

League Secretary's Report - Season 2015/2016

1. League Results

Thanks to all clubs and teams for participating in the leagues. This season, the leagues once again ran very smoothly with no significant issues to report. Thanks to all team contacts for your support.

We had 50 teams in the Open Leagues this year (2 more than last season) and this allowed for five divisions of 10 teams. The leagues were boosted by 4 strong teams from 3 additional clubs. Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy rejoined the leagues after a number of years' absence and Bridge of Allan entered for the first time. The teams were introduced as high up in the leagues as they could be fitted in, but 3 of them clearly demonstrated that they can compete at a higher level. The results were:

Division	Winner	Points	Runner-up	Points
1	Grange 1	273	Edinburgh Sports Club Red	266
2	Bridge of Allan 1	270	Waverley 1	241
3	Grange 2	311	Waverley 2	227
4	Bridge of Allan 2	302	Edinburgh University 2	239
5	Kirkcaldy	283	Grange 4	262

Congratulations to Grange 1 on winning the First Division for the first time in the club's history and to all other division winners, particularly Grange 2 and Bridge of Allan 2 for the huge margins of victory. Well done to the runners-up and to the other promoted teams from Divisions 2 – 5, which were Linlithgow 1, Linlithgow 2, Colinton Castle 4 and Waverley 3.

In the Ladies leagues, we played the first half with 10 teams (same as last season) with two divisions of 5 playing home and away. In the second half, Edinburgh University entered a 2nd team, so Division 2 had 6 teams.

First Half

Division	Winner	Points	Runner-up	Points
1	Edinburgh Sports Club 2	107	Grange	104
2	Edinburgh University 1	120	David Lloyd	96

Second Half

Division	Winner	Points	Runner-up	Points
1	Edinburgh University 1	131	Edinburgh Sports Club 2	119
2	David Lloyd	140	Dalgety Bay	134

As we had two different winners of the first division in each half, there was a closely fought play-off between ESC 2 and EUS 1 for the overall season title, with Edinburgh Sports Club 2 coming out on top.

Congratulations to all winners and teams gaining promotion. Once again the trophies were presented at the highly successful end-of-season dinner, thanks to ESC for hosting that.

2. SportyHQ

The transfer to SportyHQ from Squash Matrix went very smoothly, a big thanks to all the team contacts who helped this to go well. The system seems to have been well received and intuitive to use. Highland and West of Scotland also implemented the system this year. In the coming season, SSRL is planning to transfer all remaining activity from Matrix onto the new system (mainly tournaments) and so we will have a truly national system for the first time. In time, this will hopefully lead to improvements in the accuracy of rankings due to volume of results.

3. Other changes

As you will recall, we dropped the referee bonus points for this season and this made results admin a lot easier. In addition, we completed the move to PAR scoring for all leagues and I believe this was well received.

I am always open to any suggestion that clubs might have to improve the leagues and increase participation rates. Thanks for all your cooperation and good luck for next season!

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