

Lytham St Anne's Men's Bowling League

Changes for the 2020 Season

Following the voting on the proposals at the 2019 AGM and the withdrawal of teams from each of the 3 leagues the following changes will be effective for the 2020 season.

Monday Evening League

2 teams have withdrawn, St Georges 'A' and Marine Park. This leaves 12 teams competing in the 2020 season, which is insufficient for 2 divisions, therefore there will be 1 division with each team playing 22 matches.

Due to the change in the number of teams Freckleton BC agreed to withdraw Proposal No 2.

Veterans League

St Georges 'B' have withdrawn from the League, this leaves 28 teams competing in the 2020 season. Because of the problems caused by having 16 teams in Division 1, and the length of the season required to accommodate this, the league committee decided to have 2 Divisions of 14 teams for the 2020 season. To achieve this it is necessary to relegate the bottom 4 teams from Division 1 (Marine Park 'A', St Anne's Ex-Service 'A', Marine Park 'B', Lytham BC 'C') at the end of the 2019 season and promote the top 2 teams from division 2 (Wesham, Warton S&S BC). This will reduce the season by 2 weeks and enable end of season green maintenance to commence earlier.

Friday Evening League

Mythop have withdrawn from the Friday Evening team leaving 8 teams for the 2020 season.

The Freckleton BC proposal to change the league into a "Doubles" league was carried by 8 votes to 5. The League Committee proposal to let the Captains decide upon the pairings was rejected by 5 votes to 3, therefore as per the original Freckleton BC proposal the pairings will be decided upon turn of a card by the opposing captain.

Competitions

The Peter Watson Trophy

Freckleton BC proposed that the Peter Watson trophy should revert back to a Veterans (over 55) competition instead of open age as it was in 2019. This was carried by 24 votes to 10.

OTHER

St Anne's Ex-Service proposed that **Rule 14 – Making the draw**, should be changed to a merit system, where the order of merit was decided by the number of points won by an individual. The points for each individual to be allocated 1 point for a home win and 2 points for an away win. This was rejected by 15 votes to 11.