



Minutes of County Think Tank

Sunday 27th November 2022 @ 10.30am

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Item on Agenda	Discussion/Points raised	Who	Action
1. ICC secretary update - Juniors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies for no event last year for the Juniors – from JC. Due to low numbers and no ‘event’ organised the Juniors who did play a trial did miss out last year. Unfortunate and not deliberate can only apologise to those juniors and their parents for that. • ST shared PowerPoint with stats for possible teams and competitions going forward into next year. • There WILL be a Junior Championships next year 	ST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ST to meet with Junior committee to send out intents for teams in January 2023 • ST work with committee offline on format, dates and venue • ST share updated format for the ICC rules with JC and PLM as soon as confirmed



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will need to adapt and change each year depending on need and availability of juniors for events. • ST will contact Area associations with intent early in the new year • ST to work offline from this meeting on a plan with the Junior County committee on next steps, formats, venues and dates in the calendar. • Discussion around how busy the Junior calendar can be, this needs to be considered alongside lineage costs and costs to area associations • ST will collect intent and then inform areas of formats – these also need to be ratified by JC and/or PLM to be added to the ICC rules in January 2023 		
<p>2. ICC secretary update - Adults</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from JC re Adult County Finals – decided to send out a survey to those bowlers and officials who attended the adult county finals. • Pleased with the response • JC shared results from survey through Power Point • Main area of discussion around use of Baker format • Different ideas discussed about using Baker for parts of the final and then all the way through the competition. • Discussion of numbers of teams in the finals – 10 seemed to be a good number • Decision to take a vote from those present about using Baker within the adult county competition: Vote for Baker = 0, Vote for Teams =13, Vote for use of both = 4 • Outcome of vote that Adult County competitions will revert back to 5-person team with no use of Baker format • Discussion around numbers of teams who make the finals – women not proportional to those who play qualifiers etc • JC suggested that can be determined based on number of intents received in January. Once intents are received JC to 	<p>JC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC to share powerpoint when sending out the minutes • Baker format to be removed from ICC rules – revert to previous format, numbers of teams dependent on intents received in January/February. • PLM update rule changes for adults – ladies 5-person to 4-person



	<p>send out proposal to all associations on the number of teams who will qualify for the finals and how.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC to meet with PLM re planning for 2023. • JC proposed taking women's teams to 4 person from 5 to support counties to field teams • Vote – 15 in favour, 2 not in favour • Possible number of teams in finals 10 men and 8 women – this will be determined by number of intents • Discussion around NOMAD teams – finding a way for 2 or 3 counties to join together to form a Nomad team, so a possible Hybrid team. This would be a possible rule change if requested. However, with women's going to 4 this may support teams moving forward. • The intent deadline must be adhered to. Answers by a certain date so who can and cannot field a team for the year, associations must respond 		
<p>3. Points to be discussed – sent prior to the meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bucks – Nomad team in regions for lady bowlers – discussed in previous section • Bucks - Cost of Seniors to adults – JC and PLM will be working together to follow the same guidelines • Bucks – how will lineage costs affect future events? This is going to be an issue for all, lineage costs will be going up across the board and JC/PLM will work together to keep the costs to a minimum for all associations so that all can participate. • Beds – reducing cost for counties to participate. Already discussed – also the dinner at finals. JC will look into all options available to keep costs down for all. Happy to announce that a £100 rebate being offered to all teams from the adult finals • Beds – results service after the round – JC explained the process for this and apologised for little results on the 	<p>JC/PLM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC/PLM work together on aligning costings for Seniors and adults • £100 rebate offered to all county teams who played the finals in November • Rule change for men to be able to wear shorts • Final tickets to be used by county team as they wish – bought as part of the finals package • Regional officers to look into county plate events – JC to support if needed



	<p>Saturday from the adult finals. JC has raised this also with National Council for results being shared etc. at events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beds – Rule dress code for Men – shorts – Ongoing for a number of years, men to be allowed to wear tailored shorts. Vote 18 in favour, 1 not in favour – rules to be amended • Beds – tickets for the dinner to be transferable to supporters is team not using their quota – Adults were given 6 tickets this year as part of the finals package. The number of tickets allocated to teams in the future will be part of package and teams to use those allocated tickets as they wish. • Notts – County trials not required to be BTBA members – Generated discussion – this would be negative for paying members, not promoting to join and having benefits of a tournament that they are not paying for. Associations need to be promoting joining the BTBA. They may not renew if they don't make the team. Also, ideas that it could promote all to play. JC, this would not be a positive for the BTBA members and could alienate them. No change to rule. • Notts – 4 regions for qualifying – discussed and linked back into the number of intents received in January. Follow the BTBA regional structure initially. • Notts – male and female teams diff days/diff centres – not always financially viable or possible due to availability • Middlesex – introduce 'tiers' for county events – a plate county event – This has been discussed with regional officers. JC to go back to them to look into further • Hants – Rule dress code for Men – Shorts – discussed and agreed 		
4. AOB	<p>Questions raised by counties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLM – The Adult event will be referred to as 'Open Inter County Championships' 	All	•



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of ideas discussed today – JC minutes will be shared and JC will take to the next Exec committee meeting but no issues with things agreed being taken forward for 2023. • MC – with increasing costs can the time of the year be investigated could the events be moved to the summer? JC agreed that could be looked into. Juniors to be in the Summer for 2023. Currently not planning to move dates for 2023. JC/PLM to investigate for possible in the future • GM – orphan rule for Suffolk bowlers for Norfolk – orphan rule explored • CT – BTBA calendar – not all county dates are on the calendar – to review and ensure all are listed going forward • JC thanked all for attending – meeting closed at 1.10pm 		
5. Summary of actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior event to take place in 2023 • ST to send intents to all area associations • ST to inform JC/PLM of updated formats for the ICC rules • Baker format no longer part of the adult county championships competitions • Adult female change from 5 person teams to 4 person teams • JC/PLM to work together on Seniors/Adults costings etc for 2023 • Rule amendment for men to be able to wear tailored shorts – but continue with the same colour as is already stated in the rules • Adult county event to be referred to as ‘Open Inter County Championships’ 	JC/PLM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •