Hi Club Captains/Junior Coordinators

Finals are here again, and I'd like to remind you to check the **Match Rules**, particularly **11. Finals** and **12. Finals Qualification**, and to draw your attention to the following:-

Results for the final round are to be entered into League Manager by Saturday night, 16th March and confirmed by 9am that Sunday. Also, for semis and grand finals on the 23rd and 30th respectively. Winning semi-finalists and grand-finalists should take responsibility for entry but either team can do it.

**Order of Merits** – All need to be in by 7pm, Monday 18th March 2019 (email to gdtainc@msn.com) or dropped off at the Council of Management meeting that evening. Please check that names are entered correctly in League Manager.

There are 5 leagues in League Manager viz Women only, Men only, Mixed Doubles, Junior Boys and Junior Girls. Please use a separate **order of merit form** for each comp; for mixed doubles put men on the left and women on the right. The singles order of merit should be the same as that played in the last minor round and this is to remain the same throughout the finals series (See Match Rules 12.1 & 12.2). The form can either be filled in and emailed as an attachment or printed off, filled in and then forwarded. For singles comps, only singles orders of merit are asked for.

*Who do you put into the Order of Merit?* - All players qualified to play finals in that team (this may include players in a lower team). To qualify, players need to have played 5 matches for that team (or lower) except for mixed div 2 and mixed div 3 which are 4 matches. This assumes that the last minor round is not cancelled. Only teams playing finals need to have their players listed.

Some players may have qualified in 2 separate divisions. If a player has played 6 or more matches in the higher division, then that player can’t play finals in the lower division unless approved by the Match Committee/GDTA Exec (Match Rule 11.8). Please bear this in mind when doing your Club Order of Merit. A reminder that the top 4 players of State/Metro League teams cannot play in singles or mixed doubles comps. Also, a player can’t play finals in 2 different competitions conducted at similar times.

In **Singles comps**, doubles are also played in order of merit ie the better pairing of doubles players plays in the first double.

**Clarification of “Order of Merit” in Mixed doubles competition***: Players from the first mens and womens doubles are to play in the first or second mixed doubles. A fifth player playing mixed only, plays the mixed as per established order of merit. An order of merit must be established. Doubles to be played in order of merit*

**Senior finals all start at 1pm.**

**Junior semis to be played at normal times but Grand Finals to be played at 9am.**

Junior presentations will be at Grand Final venues at completion of matches. Venue supervisors are to pick up trophies at Peake Gardens Riverside on Thursday 28th March from 5:30 to 8:30pm.

Senior shields need to be dropped off at Seacliff (there’s a Council of Management meeting on the 18th) or at AH Trophies (402 Goodwood Rd, Cumberland Pk).

For Mens Div 1 and Womens Div 1 teams, please get Parsons medal votes entered by Tuesday 19th March.

For finals **each team** is to supply **new balls** as follows:-

Senior singles – div 1 at least 6, others at least 4; Mixed doubles – div 1 at least 6, others at least 4, Juniors – at least 2

Please advertise the Senior Presentation Night dinner on the 12th April. Flyers to be emailed and are on the websites.

Good luck.

Roger Davey
GDTA President (3/3/19)