

Results Officer Report to the 2014 AGM

Somerset League

Results of all the 2013-14 Somerset League games have been submitted to the ECF for grading. Results to hand at the end of December 2013 were submitted in early January for inclusion in the January grading list.

Thanks are due to Roger Fenton and Gerry Udell for entering match results into the Score Checker web-based management system. This has greatly reduced the Results Officer's workload.

Thanks also to those match captains who have been conscientious in supplying full names and dates of birth for new players and who have been careful and accurate in writing players names down on the match score sheet. Please don't make me guess the right spelling!

I wish to make a plea to clubs to keep me informed promptly of any changes to the scheduled dates of League matches so that I can keep the web-site fixture list up-to-date (and minimize the number of 'Late Matches'). This should also be of help to Roger and Gerry in keeping track of what's going on in the League.

At last year's AGM a new League rule was introduced requiring clubs to contact the Results Officer for advice on the estimated grade for a new player who does not have a published ECF grade. The rule was introduced to reduce the scope for disputes between clubs over match board order. The rule has occasionally been complied with.

Club Internal Results

At the time of writing (29-05-2014) results of club internal tournament games have been received and submitted to the ECF for Frome, Yeovil, Norton-Radstock, Taunton and Wellington.

For club results to be included in the end-of-January list, the results must reach me by 15th January. I also have to supply the ECF with a date for each result. This date is used when the ECF grading software 'counts back' 30 games to calculate a grade. Where clubs have failed to provide any date information I have used a nominal mid-season date of 1st January 2014. This will mean that the ECF web-site may show a large number of games apparently played on the same date.

Event Registration

At the April 2013 Finance Meeting of the ECF, a change was made to the Game fee by-laws requiring clubs and other organisations to pre-register any events that would be submitted for grading. This scheme has been abandoned until further notice.