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To: **ALL MATCH SECRETARIES**

**REVISED NOTICE OF THE 2021 COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING**

As you are probably aware the above AGM usually takes place in the first 15 days of January each year. However due to the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic we have decided to postpone this meeting until 7.30pm. on 4th March 2021.

As is the case for many similar organisations and in accordance with recent changes to Government legislation in light of Covid-19, we have made the decision for the postponement and also we will not be inviting attendees to this event. This is to prevent unnecessary travel and best protect our members, councillors, colleagues and the office team. This will also ensure that we conform with current Government legislation/advice regarding travel, movement and meeting restrictions.

For your information, this change is in accordance with the recent UK government bill/legislation which allows us to change the way the Essex Tennis AGM will be held in 2021. This legislation gives 'not for profit organisations' like ours - the ability to hold a 'Closed' AGM and conduct the business of the meeting and communicate with members by email/electronic means, even if this is not permitted under their constitution, the provisions of this bill specifically override any conflicting provisions that may exist in the current legislation and in each organisations constitution including articles of Association. These measures allow members to exercise their right to vote via email/electronic means in advance of the meeting. Further information regarding this legislation is available on the relevant government website.

You will electronically receive the papers for the AGM on or before 8th February 2021. These papers will include an Agenda, Minutes from Jan 2020, reports from organisers of all competitions and the League structures for 2021(which remain the same as 2020) including any new or withdrawn teams. It was agreed that as the majority of fixtures had already been finalised by clubs for 2020, these would be played on the corresponding dates in 2021, therefore only fixtures with new teams should only need to be agreed.

The AGM is held to congratulate the winners of various leagues, update all clubs on the different Competitions and Leagues, vote on any amendments to rules etc which need to be passed and finally to arrange fixtures for the forthcoming season. If you would like to pose a question or make comments to the Committee you can do so by submitting your questions or comments by email, to j.blewett@sky.com after you have electronically received the AGM papers. Questions and comments must be received on or before 18th February 2021. Communications after this date will not be dealt with.

Your questions and the answers to your questions will be made available on our website <https://www.essectennis.com/> and will be available prior to the AGM on or before 4th March 2021.

The only items which need to be voted on are:

- (i) agree the minutes from January 2020;
- (ii) agree that Sheila Waller and Colin Duncan continue to serve as ordinary members on the Committee.

Unless the League Secretary receives emails to the contrary then the committee shall assume that both items are agreed by all organisations.

Please note that nominations, resolutions and proposals for the AGM have to be sent electronically to j.blewett@sky.com at least 7 weeks prior to the AGM i.e. on or before 14th January 2021 [these are the same/usual time lines that have historically applied prior to this Covid situation].

The committee appreciates that these are difficult times for everyone, and feel that in light of everything this is the best solution in respect of our AGM. We hope that we will be back to some sort of normality for 2022.

Compact Competitions Committee AGM Calendar

ALL COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE MADE ELECTRONICALLY/ONLINE/EMAIL
Nominations, resolutions and proposals from eligible organisations must be received on or before 14 th Jan. 2021
Organisations will receive the AGM papers on or before 8 th Feb. 2021
Organisations must ask their questions on or before 18 th Feb. 2021
Questions and answers from organisations will be published on the Essex Tennis website on or before 4 th Mar. 2021
The AGM will be held at 7.30.p.m. on 4 th March 2021



John Blewett
League Secretary

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