

EKCPL AGM 2014

**Alternative to the rule about teams pulling out in season.
29/04/2014 First league match we beat H&G C 61-27 & 4-1**

As things stand at present, if a team pulls out of the league during the season all results for that team are wiped, supposedly in the name of fairness. It may be fair on the teams in the division that have not played the pulled out team but it is unfair on those teams that have.

There are in my opinion alternatives to this system which would be fairer, one way is to follow the guide line 8-6-2 in the league constitution, which states, *“Rearrangement of a match will then be allowed by mutual agreement provided that the notification procedure has been correctly followed. All matches must be played on or before the last day of the season as advised by the fixture list. If re-arrangement cannot take place or if the team requesting the postponement fails to notify the league, the defaulting team will have a 5-0 (65-0) result awarded to the opposition, the same provision will apply to conceded matches”*.

Alternatives to above rule:

If a team pulls out in season, to make it fair on all teams in the division award any team that has played the withdrawn team a 5-0 (65-0) score or the actual score which ever is greater, and award all other teams in the division a 3-0 (32-0) result.

The reasons for this are 1, if the team that has withdrawn has not had there entry fee returned then they are still officially fully paid up members of the league. 2, it also makes it fairer in any cases where players of the withdrawn team go on to play for another team in the same season.

If this is acceptable to all members of the league then it should be embodied in the league rules and constitution.