

Firstly, thank you for all those who attended the meeting last night. It was great to see some familiar faces and catch up with many of those for the first time since last March. There was numerous topics discussed during the meeting of which can be found in the document below.

Attendees and Confirmation of Teams re-entering the league

Of the 33 teams that were part of the 2019/20 season 21 team captains/representatives attended the meeting. So far, 24 teams have confirmed that they are to re-enter a team back into the league. The table below confirms those who attended the meeting and clarity from each team as to their decision to enter a team.

No	Team	Attended Meeting	Entering Team	No	Notes
1	Woolston A	Yes	TBC	N/A	Awaiting confirmation
2	Monks A	No	Yes	1	Confirmed by Text
3	The Grange	Yes	Yes	2	
4	Kings Club A	Yes	Yes	3	
5	Penketh Cons B	No	Yes	4	Confirmed by Text
6	Eagle Sports	Yes	Yes	5	
7	Alford D	Yes	Yes	6	
8	GESM A	Yes	Yes	7	
9	Culcheth Sports	No	No	N/A	Not Entering
10	Bridgewater B	No	No	N/A	Not Entering
11	Walkers B	No	Yes	8	Confirmed by Text
12	GESM C	Yes	No	9	
13	Warrington Cons A	No	TBC	N/A	No show and no confirmation of team entry (TBC)
14	Cadishead Cons	Yes	Yes	10	Playing at Irlam Steel
15	Kings Club C	No	No	N/A	Not Entering. Merging with Kings Club D
16	Irlam Catholic	Yes	Yes	11	
17	Bridgewater A	Yes	Yes	12	Only 8 people allowed in Snooker Room at present.
18	Walkers A	No	TBC	N/A	No show and no confirmation of team entry (TBC)
19	Deaf Social A	Yes	Yes	13	Most likely Merging with Deaf Social B (TBC)
20	GTBL	No	TBC	N/A	No show and no confirmation of team entry (TBC)
21	Deaf Social B	No	TBC	N/A	Most likely merging with Deaf Social A (TBC)
22	Alford A	Yes	Yes	14	
23	Mad Hatter A	Yes	Yes	15	
24	GESM B	No	Yes	16	Confirmed by Text
25	Alford B	Yes	Yes	17	
26	Warrington Cons B	Yes	Yes	18	
27	Kings Club B	Yes	Yes	19	
28	Penketh Cons A	Yes	Yes	20	
29	St Benedicts A	Yes	Yes	21	
30	Woolston C	Yes	Yes	22	
31	Kings Club D	Yes	Yes	23	Merging with Kings Club C
32	Woolston B	Yes	Yes	24	
33	Mad Hatter B	No	No	N/A	Not Entering

2019/20 Season (League Matches and Clarification of Final Standings)

Looking back at the end of the 2019/20 season which was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was decided that due to a number of teams not returning, that the current standings in each division would be how the leagues will finish and prize money will be paid to those teams in the top 3.

There was a lengthy discussion as to why games would not be finished as some teams argued that they could still finish in the top three but as we have quite a few teams that are not re-entering the league this causes issues as to how these matches would be resolved.

In theory those teams who are unable to field a team or return to the league would go down as a 7-0 defeat. The problem is this wouldn't just have an impact on the team competing in those games, it would also have an impact on other teams who would be in the mix or have a chance of changing positions if a default result was awarded.

We would then need to decide if all matches including the teams who are not entering would need to be voided however as these are exceptional circumstances it isn't fair when they have already fulfilled these fixtures. Therefore, the general consensus and agreement was to finish the league matches with the current standings and move onto next season.

With this being the case, please join me in congratulating the following teams who had excellent seasons in their respective divisions.

Division 1

Champions – Woolston A

Runner up – Monks A

Third Place – The Grange

Woolston A had an excellent season in becoming champions of the Warrington Snooker league. They were by far the best team in the division securing the title with a game to spare. A special mention goes to **Mark Leathem** who went undefeated throughout the campaign winning all of his 16 league games, which is a fabulous achievement. With competition matches scheduled to be completed, they will be looking to add the team championship cap off a wonderful season.

Following promotion in the previous season, **Monks A** had a brilliant season in being runners up which included victories in each of their opening seven games which is very credible on their return to the first division. Their second half of the season wasn't quite strong enough to keep on the coattails of Woolston A but still a fabulous effort to get second place.

Third place went to **The Grange** who's only defeat in the second half of the season was to the champions Woolston A. They won their final eight games on the bounce to turn their season around and secure a top 3 position and **Ian Hall** won an excellent 17 games this season to be player of the year in the division. They are due to play Woolston A in the team championship final so still have a chance of silverware in what should be a high quality match.

Division 2

Champions – GESM C

Runner up – Warrington Cons A

Third Place – Cadishead Cons

GESM C had a wonderful second half of the season only losing one game since the turn of the year on the way to winning the second division. Within their ranks, **Stewart Garnett** won 16 of this 19 league games to be the division 2 player of the year. Unfortunately GESM C are not returning to the league due to a number of players who can no longer commit but go out on a high having finished top of the division.

Warrington Cons A were another team who had excellent form post-Christmas to give themselves a chance of winning division including picking up 13 points in their final two games. Their only defeat in the second half of the season was against GESM C, which effectively decided the final standings so were very unlucky not to be top of the pile.

An excellent start to the season in which **Cadishead Cons** picked up 26 points from their opening five games helped them finish in the top three playing game less than most of their rivals. Cadishead Cons, who next season will be playing at Irlam Steel, will be looking to challenge in the first division and a start as good as the 2019/20 season will help them achieve this goal.

Division 3

Champions – Mad Hatter A

Runner up – GESM B

Third Place – Alford B

Mad Hatter A had the best form across all three divisions winning each of their last 10 league games on route to winning the third division in only their second season in the Warrington Snooker League. Hatter A who had a game spare on their closest rivals, only lost a credible three games all season which was the least across all divisions.

GESM B put the disappointment of being relegated from the second division in the 2018/19 season to bounce back and finish in the top three at the first time of asking. For a team that had struggled for consistency over the last few seasons it was a rewarding season for them to finish runners up.

Having won 12 league matches, **Alford B** just pipped Warrington Cons to third place on the most wins by one game with both finishing on 75 points. Both Philip Oakes and Chris Taylor registered an impressive 14 wins each for Alford and were integral to their success across the season.

A special mention to **Eric Callon** (St Benedicts) who pipped both Phil and Chris to player of the year in Division 3 with 15 wins from his 18 frames.

2019/20 Season (Competition Matches)

As most players who were still in the competitions are still playing for their respective teams and that these are down to the semi-final / final stages, it has been decided that all the remaining competition matches will be finished towards the end of September/beginning of October (dates TBC).

The remaining matches are as follows and we have asked that all captains speak with their players in each competition to confirm that they are able to play these matches. Please note that in the team events, only those players who played within the 2019/20 season will be allowed to play in these matches and the pairs/three man team will have to be the same players as last season.

Individual Handicap Semi Final

Joe Sykes (Kings Club A) v Dean Knox (Cadishead Cons)

Keith Melia (GESM A) v Keith Owen (Monks A)

Both Semi Final Matches and Final due to be played at Alford

Three Man Team Semi Final

Lee Chambers (GESM A) v Paul Duffy (Alford D)
Phil Bate (Woolston A) v Scott Livingstone (GESM C)

Both Semi Final Matches and Final due to be played at Kings Club

Pairs Handicap Semi Final

Paul Duffy (Alford D) v Chris Giblin (Penketh Cons B)
Ian Hall (The Grange) v Gary Lunn (Woolston A)

Both Semi Final Matches and Final due to be played at GESM

Team Handicap Final

Eagle Sports v Kings Club A

Match due to be played at GESM

Team Championship Final

Woolston A v The Grange

Match due to be played at GESM

Individual Merit Final

Mike Chester (GESM A) v Gary Lunn (Woolston A)

Match due to be played at Kings Club

Confirmation that all players and teams are to play in these matches is required no later than Thursday 2nd September when team registration sheets for next season will need to be handed in (see below).

Any player or team who is unable to play these matches will result in a bye to their opponent.

2021/22 Season (Team Registration – Thursday 2nd September 2021)

As mentioned earlier, out of the 33 teams that played in the 2019/20 season, 24 teams have confirmed that they will definitely be entering a team back into the league. With this being the case, it has been decided that the Warrington Snooker league will now be split across just two divisions.

Out of the 9 teams who have not confirmed entry, four of those teams will definitely not be entering a team are as follows;

Bridgewater B
Culcheth Sports
GESM C
Mad Hatter B

The remaining five teams are still to be confirmed as they are either not sure if they would be entering a team or were not present at the meeting to confirm;

Woolston A

Warrington Cons A

Walkers A

GTBL

Deaf Social B (Likely be merging with Deaf Social A)

As we are still unsure on some of the team's decisions, we have decided that all entries must be submitted along with confirmed team sheets by **Thursday 2nd September 2021**. The team sheets will be emailed to all captains/team representatives and PDF copy can be found in the documents tab on the website using the following link;

http://www.snookerhost.co.uk/admin/files/League%20Registration%20Form%202021_22.pdf

Team sheets will need to be handed in at Walkers on Thursday 2nd September 2021. Alternatively, these can be emailed to either Graham, Kenny or Pat prior to this date. Any team sheets not received by this date will not be entered into the 2021/22 season

The aim is to have the start date for the 2021/22 league season on **Thursday 23rd September 2021**.

Rule Changes and Handicaps

The committee has decided that with all the work that is required before the restart in September that there will be no rule changes for 2021/22 season.

With respect to player's handicaps, these will be as per the end of the 2019/20 season.

Finances

Graham is to speak with each team captain that need to pay any outstanding fees from the 2019/20 season.

He will also be in touch with each team that has won prize money for league standings and once the competition matches have been played.

Team registration fee for the 2021/22 season will need to be paid no later than the October 2021 meeting.

Future Lockdowns and COVID-19 Issues

The committee will meet to discuss how the league will move forward should any further lockdowns or COVID-19 issues occur during the next season. Some areas to think about are if any lockdowns happen over the winter months and if the season will be extended later into the spring.

At one of the meetings in the next couple of months, we will discuss with team representatives what our thoughts and suggestions are, as well and taking advice and ideas from those present.

We also need to consider if any players/clubs are unable to host matches due to COVID-19 cases and how these will be treated/rearranged.