

EMSL 2017 AGM

Proposals

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AGM Details

- * Sunday 26th February, 9:30am to 12:30pm
- * Room B02, ESLC Building, University Park, NG7 2TQ
- * Same building as last year
- * Teams to confirm attendance

Committee Proposal – League Structure – CURRENT SITUATION

- * 1st half - one division: every team plays each other once.
- * 2nd half - two divisions:– every team plays 2 games against each opponent in their own division
- * Teams in each division for 2nd half are based on the positions at the end of the 1st half, once any teams that have dropped out have done so (eg Uni teams).
- * Any new teams entering the league, join in the 2nd division.
- * If there is an odd number of teams in the 2nd half, the lower division will have the extra team.
- * Games played:
 - * 1st half: 11
 - * 2nd half: Div 1 = 8 Div 2 = 10

Committee Proposal – League Structure – PROPOSAL OBJECTIVES

- * Provide competitive softball at all levels of play
- * Stop mis-matched games between top teams when playing beginners
- * Continue to still allow a wide range of opponents within the league
- * Provide more opportunities to win a title
- * Still provide a route to the Nationals
- * Balance a high number of league games with other commitments during summer holidays*

*a request has come in from one team in current Div 2 for fewer games in the 2nd half

Committee Proposal – League Structure – NEW PROPOSAL (1)

Proposal 1: adjust the league structure to:

* **1st half - 3 Divisions:**

- * Division 1: Play teams in own division twice and play Div 2 teams once.
- * Division 2: Play 1 game vs. every team in 1st, 2nd & 3rd division
- * Division 3: Play teams in own division twice and play Div 2 teams once.

* **2nd half – 3 Divisions:**

- * Playing schedule the same as 1st half.

- * Promotion/relegation of 1 team between divisions at end of each half season
- * Divisions determined by finishing places of the teams in the previous half season after relegation/promotion etc

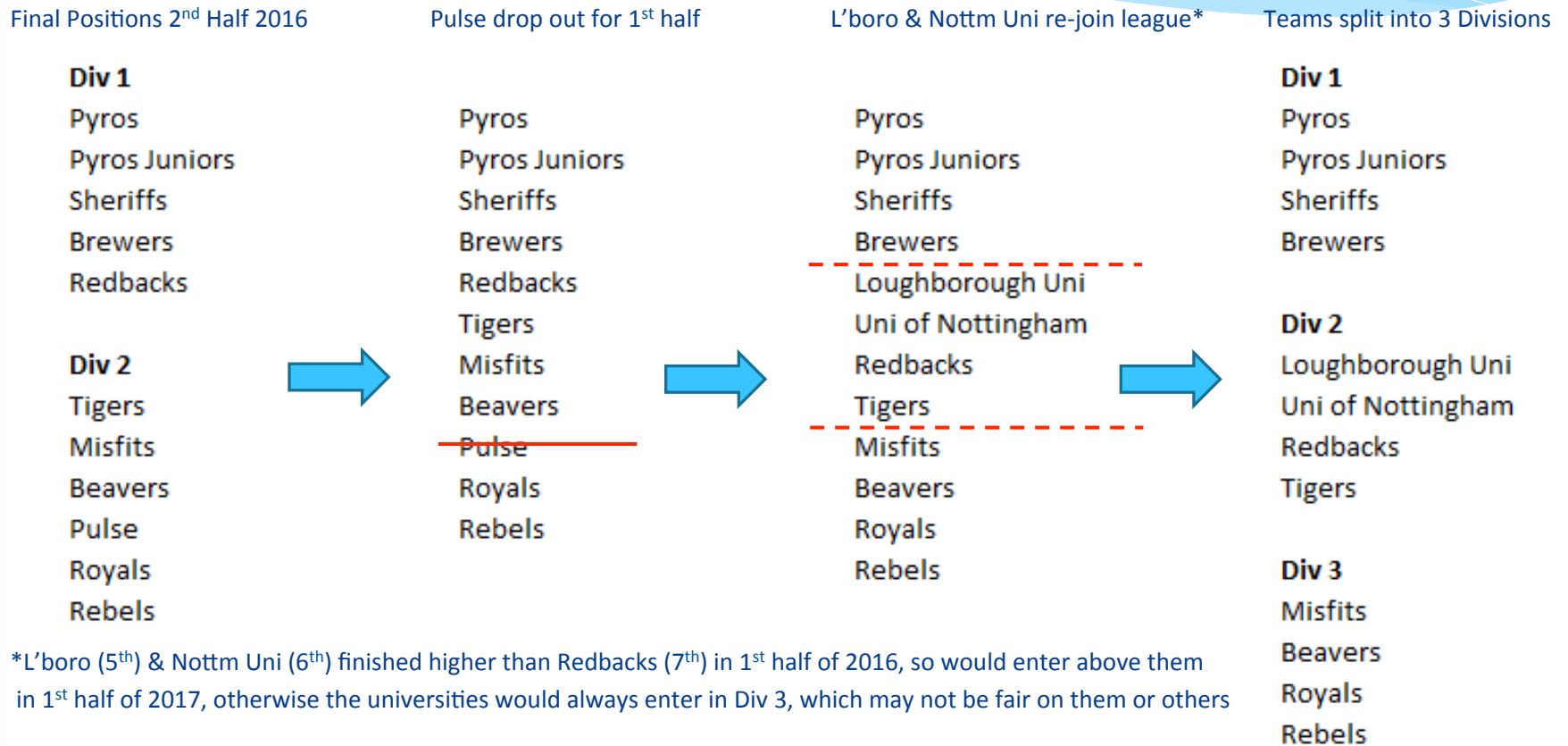
* **Games played:**

- * 1st half Div 1 = 10 Div 2 = 11 Div 3 = 10
- * 2nd half* Div 1 = 10 Div 2 = 10 Div 3 = 8

*assumes 11 teams in 2nd half and only 3 teams in Div 3 (2016)

Committee Proposal – League Structure – NEW PROPOSAL (1)

* As an example, for the 1st half in 2017 the positions would be determined as below



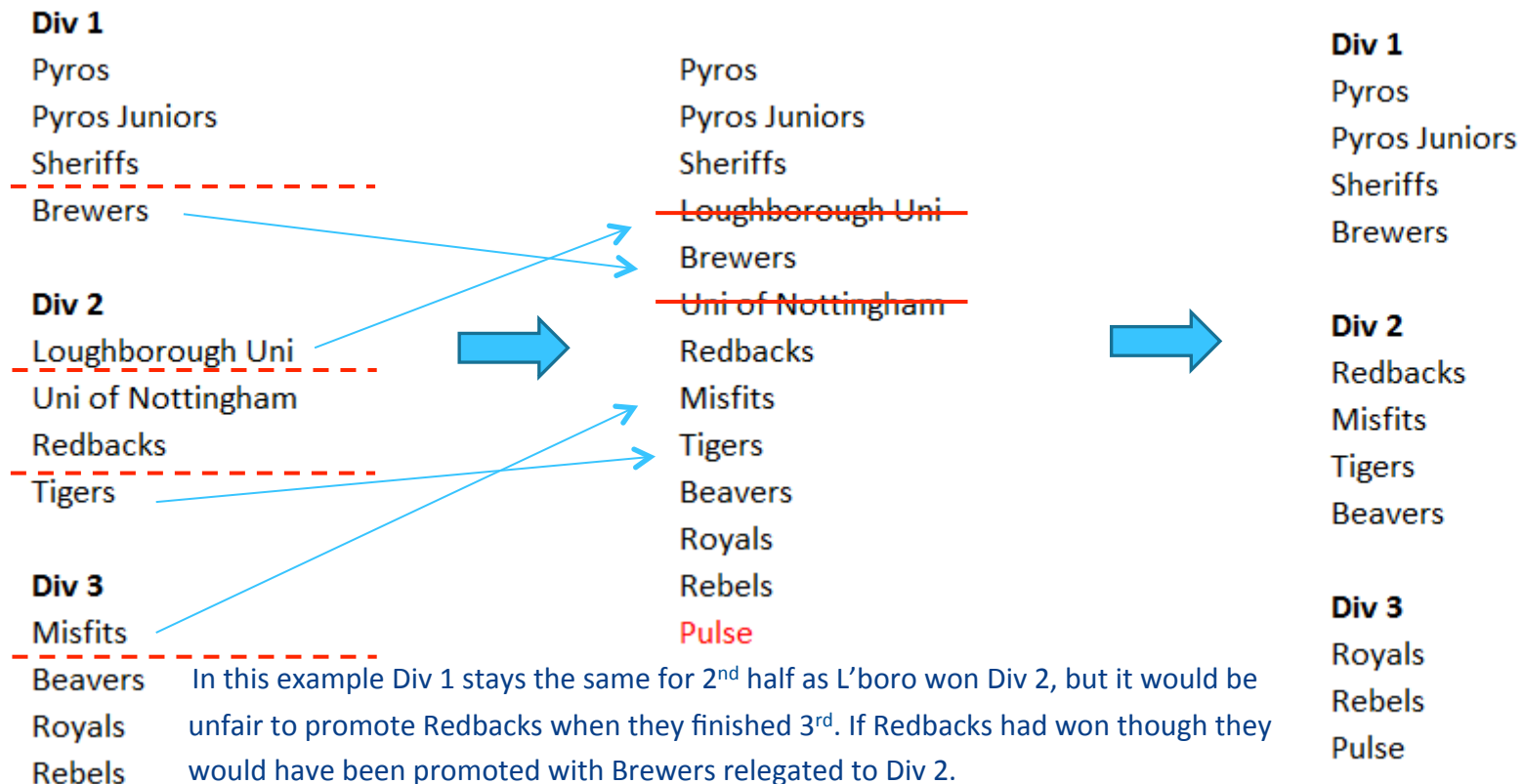
*L'boro (5th) & Nottm Uni (6th) finished higher than Redbacks (7th) in 1st half of 2016, so would enter above them in 1st half of 2017, otherwise the universities would always enter in Div 3, which may not be fair on them or others

Committee Proposal – League Structure – NEW PROPOSAL (1)

* As an example if the 1st half of 2017 finished as:

Relegated and promoted teams swap positions

Teams not entering 2nd half drop out & new teams enter at bottom



Committee Proposal – League Structure – NEW PROPOSAL (2)

Proposal 2: adjust the league structure to:

- * **1st half - 2 Divisions:**

- * Division 1: Play teams in own division twice.
- * Division 2: Play teams in own division twice.

- * **2nd half – 2 Divisions:**

- * Division 1: Play teams in own division twice.
- * Division 2: Play teams in own division twice.

- * Promotion/relegation of 1 team from each division at end of each half season.

- * Divisions determined by finishing places of the teams in the previous half season

- * **Games played:**

- * 1st half Div 1 = 10 Div 2 = 10
- * 2nd half* Div 1 = 8 Div 2 = 10

*assumes 11 teams in 2nd half with 6 in Div 2

Committee Proposal – League Structure – NEW PROPOSAL (2)

* As an example, for the 1st half in 2017 the positions would be determined as below



*L'boro (5th) & Nottm Uni (6th) finished higher than Redbacks (7th) in 1st half of 2016 so enter above them in 2017.

Committee Proposal – League Structure – NEW PROPOSAL (2)

* As an example if the 1st half of 2017 finished as:

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... example Redbacks get promoted into Div 1. As there are 11 teams the extra team goes into Div 2. Had there been 12 teams then Tigers (6th overall) would also have been promoted, with the other new team coming into Div 2.

Committee Proposal – League Structure

NATIONALS QUALIFICATION

The winners of Div 1 & Div 2 will be eligible to qualify for a place at the following season's National Championships (**Division 3 winners will not get a place TBC depending on vote outcome and application to the BSF**)

- * If the same team wins the same division (either 1st or 2nd) in the 1st and 2nd halves they will automatically qualify
- * If different teams win the divisional title in the 1st and 2nd halves, the two winners will play in a play-off decider at the end of the season (date to be announced with the 2nd half fixtures)
- * If a team wins Div 2 in the 1st half, and then wins Div 1 in the 2nd half, they will only qualify for the 1st Division play-off game.
 - * In this case the Div 2 winner in the 2nd half will qualify automatically, without a play-off game (the Div 2 runner-up from the 1st half will not go into a play-off)
- * If a team declines to play in a designated play-off game, the other team will automatically qualify (there will be no substitutions of divisional runners-up)

Committee Proposal – League Structure – VOTING

There will potentially be 2 rounds of voting:

* **Vote 1:**

* **Proposal 1: 3 x Divisions in 1st & 2nd Half**

* **Proposal 2: 2 x Divisions in 1st & 2nd Half**

* **Proposal 3: Remain the same (1 x Div in 1st Half & 2 x Divs in 2nd Half)**

* If there is a majority vote for 1 of these 3 options, then the vote for that proposal will be passed

* If no proposal receives an overall majority then the proposal with the lowest number of votes will be removed

* **Vote 2: (all teams should consider their 2nd choice!)**

* The 2 remaining proposal options will be voted on by all teams.

* The 2nd round vote is completely open and teams do not have to vote in the 2nd round in the same way they did in the 1st round, even if their 1st choice is available.

* The proposal with the majority vote from these two options will be passed

Committee Proposal – Minimum Number of Players Proposal

- * **Current rule**

- * EMSL Local rules state a MINIMUM of **9 players per team**.
- * However, alternative team compositions can be subject to the discretion of the opposing captain on match-day, and matches can go ahead if mutually acceptable terms are agreed by both captains and the umpire.
- * If a team's field composition is unacceptable to either the opposing captain or the umpire, the game would then be played as a friendly and a 7-0 loss recorded against the forfeiting team.

- * **Proposal**

- * **NO MINIMUM** number of players needed to play a game.
 - * The decision to play or forfeit the match lies with the individual team captain who is short of players.
 - * If the captain decides to forfeit based on a lack of players, the game can still be played as a friendly with a 7-0 loss recorded against the forfeiting team.
 - * If the game is not played the same forfeit rule applies.
- * **VOTING QUESTION – Should the EMSL adopt the above rule and require no minimum number of players to play a game? YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

Committee Proposal – Slaughter Rules

- * **Current rule**

- * The aim of this is to allow teams of differing standards to enjoy a reasonably competitive game. In each inning played up to and including the 6th inning, a slaughter rule will apply.
- * An inning will be terminated on completion of the play in which the batting team take a 7 run lead or, if already leading, the completion of the play which takes them a FURTHER 7 runs ahead.
- * All runs scored in that play will stand, ie; where a team has a 6 run lead and score 3 runs from the last play, the innings will be terminated at the end of that play and a 9 run advantage will be taken forward.
- * The 7th and any successive innings will be open, no slaughter rule will apply.

- * **Proposal 1**

- * To remove the slaughter rule & allow teams to score an uncapped number of runs in a single inning.
- * **VOTING QUESTION – Should the EMSL will remove the slaughter rule for the coming season? YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

Committee Proposal – Slaughter Rules – Only if Previous Rule is Voted against ('NO')

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- * All runs scored in that play will stand, ie; where a team has a 6 run lead and score 3 runs from the last play, the innings will be terminated at the end of that play and a 9 run advantage will be taken forward.
- * The 7th and any successive innings will be open, no slaughter rule will apply.

- * **Proposal 2**

- * The number of runs before the slaughter rule is imposed to be raised to a 10 run lead.
- * The slaughter rule will still apply as it is written, only the number of runs allowed is to be increased.

- * **VOTING QUESTION – Should the EMSL increase the slaughter rule from 7 runs to 10 runs as described above? YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

Committee Proposal – Transfer Rule

Current rule

- * EMSL 4g. Players will be ineligible for the league game directly following their transfer and may not transfer back within the same league season.

Proposal

- * Players who transfer between teams will still remain ineligible for the next league game to be played*
- * Players are eligible for one transfer without restriction each season (April-September)
- * All transfers must be notified to the EMSL Committee. The date and time this notification is received will be recorded as the time and date the transfer took place
- * Further transfers will be at the discretion of the EMSL Committee – The spirit of this rule is to allow players to play softball for a team that they want to without having numerous transfers for each player each year
- * No player transfers will be allowed 3 weeks prior to the end of each half season – this prevents teams from strengthening their team ready for a playoff game
- * *Players who are registered to a team that does not take part in a section of the season, for example their team only plays the first half, will be allowed to transfer to another team in addition to the rules above and without a 1 game penalty. They may also transfer back to their previous team without penalty at the end of the season
- * If a team violates any part of these rules they will forfeit any points gained, and may face further sanctions as determined by the league committee
- * **VOTING QUESTION – Should the transfer rule be altered to the above rule for the coming season? YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

Committee Proposal – Availability Rules

- * Currently teams are expected to provide a list of dates (Thursdays & Sundays) that they can/can't play and the league tries to accommodate all of them.
- * The league shall continue to do this but in addition the following proposal is made:
- * Teams will be allowed to specify 3 x Thursdays per half season that they definitely can't play, and the league will avoid these dates.
- * Teams may stipulate more than three dates they cannot play, and the league will do their best to avoid these, but if it is absolutely necessary for the committee to schedule games on these other dates to allow the schedule to fit, then the committee will reserve the right to allocate games on these days.
- * **VOTING QUESTION – Should teams be allowed to specify 3 x Thursdays per half season when they definitely can't play, with all other 'non-playing' dates that have been requested to also be considered by the league, wherever possible but not guaranteed? YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

Committee Proposal – Availability for Tuesday Games

- * Proposal that games may be scheduled on a Tuesday to create more flexibility to fit the total number of games in.
- * Tuesday games will only be scheduled for those teams (& umpires) that say they are available to play.
- * It will be assumed a team cannot play on a Tuesday unless they confirm to the committee that they can.
- * Those teams that say they can play on Tuesdays will be allowed to provide an unlimited number of Tuesday dates that they can't play.
- * **VOTING QUESTION – Should the league schedule games on Tuesdays for those teams that are available to play ? YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

Member Proposals

Member Proposal – Uniform Rules

- * A proposal has been made to relax the uniform regulations.
- * Teams would be required to wear:
 - * Similarly coloured tops (numbers not necessary).
 - * Not required to wear matching coloured bottoms.
- * **VOTING QUESTION – Should the EMSL adopt the changes proposed to the uniform rules? YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

Member Proposal – Helmet Rule Relaxation

- * A proposal has been made to relax the EMSL helmet rule 3.0.
- * **The current rule states that wearing helmets is mandatory.**
- * The new rule will read:
‘The wearing of helmets is recommended for all players in the EMSL’
- * *Remember this will not affect the U18 playing rules where helmets are mandatory*
- * **VOTING QUESTION – Should the EMSL adopt the changes proposed to the helmet rule? YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

Member Proposal – Follow ISF Rules Only

- * The following proposal has been made that the EMSL should only follows the ISF rulebook with no local amendments.
- * **This would mean the removal of the following major rules:**
- * *Helmet Rule*
- * *Male/Female ball rule*
- * *Ringer Rule*
- * *Teams couldn't play with fewer than 10 players*
- * *'If both captains and umpire agree' rule*
- * **It also includes the additional rules:**
- * Uniform Rules – All players to wear matching uniforms including caps (men) & visors (women)
- * **VOTING QUESTION – Should the EMSL only follow the ISF rules for the upcoming season? YES / NO / ABSTAIN**

Election of Officers

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- * All of the roles on the committee are elected each year
- * Any member from a member team is eligible to nominate themselves for any of the roles
- * If more than one person is nominated for a role they have the opportunity to speak to the members for 2 minutes. This can be done by a 2 minute speech or a 2 minute statement read out by a current Committee member
- * Details of each role can be found in EMSL Rules

Current Committee

- * **Chairperson** – Phil Kielthy*
 - * **Treasurer** – Phil Kielthy*
 - * **Secretary** – Laura Greenwood*
 - * **Fixtures Secretary** – Charlie Hallam* (Harvey Pryor@)
 - * **Development Officer** – Paul Cooper*
 - * **Website and Social Media Officer** – David Morley*
 - * **General Member** – Harvey Pryor*
 - * **Umpire in Chief** – Ian Tomlin*
 - * **Welfare Officer** – None (Currently defaults to Chairperson)
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- * * indicates re-standing
 - * @ indicates that this season if re-elected Charlie and Harvey will share the Fixtures Secretary duties due to outside softball commitments