

Hi Barry,

As one of the lower scoring members, entering the main singles competition always feels like a long night waiting to be knocked out in the first round. I only enter so that I am eligible for the supplementary singles. This competition also has the highest number of entries and consequently is always one of the tightest time-wise.

My suggestion is as follows:

- Bring forward the 6-a-side, 3-a-side and pairs competitions to earlier in the season – to allow the singles competitions to be played later.
- Request entrants for the singles competitions in advance and once you have a list, the players with top half averages go into main singles, and the bottom half go into supplementary singles.
- There should be some criteria for having played X number of games. If someone hasn't played the minimum number of games, they can still enter the main singles.
- The two competitions can then be played on different nights to speed up timings.

Does this make sense? Hopefully I have explained.

The other thing is every year and at every competition, there is confusion about rules for the coin toss and handling of ties (for 3-sticks etc). I suggest the rules are set out on paper and laminated – and given to team captains to keep in their pouch. On competition nights, the captains make sure the document is available for all players to see to avoid confusion and delay!

Hope this helps.

Kind regards
Richard.