

Dundee and District Table Tennis Association

(Registered charity no. SC045977)

Minutes of the AGM held at 8:00pm in Forthill Sports Club on 25 April 2019

Present: Trustees: Elaine Forbes (Chair), David Sim (Vice Chair), Dave Beveridge (Treasurer), Andy Hughes (Match Secretary), Stuart Halliday (Trophy convener), Sandy Elrick, Arthur Pritchard, Mark Lundberg, Callum Riddoch

Other members: Stewart Clark, Paul Monteith, Andy Ferguson, John Anderson, Ian McLagan, Eddie Dougan, Nat Forno, Arthur Duncan, Jason Fleming, Grant Williams, Emma Bissett, Kenny McLaren, Jim Houghton, Rob Fotheringham, Peter Aird, Derek Thomson, Zeesth Naseem.

1 Welcome and apologies

Elaine welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were submitted by Derek and Juliet Johnston, Graham Wood, Ian Hunter, Alain Leger, Howard Lee, Steve Wilson, Miriam Rennet, Winnie Stein and Paul McCabe.

2 Minutes of the 2018 AGM

The minutes of the AGM held in Forthill Sports Club on 26 April 2018 were approved.

3 Matters arising from 2018 minutes

None.

4 Reports

The reports by the Chair, Match Secretary, Treasurer and Coaching Convener were circulated with the agenda. These are attached at Appendices 1-4.

5 Affiliation fees

The members approved the Treasurer's recommendation that there be no change to DDTA affiliation fees for season 2019/20. Fees were last increased in season 2013/14. TTS affiliation fees are not expected to increase but this has yet to be decided.

6 Proposed amendments to Rules

Eight Rule amendments were proposed by the prescribed date of 31 March. Four were proposed by the Management Committee and four by Guthrie Park TTC (See Appendix 5).

Following discussion and voting, the amendments proposed by the Management Committee were approved. The change to Rule 3(6) attracted 1/31 vote against but the other three were passed unanimously.

The Treasurer emphasised that the change to the registration dates would involve a single new registration form being completed for 2019/20 and asked that clubs don't use the old forms. The new one will be issued to clubs in plenty time.

The Guthrie Park proposals attracted 5, 8, 4 and 2 votes in favour but with 16/31 votes required to achieve the necessary majority these changes were not approved.

Action point: Dave B to amend the Rules in the handbook and website.

7 Office-bearers' honoraria

The office-bearers left the meeting for this item and Sandy Elrick took the Chair. The remaining members resolved that a £120 honorarium be paid to the five office-bearers for season 2018/19:

- Elaine Forbes (Chair)
- David Sim (Vice-chair)
- Dave Beveridge (Treasurer)
- Andy Hughes (Match secretary)
- Juliet Johnston (Coaching Convener)

8 Elections

Hon Presidents and Vice Presidents:

No changes are required to the list of HPs and VPs in the current handbook.

Trustees:

Elaine reported that the current committee had indicated a willingness to continue for another year although Miriam intends to resign as soon as she can transfer her role as CPO to another trustee. Emma Bissett and Rob Fotheringham volunteered to join the committee. Accordingly, the following appointments were nominated and approved:

Chairperson – Elaine Forbes
Vice Chair – David Sim
Hon Secretary – *no nominations*
Match Secretary – Andy Hughes
Treasurer – Dave Beveridge
Coaching Convener – Juliet Johnson.
Stuart Halliday – Trophy Convener
Sandy Elrick
Arthur Pritchard
Callum Riddoch
Mark Lundberg
Emma Bissett
Rob Fotheringham

Miriam Rennet – Child Protection Officer

Independent examiner

Stewart Clark did not stand for re-election and Owen Smith was elected for 2019.

Action point: Dave B to update the list of trustees in the handbook and on the website.

9 Future developments

An extract from a draft report prepared by Arthur Pritchard on behalf of the Development Sub-committee had been circulated and Arthur made a short presentation focusing on the challenges we face as a result of an ageing membership and insufficient youngsters joining our sport. It was agreed that the Management Committee would arrange an informal meeting with reps from affiliated clubs over the summer to consider options and ideas and identify what clubs want to see happening over the next few years.

Action point: Elaine to convene a gathering of club reps over the close season.

10 AOCB

Eddie Dougan asked for clarification about the future of the Monifieth HS club. Elaine explained that we had applied for a grant from Tesco to help meet the costs of this club and that we would be clearer about its viability once we received a response to our application.

Paul Monteith raised the issue again of fixtures not finishing until late in the night and asked whether there was a case for dropping the doubles matches from the league fixtures. Elaine explained that any changes to the fundamental structure of the league competition would need to be the subject of formal Rule changes and it was agreed that we should first include this in the agenda for the meeting to be helped with club reps over the summer. Other members felt that there was a ready solution if teams turned up on time and got on with their matches without lengthy warm-ups.

11 Close

Elaine thanked everyone for attending and formally closed the meeting. The 2020 AGM will likely be held around the same date but will be subject to formal notice in the usual manner.

Report by Chairperson - season 2018-19

The first part of my report is virtually a repeat of last year's - but I make no apology for repeating thanks to the many people who volunteer so much of their time to provide the framework for all the table tennis on offer in Dundee and District.

MC members David Sim, Andy Hughes, Juliet Johnston, Stuart Halliday, Sandy Elrick, Miriam Rennet and Arthur Pritchard have all devoted endless hours to ensure that our year-long programme has run smoothly again. I must highlight the efforts of Dave Beveridge, who is in effect carrying out the dual role of Treasurer and Secretary, but then he does get first pick of the fun jobs – I refer in particular to the absolutely fascinating change in Data Protection requirements which Dave steered us through last spring.

At the end of last year's report, I highlighted the desirability of attracting young blood onto the MC – and we have been delighted to welcome Callum Riddoch and Mark Lundberg as new members, joining Stuart at the younger end of our seesaw in bringing in fresh thinking to balance the time-served wisdom of older members. Good also to have Mark accept an out of town appointment to the TTS Selection Committee (another of life's thankless tasks!).

Again we must extend thanks to the many volunteers who choose not to risk racing pulses at exciting MC meetings but who give much of their time in various ways – John Thain, Derek Johnston, Ken Head, Eddie Dougan and Howard Lee all spring to mind. A number of volunteer coaches help our self-employed coach Paul McCabe with invaluable work bringing table tennis to youngsters at WRG and school clubs, and particular thanks go to John Hannah, Callum Riddoch and Blair Duncan who are the stalwarts on Juliet's rota of assistant coaches.

As you will read in Appendix 6, Stewart Clark is standing down after a long stint as Independent Examiner of our accounts and we thank him for his many years fulfilling this role. In the autumn, TTS recognised the years of service not only of Stewart but also of Winnie Stein and David Sim when TTS President Stewart McGowan visited WRG to award the threesome well-earned Honorary Lifetime Membership status.

The usual September to March programme of league and cup matches and Closed Championships have hopefully been enjoyed by the membership. We can certainly claim that the Wednesday morning social sessions at WRG have been enjoyed by the over 50s – so much so that new Friday morning sessions are being trialled from the end of April.

Outwith the district, we have supported three teams in the Scottish National League, sent a squad to the Scottish Schools Finals in Bathgate and selected a 24-strong contingent of players across six categories to represent us at the Scottish Interleague team event in Perth.

A number of one-off sessions have been added over the past year for the dual benefit of current members and hopefully of new players – "Come & Try", "Bring along a Kid" and "Exclusively Female" have been some of the initiatives. A "Halliday Cup" evening extended to players outwith Division 3 also proved popular. Summer coaching for adults was added, and a hastily arranged Summer League attracted interest beyond expectation with close on

30 players enjoying the different team format and the opportunity to play opponents from all divisions.

There was therefore much for the table tennis family to enjoy - but as with any family, there are inevitably some squabbles. Can I make a plea that these are addressed on the night – a quick word in an ear, preferably delivered with some humour, can prevent escalation and is a much more effective way of clearing up niggles rather than an email to chairman@ddtta.co.uk which starts “I don’t want to make a formal complaint but.....”

Thanks as ever to outside agencies who have supported our projects financially – TTS, SportDundee, Dundee Partnership and Dundee Youth Fund. We have also enjoyed good coverage from local newspapers the “Courier” and “Telegraph.”

Having looked back over another successful season, we must also look ahead. The figures produced by Dave and Arthur for the Development Report (Appendix 7) analysing the ages of current league players do not make such good reading and I would call on each member to be aware that it is everyone’s responsibility to contribute towards ensuring that future “Reports from the Chair” remain upbeat.

Thanks again to everyone involved in TT in Dundee & District over 2018-19.

Elaine Forbes
Chair

DDTTA - Match Secretary's report – 2018/19

1 Introduction

This is my third report as Match Secretary. Thanks to everyone, especially my fellow committee members, for their help and support throughout the season. Extended information on leagues / averages etc. is available at <http://www.ddtta.co.uk>.

2 League and Cup Competitions

2.1 League positions

Place	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Champions	Aces (151 pts)	Villa (129 pts)	Tass (170 pts)
Runners-up	Knights (142 pts)	Chieftains (122 pts)	Comets (146 pts)
2 nd bottom	Telstars (48 pts), Note: better head-to-head	Kingsway (69 pts)	Missiles (67 pts)
Bottom	Star (48 pts)	Sputniks (62 pts)	Astronauts (45 pts)

2.2 Averages

Place	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
1	R Toth (Knights) 96%	J Munro (Chieftains) 87%	J Houghton (Tass) 92%
2	Z Naseem (Aces) 94%	I Hunter (Villa) 86%	S Clark (Tass) 85%

Congratulations to all winners and commiserations to the relegated teams.

2.3 Division 1

The Division 1 title race was very exciting and Aces only secured the title after their final fixture. The relegation spot also went to the very last fixture with Star losing to ensure that Defenders avoided the second bottom position. Division one newcomers Zeesth Naseem of Aces; David Hay and Andrew Nimmo of Viscounts; Peter Aird of Knights and Jos Berkhout of Defenders all got qualifying averages in their debut season. Robert Toth (Knights) regained the top individual player average although Zeesth Naseem of Aces pushed him very hard for the top spot. Gillian Edwards (Up4it) was the only other player who won more than 90% of the matches individually played this season showing that the standard at the top has widened. We bid farewell to Prefects' Michael Hahn who I believe will leave the area in the summer after his studies have finished.

2.4 Division 2

The Division 2 title race was also close but Villa held the upper hand for most of the season and kept nearest challengers Chieftains and Lundin Lasers at bay. Ian Hunter led Villa to the title and was helped immensely by Ian McLagan, James Pickles and Sandy Bertie who all contributed to their title win. Perth stalwart James was playing in the DDTTA leagues for the first time, but he will now leave the area with a 100% title success rate! The relegation spots

were not decided until the last couple of weeks after Kingsway and Sputniks had much better second halves to the season. If either had started better it would have been very close. Jacob Munro of Chieftains was the top player, only just ahead of Ian Hunter and Ian McLagan of Villa.

2.5 Division 3

The Division 3 title race was dominated by Tass with second placed Comets a massive 24 points behind at the end. Comets themselves were a huge 26 points clear of third placed Duffers who secured their spot by 14 points from Lairds. Jim Houghton (Tass) and Stewart Clark (Tass) had the highest qualifying averages although Rich McLaren and Andy Reid of Duffers were very close behind Stewart. Astronauts were the only new team and although they finished bottom, they won a couple of fixtures in the second half of the season and youngsters Euan Steel and Nairn Nixon improved throughout the season. Other newcomers that performed well for their first season included youngsters Mohammad Alrubayee of Lairds and Jamie Harle of Earls.

2.6 Cup Competitions

I think the cup competitions were very well supported this season. Aces, Villa and Tass all added cup winners' medals to their league titles with each trophy only being secured in the final match of very close finals. The unlucky losers were Up4it twice to Aces in the Excelsior Cup and Chairman's Challenge Trophy; Swots to Villa in the Secondary Shield and Duffers to Tass in the Consolation Cup. The Handicap cup was a 'League runners-up final' with Division 1 Knights getting the better of Division 3 Comets. A huge positive was that after the issues in last season's cup competitions where there were three Claim-A situations (one Stanley Doubles, one Consolation Cup and one Handicap Cup) and numerous Claim-B concessions, this season there were no Claim-A's and only one Claim-B concession in the entire list of cup fixtures. Some teams did not enter cup competitions which may be one of the reasons, but I also think that playing the first round of the Stanley doubles as the season opener was a good success compared to last season's issues with that competition.

3 Other Issues

3.1 Submission of scorecards

E-Scorecards were mostly submitted on time (i.e. within 48 hours) during the season; thanks to all for doing this timely as it helps a lot. However, most weeks throughout the season I have had to chase up one or more cards that were still not input beyond the 48 hour limit that is written into our rules. As this is the third season in a row that this has regularly happened I have proposed a rule change to reduce the time limit to within 24 Hours which will allow me to determine more quickly whether fixtures have been played or not. If for some reason a team is not able to input a card within the limit set in our rules I am happy to be sent a scan or photo of the card and then input the card myself. Previously I have successfully helped players over the phone who were having difficulty entering a scorecard.

3.2 Postponements (league only)

There were 27 postponements (44 last year, 26 year before) although two were due to an unfortunate late Tay Road Bridge closure which could not be helped. This is back to normal levels after the huge 69% increase of last season of which 12 postponements were due to the bad weather in February. However, teams should always try to play their matches as scheduled as it is better for the leagues if all fixtures are played on time. There were eighteen different teams who postponed matches this season so it is still an issue across the board, although I do not think it is a problem that requires attention as no-one seems to be

abusing the rule Finally, it saves a lot of time when teams keep the match secretary informed promptly about postponements and re-arranged dates, which happens the vast majority of the time. However, like the last two seasons there were still several occasions when it was only found out about a postponement when a missing card was chased up. Please ensure that the match secretary is kept informed about postponements and rearranged dates.

3.3 Claim A Occurrences (no shows)

There were zero Claim A situations in the leagues this season (two last year, zero the year before). Any 'no show' is deemed very bad by the committee and it was very good to get back to the 'zero Claim A' status.

3.4 Claim B Occurrences (concessions)

There was only one Claim B (nine last year and three the year before) in the leagues, and thankfully it was from an end of season mid-table fixture that did not have any bearing whatsoever on the promotion places in Division 3. This is a very welcome decrease and I believe the lowest for many seasons.

3.5 Player Shortages

There were 19 League fixtures that took place where one of the teams had only two players (29 last season and 33 the season before), although two were from 2v2 player fixtures. This is a significant reduction and two Division 3 sides that had serious player availability issues were responsible for 10 of the total. Only 2 were by a Division 1 team and 1 by a Division 2 side which seems to indicate this is mainly an issue with Division 3 sides. Nevertheless clubs/teams should still be encouraged to try to get three players available for all fixtures in future seasons as in an ideal world this number should be down at zero.

4 Conclusion

I think on the whole it was a good season with the leagues mostly being competitive and interesting throughout the season. It was also good to see that fifteen players, including all three from Up4it and two each from Aces, Viscounts, Brechin and Tass, went through the entire league season playing all possible League fixtures for their sides. There were also numerous others who played a high percentage of possible fixtures. Well done to everyone for their dedication to our leagues. The number of claims was I believe at an all-time low (in my recent memory) and postponements were also down on last season.

Andy Hughes

DDTTA Match secretary

Report by treasurer

Overview

The 2018 Report and Accounts can be viewed or downloaded at http://ddtta.co.uk/news/2018_DDTTA_REPORT_ACCOUNTS_EXAMINED.pdf These are presented for information only and do not require to be approved at this meeting. I will only refer to the main features of the accounts, which have been given a clean report by the independent examiner, Stewart Clark, who I thank for his help. The accounts were submitted to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), along with the prescribed annual return, as required by law, on 25 February 2019. They have since been 'passed' by OSCR.

Outturn

The Association made a cash surplus of £1,896 in 2018 and we had £20,398 in the bank at 31 December 2018. Our reserves currently exceed our formal policy. However, it should be noted that the surplus only arose because of the Chair's efforts in attracting a further £2,250 of grant funding and a saving of over £800 due to Ward Road Gym halving the cost of our lets in the fourth quarter of the year.

If members have any questions to ask on the accounts I would be grateful if these were sent to me not later than 48 hours before the meeting in case I require to look at the underlying records to provide a meaningful response.

Financial position and affiliation fees

Our financial position is sound. No changes are proposed to affiliation fees which have now been at the same level since season 2013/14.

Conclusion

I was elected Treasurer at the 2016 AGM. The current committee enjoys a good dynamic and we have taken many steps to ensure our financial health is sound and that the charity is fit for purpose in other respects, given our legal responsibilities as trustees.

I am willing to stand for re-election provided the charity's current leadership remains in place.

Dave Beveridge

Treasurer

Coaching Convener's Report 2018-19

General

There has been a good take-up of Junior coaching through the year, both locally and at District level, although senior coaching has dropped off.

Forthill have a regular core of upcoming juniors, being brought on by Grant Williams. There are also a number of school clubs across the region, providing opportunities for local kids to try TT. Tayview PS included TT in their curriculum for a few months, but unfortunately this became a casualty of the recent Council cuts. DDTTA supports extra-curricular TT clubs at Baldrigon (thanks to Dundee Partnership for a grant in support of this) and Monifieth High; while there are also regular clubs at Dundee HS and Arbroath HS. The success of these was evident at the Ward Road Gym Directors' Day event, with 15 non-league juniors taking part – fun was had by all and Arbroath HS won the day.

Special coaching events this year have included a Regional Training Day by Stephen Gertsen from Table Tennis Scotland in September; and two very successful "Novice" days at Ward Road Gym. Juniors from Stirlingshire and East Lothian came along to a coaching day with some of our local kids – an excellent initiative of Elaine's which will hopefully also encourage our kids to join the League, and help them when they go to national events.

Many thanks to Paul McCabe and all the volunteers who give their time and energy to help others improve their game.

Junior Performances

We currently have a number of keen league junior players, most of whom have also attended some national competitions. David, Andrew and Jacob are benefitting from involvement in the Scottish Performance and Development Squads, and we hope their gains are filtering down to the less experienced players. We had 4 new juniors in the league this season – Euan, Nairn, Jamie and Mohammad - and hope to pick up some more of the coaching regulars for next season.

Help!

Finally, as always, the begging bowl. It is a great benefit to our juniors when they can get table time against a range of styles, tactics, rubbers and – especially - serves. We are very grateful to those League adults who do this already, but the more the merrier. The keen kids are almost always at WRG on Mondays and Fridays – a ten minute knock then could make a world of difference to them.

Beyond that, the core of our volunteer coaches at WRG contains John Hannah, Callum Riddoch and Blair Duncan. Without them, we wouldn't be able to maintain the current level of coaching provision. However, all 3 are now nearing the end of their courses and we can't assume they'll have the free time, or even be in the area, for much longer. So, if you are willing to take a coaching qualification, please let me know – even if you can only manage one session a month, it would help. Without the young ones coming through, we might not have enough players for the league in a few years.

Juliet Johnston

Coach Convener

coaching@ddtta.co.uk

Proposed Rule Changes

NB: One vote will take place on the changes identified in each boxed area.

Proposed by Management Committee

Registration of teams and players - background

It is evident from recent seasons that not all clubs are well placed to register their teams by 15 July. This has resulted in frequent team additions and withdrawals after the due date, sometimes right up to the scheduled start of the season. As well as that, the management committee (MC) is not able to properly review the ranking order of teams until player registrations are submitted at the end of August, making it challenging to finalise the league structure and the handbook in the remaining available time. The MC therefore proposes that both team and player registrations be submitted at the same time, by a new date of 15 August. This will give clubs another month to consult with their membership over availability and team preferences – but means that they will need to be organised to submit player registrations two weeks sooner than last season.

The MC proposes that the dates in Rules 1(4) and 1(7) be changed to 15 August.

Submission of scorecards

A small number of team secretaries regularly require to be reminded to submit scorecards. This takes up valuable time and can be frustrating for the Match Secretary. The Management Committee support the Match Secretary in requesting that scorecards be submitted within 24 hours of the completion of a fixture (rather than 48 hours) and in providing for the deduction of league points where there is a persistent infringement of the Rules.

Proposals

Rule 3(6) – Replace ‘Within 48 hours...’ with ‘Within 24 hours...’

Rule 7 - Add ‘The Management Committee may also, after issuing an appropriate warning, deduct league points from a team that fails to comply with any of these Rules.’

Role of the Management Committee to decide on the composition of league divisions etc

At the MC meeting in January 2019 there was a lengthy debate about the management committee’s ability to rule about the ranking of teams, make decisions about league and divisional structures, promotion and relegation matters etc.

For the avoidance of doubt, the management committee wishes to add a new Rule which effectively clarifies that, where the existing rules fall short of providing for a particular eventuality, the management committee has the authority to decide or be the final arbiter on how the Rules shall be applied or the situation resolved.

Proposal

Rule 11 – re-number as Rule 12

Insert new Rule 11 as follows:

11 *Contingency* If these Rules do not adequately provide for a particular matter that may arise, the Management Committee shall decide how that issue is to be resolved.

Proposed by Guthrie Park TTC

Current Rule

3. Match Arrangements

(5) *Points Awarded* A point is awarded to each team for every match won. If the fixture has not been completed, the result as it stands should be sent to the Match Secretary along with an explanatory statement and this will be considered at the next Management Committee meeting. Where a team fails to appear for a league fixture, the opposing team players will be awarded three matches towards their averages.

Reasoning

With regards to above although this has been in operation for a number of years and having been involved over the last 3 years this appears to bring a number of anomalies. If a team doesn't win a game all season, the current system rewards the team and as competitive play is necessary no cognisance is taken in winning which surely is the purpose of any competition.

Suggested change to Rule 3(5)

3. Match Arrangements

(5) *Points Awarded* 2 points are awarded to each team for every fixture won and 1 point for a draw. If the fixture has not been completed, the result as it stands should be sent to the Match Secretary along with an explanatory statement and this will be considered at the next Management Committee meeting. Where a team fails to appear for a league fixture, the opposing team will be awarded 2 points and players will be awarded three matches towards their averages.

Current Rule

3. Match Arrangements

(7) *Positions in a Division* At the end of the season positions in a Division shall be decided by the number of points obtained by each team. If two or more teams are level on points, their positions shall be determined by the number of points obtained in a 'mini-Division' consisting of the teams involved. Should this produce equality then the positions shall be determined by the number of games won.

Reasoning

This brings into question the deciding positions at the end of the season. For example, if teams play 20 matches per season and lose 6-4 every match, they will still accumulate 80 points. This amount would keep teams mid table in most cases. Table tennis is competitive

therefore it would seem reasonable and fair to allow the team with the most fixtures won to be the first “decider” in league placing if they are level on points.

Suggested Changes to Rule 3(7)

(7) *Positions in a Division* At the end of the season positions in a Division shall be decided by the number of points obtained by each team. If two or more teams are level on points, their positions shall be determined in order by either (i) the number of fixtures (ii) matches or (iii) games won. Should this still result as being level, then in order either (a) the number of points (b) matches or (c) games won in a ‘mini-Division’ consisting of the teams involved shall decide the placings.

Current Rule

6. Other Matters

(1) *Clubs with Two or More Teams* Prior to the first fixture of the season, a Club entering two or more teams (whether or not they are in the same Division) must state which is the first team, the second team and so on, and nominate players for each team.

Reasoning

There have been a few examples in recent seasons where clearly stronger players in both ability and technique have played for lower teams in lower divisions. This clearly upsets the natural order of ability when they dominate proceedings and provide an unfair advantage by removing pressure from the teams they play for and obtaining the minimum of 3 games/points they play in. This is further compounded by the fact that not all teams within the league face them in opposition therefore providing advantage to other teams and therefore affecting league position in particular where the league is very competitive. This season our team in Division 3 team have faced this twice whilst others have not. Although not against the rules this is arguably morally wrong and not played within the spirit of the game. The ranking list will allow easier monitoring and challenges by the committee should there be a clear indication of a team or club exploiting the situation.

Suggested Change to Rule 6(1)

6. Other Matters

(1) *Clubs with Two or More Teams* Prior to the first fixture of the season, a Club entering two or more teams (whether or not they are in the same Division) must state which is the first team, the second team and so on. The club then must produce a list of all members based on ability and rank them accordingly and thereafter based on these rankings allocate members to each respective team.

Current Rule

6. Other Matters

(2) *Playing Up* In the League, a player may play for any team or teams higher than that for which the player is registered. A player may only play for a team or teams registered higher for a maximum cumulative total of four fixtures, regardless of which higher team or teams the player has played for. If a player in the league plays on a fifth occasion for any team or teams higher than that for which the player is registered, the player will become registered with the higher team which the player played with on the fifth occasion. This does not apply

to Cup Competitions and a player may play for more than one team without becoming “cup tied.”

Reasoning

There have been a few examples where stronger players in both ability and technique could or have played for teams in the same division where league position could be affected. This could result in disadvantage to the remainder of the teams through league position.

Although not against the rules this is arguably morally wrong and not played within the spirit of the game.

Suggested Change to Rule 6(2)

6. Other Matters

(2) Playing Up In the League, a player registered to play for a team in Division 2 or lower may play for any team or teams that are within a higher division than that for which the player is registered. In the league a player registered to play for a team in Division 1 may play for any team or teams that are higher than that for which the player is registered. A player may only play for a team or teams registered higher for a maximum cumulative total of four fixtures, regardless of which higher team or teams the player has played for. If a player in the league plays on a fifth occasion for any team or teams higher than that for which the player is registered, the player will become registered with the higher team which the player played with on the fifth occasion. This does not apply to Cup Competitions and a player may play for more than one team without becoming “cup tied”.