

Hi Guys

For those not fully aware of the current situation regarding the above competitions I can update you as follows

Eastern Counties League

With only Essex, Norfolk & Bedfordshire willing to participate instead of the usual 7 Counties, this Competition will not take place this season. However, it is anticipated that the usual Eastern Counties Championships will proceed at Diss BC & Scole BC on Saturday 18th September.

Balcomb Trophy

We escaped the bye this season but pay for it with another trip to Leicestershire to be played by Sunday 11th July in the Last 16 (Challenge awaited). Regionals play on Sunday 18th July, Semis & Final @ Leamington on Sunday 5th September.

Middleton Cup

The Competition will be on a Knock Out basis this season.

Counties have been requested to choose their preference of Open England Draw or within usual our areas.

We are awaiting publication of the draw w/c 12th April and sincerely hope all Counties agree with our choice (draws within our area) and will mutually agree to play 3 rinks home & 3 rinks away for one season.

Failing that agreement, matches will be on a neutral green

We have sent this email to all those that were under consideration for possible selection in the above competitions last season & would request your earliest replies to sxmanager@gmx.co.uk regarding the possible Middleton Dates and squad days suggested below

Preliminary: Saturday 3rd July
Last 32: Saturday 10th July
Last 16: Saturday 24th July
Quarter Final: Saturday 7th August
Semis & Final: Sat 11th September at Leamington Spa

Once the draw & format is confirmed we will attempt to arrange squad day(s) @ Essex County on June 19th &/or 26th (previous Middleton Days)

If you do not intend to bowl outdoors this season or you know of new members joining your area please also inform me.

All the above will, of course, depend on the Covid 19 rules in place as well as the agreed Middleton Cup format.

Best regards,
Malcolm
ECBA Team Manager