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Dear All

Well a brief note only this Saturday/Sunday - mainly to wish all a Happy New Year and welcome to the second half of the season.

The newsletter has been delayed to see the result of the re-arranged game between Mid Sussex 1 and East Grinstead 3s from Division 1 played today (Sunday 7th Jan). I know it was played, but at 7pm, I do not know the result, so if anyone can let me know that would be much appreciated. If we can avoid the fine, then would be good. Division 1 teams please let me know the scorers - my thanks to Saxons, who have already sent in their scorers - much appreciated.

I was pleased to see a number of the other postponed games have been played this weekend or have been arranged for a suitable break in the Division 3/4 programme. I am disappointed not to have heard from a number of teams regarding arrangements to play the frost hit games. I have written to the home sides of these games as the onus on re-arranging the fixture is down to them. Failure to arrange games could incur a point deduction/fine.

i have a meeting with my league colleagues this Friday to discuss the first half of the season and to confirm fines and penalties, particularly in relation to provision of umpires to Division 1, qualifications of umpires used in Divisions 2 and 3 and agreement on point deductions for various offences. I will comment on these next weekend and in emails to defaulting clubs. There is still time for clubs to get missing match sheets to us to save point deductions. Also Division 1 teams who have not been in contact with the league or the umpires regarding provision (or lack of provision) of umpires to the Pool, may wish to consider their position as fines will be applied, appropriately, this season for the whole of the season.

I have sent a note to teams in Division 3 regarding the present status of Penguins 2s, who will continue to try and get games played as friendlies, but it also remains a week by week situation. Good luck to them and those other clubs/teams who are struggling with numbers of league players. If problems, please let me know early.

Anyway time to close.

Best wishes to all for a successful and full programme of hockey for the rest of the season.

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