

HBA AGM

29TH JUNE 2020

HABL REPORT

The 2019/2020 season started well with 48 teams across 9 Leagues.

There were 5 new teams, 2 of which were Ladies.

Unfortunately leagues had to be suspended wef 17th March.

In the event, a 3-3 scoreline was applied to outstanding matches, which provided a reasonable if not ideal outcome. However, it was decided not to award trophies & medals.

Nevertheless, normal promotion & relegation rules will be applied for next season.

That said, practical adjustments may have to be made depending on the effect of the Covid situation on league entries.

It is intended that Fixtures will not be made for next season until those for the County League have been arranged. Therefore no further action will be taken before 8th September at the very earliest – which was the date of the now cancelled Fixtures Meeting.

Administrative changes will have to be made due to the withdrawal of Fixtures Live services to badminton. The front runner replacement at the time of this report is League Republic, in part because they have offered a free trial up to December 2020. That said, account will be taken of County League decisions and any positive views within the County Association as to suitable Badminton England's services.

An alternative to the normal Fixtures Meeting was discussed at the AGM. There was interest in Chelmsford League's standard practice – using the telephone – but no particular inclination for "Zoom arrangements".