they thought they were, we cannot take any chances with this.

Why you ask?

Well in order to hold a tournament (even within our League) we are all required to be affiliated otherwise a player who then applies to play in a Bonanza for instance can be refused on the grounds that they have played in a non sanctioned tournament or league and thus are held in "bad standing" with their NGB, for the most part this would not affect the majority of us but sadly it will affect a few and as they both want to support the league and play tournaments in Scotland and abroad we need to bear everyone in mind so we hope you will understand why we have taken this course.

Now that is out of the way, some more sad news!

The Cockburn has had a rethink and have now decided that every player who plays there will have to become a member, you will no longer be able to play there by phoning and booking a court unless you have a membership number. The court price has also increased to £7.30 per hour and you will not be able to book on a Tuesday night after 18:30pm as it is a club only night!

Needless to say we are looking for a stable alternative and will keep you advised as the situation unfolds.

Now we are nearly there: Club registered, League registered, Bank account ready to be set up, Committee nearly formed in line with the NGB requirements (this requires some more specialist members), new web site completed and launching soon! Just in case you think we do nothing ☺

So, go play your games, have fun, let us know the scores at [scores@singlesleague.co.uk](mailto:scores@singlesleague.co.uk)