

2022-23 League Season Report

The 2022-23 division winners were Syston 1 (Div 1), Market Harborough 1 (Div 2), Loughborough 2 (Div 3), Ashby 4 (Div 4).

35 teams from 14 clubs entered the league for the 2022-23 season which was organised into 4 divisions. This was up from 29 teams in 2021-22 (the restart season after COVID) and it was good to see Leicester University re-enter the league. With one or two clubs looking likely to enter an additional team in 2023-24, it is very possible that next season there will be 5 divisions in order to keep division sizes to approximately 8 teams.

As far as the league secretary is concerned, I felt that the league rules including the DTS (Declared Team System), which regulates which players are eligible for which teams, worked smoothly and there were few issues/infringements that required much resolving. The DTS rules were relaxed and simplified somewhat for the 2021-22 season and they were kept in this form for 2022-23. As far as I'm aware they seem to still be working well in that form doing a decent job of balancing fairness and flexibility.

With many new players appearing in the league, often mid-season, since COVID, I would simply urge clubs to be sure to contact the league secretary in good time (by the end of the preceding week as per the rules) if they need to bring a new player (who wasn't registered at the start of the season) into a team.

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League Secretary