

SUBJECT Accelerated playing order
to enable earlier finish for
younger players.

We all know that 2 player teams finish earlier but in general the 3-player format is preferred for evening matches

My simple proposal is that when a team includes a young player then the playing order should be adjusted so that he/she can finish as early in the match as possible and certainly before a mid-match break.

We are all well aware that young players have all kinds of cross commitments as do the parents who are normally rather concerned over collection or delivery home at 2300 or later.

We might usefully consider bringing forward a match start time to say 1900 instead of the popular 1930. Working hours are now so very flexible whilst for retired people it matters little what time a match starts.

In the knock- out matches the younger players' scores would obviously count only where their name was shown on the league's standard scorecard.

I further propose that we sound out the leagues with the idea of running pilot trials.

I have already tested reactions in Wiltshire and found general support inclusive of one league prepared to operate an early trial. I submit that nothing would be lost and that we have potential gain in parental popularity.

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