

SWF Zoom Meeting December 2023

A well-attended meeting with 64 people representing 23 member clubs starting with a few notices:

- Keep an eye on Croquet England's Fixtures calendar which is available in draft form on the website – getting planning your tournaments now ready to book your place when the entries go live on 1st February
- Is your club a CASC, CIO or other legal structure? We took a straw poll – Croquet England's status does not impinge directly on what status clubs choose but there may well be a Croquet England webinar on the topic next year
- GC referees' course in February is now fully booked but there's still space on the refresher course – contact Paul if you'd like to enrol paulwfrancis@icloud.com
- AC referee's course is in the planning stage and will hopefully run in spring

Reporting League Results

Clubs were informed at the AGM that from 2024 all League results must be submitted electronically and be fully and accurately completed: photos of handwritten forms will not be acceptable.

Where are the results sheets and how do I access them?

The results sheets are to be found on our website: <https://www.swfcroquet.org.uk/> and there is a big green button on the first page which takes you to the forms

- Download the correct form for your League and in the format that is best for you

How do I complete and submit the forms?

- Make sure you have the correct version for your League
- If there are divisions in your League, complete the 'Block' box with the correct division number / letter
- Complete
 - Venue
 - Date
 - Home team
 - Away team
- Enter players names and handicaps – first and second name each time they play – no abbreviations or initials anywhere on the form
- Complete hoop score columns
- Complete 'Games' column
 - Ensure the + and – net points are in the right column for each game
 - If you have the tech skills – the format for these can be changed to 'text' which makes it easier
 - Complete the 'Match Score' boxes at the top of the column
- The referee's box is so there is someone to contact in the event of a query
 - If there is no referee, you could enter the home team captain's details
- Agree the completed sheet with the opponents' team captain
- Submit the form to the person named at the bottom
 - This will be the League Results Secretary for your League – a really welcome addition to the team supporting Stephen in his League Secretary role

Questions answered:

- In doubles games, the names of both players should be included

Stephen is very happy to receive 'dummy' returns during the winter so the system can be tested and any problems ironed out.

Detailed instructions on completing these may be found on our website:

<https://www.swfcroquet.org.uk/results-forms/>

Handicapping

General

Mike outlined the responsibilities of club handicappers as set out by Croquet England <https://www.croquet.org.uk/?p=games/association/handicapping/ClubHandicappers> adding it is good practice at the annual check to

- Initial the annual check has been done on the running record **and** on the front page
- Take a close look at those players who play a lot of friendlies or doubles where the result is not entered – are they still playing off the correct handicap?
- Ensure the correct handicap is entered onto the Croquet England members' data base – it is the player's responsibility to do this

Leagues

- If all players could bring their handicap cards to all matches and place them where both team captains can see them and check if necessary this can only be helpful and avoid later queries
 - It was noted that some players keep on-line records only
- Cards should be completed after each game or at least at the end of the day
- Queries / issues should be dealt with as soon as possible and the Federation Handicapper should be contacted as soon as possible – though this might not be possible on the day
- The consequences of playing off a wrong handicap are set out in the League Rules

Questions answered

- The Croquet England coaching committee has given consideration as to whether or not results should be counter-signed by the opponent as is required in some countries. This is not happening here (yet ...)
- At Tournaments, the Organising Body or Tournament Manager are required to appoint a Tournament Handicapper <https://www.croquet.org.uk/?p=tournament/regulations#H>