

CONNACHT LEAGUE 2017-2018

I am contacting you regarding the Connacht league for 2017/18.

Following on from the Connacht Squash AGM in Claremorris on Tuesday 19th September it was proposed that we make some amendments to the format of the league with a view to:

- Having more clubs/members participate in the league
- Bringing more uniformity to the playing levels of each team
- Providing a better structure for more advanced players
- Reducing travel times for clubs

With this in mind the following proposals were put in place.

A League

The A league will be an individual league for those players of a high standard looking to get quality matches e.g. Brian Byrne, Andre Davis, Keith Moran etc. The idea would be that if there was a B league match between 2 clubs that the A players associated with these players would play at the same venue and time. So for example, if Sligo were playing Claremorris then Keith and Brian would look to schedule their match as part of the B league night. The top 4 players at the end of the league would then play a semi-final with a final match taking place as part of the finals day. Matched would be on a home and away basis.

B league

The B league would comprise of teams made up from a club's lower ranked A layers and B team members

Where clubs are entering more than one team they should combine teams that may have competed in the A and B leagues before so, the numbers 2 and 3 off last year's A team would become the number 1's on the two teams being put together with players ranked 3 and 4 becoming the number 2s etc. It is most important that all clubs adhere to this format so that all players can feel they are competing against players of a broadly similar level

C League

A C league is available for clubs who wish to put a team in place for players who they do not think would be able for or comfortable in the B league.

Ladies

A ladies league has been proposed so any clubs with ladies that would like to take part are most welcome.

Depending on the number of entries I am hoping to have North and South divisions which will help to reduce travelling distances for all. The semi-finals will be made up of the winners of each division playing the runners up in the other division.

All other rules are the same as last year and I have attached them for your attention

I appreciate the change in format may take a little time to bed in but if there are any queries please call me.

I am hoping to get the league up and running by the end of October and have the league finalised by mid February and to achieve this I would appreciate if you can come back to me with your proposed teams within the next 2 weeks

The entry fee per team will be €50 as last year.

Please also pass on this email to anyone in either your own or other clubs that you feel may be interested in taking part

Here's to a great league

Tony
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Connacht league Secretary