HOW CAN/DOES TTE HELP PLAYERS TO FIND CLUBS AND LEAGUES – DISCUSSION PAPER FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL

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CURRENT POSITION

There is currently a facility on the TTE website to enable Players to find Clubs and Leagues in an area they are interested in.

Under the "Play and Compete" there is a drop-down menu with one section titled "Play" with various options, namely:

1 Find a place to play

2 Find a club

3 Find a league

4 Find a coach

5 Play socially

NB My numbering for ease of reference.

WHAT IS MISSING?

If you drill down a bit more then you find that the Find a Club doesn't find all clubs but only those that are registered with TTE as Premier or Associate Clubs and these are filters you can apply so that only they appear on the map.

In a few instances you will also find a few clubs which are "Unregistered Club Affiliation" and are not filterable and have no contact details.

Therefore, a vast swathe of clubs/teams are missing and not findable via this system and the TTE say "The reason why we only have Premier Clubs and Associate Clubs on the finder is because it provides some reassurance that they are operating at some minimum standards relating to safeguarding, equality, and governance."

What is not apparent is that if you go to League websites you can find details of all the local clubs and teams, not just the Premier and TTE Associate ones. Why is it that Local Leagues can provide contact details, but TTE don't?

But the anomaly (using that word a lot) is that all players taking out Membership with TTE must add all their Memberships including all the Teams/Clubs they play for but then this is not joined up by TTE to provide a database of Clubs/Teams that exist. We must have one of the only NGBs that doesn't have contact details for its Clubs and Teams.

It also seems strange that TTE have data and details for all their social table tennis but doesn't have the same information for its own members.

I'm pretty sure this information existed in the past so why has it been dropped if that is the case?

It seems to me that this is a basic requirement for an NGB, and I'd welcome views.

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