

Leagues Report – 2009/10

Mixed League

This year the mixed league welcomed two new teams – Aberdeen Lacrosse Club & Dundee University, which meant 9 teams taking part. It has been a difficult season for lacrosse due to poor weather conditions and numerous conflicts between fixtures and university schedules. However, I am pleased to note that all matches (except one) for the mixed league have been accounted for (one way or another) and the final table reads as follows:

Team	P	GF	GA	W=5	L=0	Points	GD	Conceded	Walkover
Edinburgh Thistle	8	124	19	8	0	40	105	0	1
Aberdeen LC	8	67	44	6	2	30	23	1	2
St Andrew's Uni	8	78	49	5	3	25	29	1	2
Edinburgh Uni	7	58	45	4	3	20	13	1	3
GHK	8	71	62	4	4	20	9	1	0
Glasgow Uni	7	47	45	4	3	20	2	1	2
Aberdeen Uni	8	34	57	3	5	15	-23	3	3
Capital	8	34	92	1	7	5	-58	2	1
Dundee Uni	8	10	110	0	8	0	-100	4	0

Congratulations to Edinburgh Thistle for taking a convincing first place. Also, a special mention to Aberdeen Lacrosse who achieved second place during their inaugural season – a fantastic achievement. Well done.

22 of a possible 36 matches were managed this year, with the remainder mostly un-played due to weather and no available weekends for rescheduling. Hopefully we can improve on this for next season.

Men's League

This year the men's league championed a new format of league days. Two matches would be played at one venue with teams providing referees and ball boys for the other match. The aim of this was to enable clubs to support each other and provide a higher standard of referees. Unfortunately the new format was not as successful as anticipated as only 2 days (4 matches) went ahead as scheduled and only 6 additional matches were played this season, with 10 matches outstanding at the time of writing this report. As with the mixed league, weather was a factor this season, but unfortunately teams were slow to reschedule fixtures which meant a lack of weekends at the end of the season to get them played.

According to the rules issued at the start of the season, teams were to be penalised 1 point for failing to travel, but still given the option to reschedule.

Teams were also to be penalised for failing to return signed team sheets (I only have 5 for the 10 matches played). However, due to lack of clear information from the men's teams as to which matches have and have not been played, it has been very difficult to allocate penalty points accurately.

Therefore, the table below is created on the basis of the matches played only and no penalty points have been awarded.

Team	P	GF	GA	W=3	L=0	OTL=-2	Points	GD
Stirling Uni	4	47	14	4	0	0	12	33
Glasgow Uni	5	43	37	3	2	0	9	6
Edinburgh City	4	40	35	2	2	0	6	5
Edinburgh Uni	2	15	18	1	1	0	3	-3
Granite City	5	21	62	0	5	0	0	-41

Congratulations to Stirling University who successfully won the four matches they did manage to play, thus securing them top spot for 2009/10.

Next Year

All clubs were contacted for feedback on the leagues and how it can be improved for next year. Based on the feedback received, the following changes will be implemented:

- The Men's League will return to a standard home and away format.
- In both leagues, matches will not be permitted to be rescheduled unless unplayable due to weather. If a club is unable to field a team, they will forfeit the match 10-0 and points will be allocated accordingly.
- Clubs (especially Universities) must make the league and fixtures secretaries aware of any difficult dates i.e. reading weeks, sports balls etc by the end of June 2010. If we do not have the information the Fixtures and League Secretaries cannot be expected to accommodate these things when creating the schedule.

Well done to all those that played this year and thank you to the captains for getting as many matches played as possible.

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