

Essex County League Annual Report

The divisional winners and relegations were as follows;

Section / Division	Winner	Relegation
Women's Doubles	n/a	n/a
Men's Div 1	Five Lakers	Ramgarhia
Men's Div 2	Chelmsford Casuals	Minster 1
Men's Div 3	Barking	n/a
Mixed Div 1	Stanway	Epping
Mixed Div 2	Leighway 2	
Combi	Chelmsford Casuals	n/a

Summary of 2015-16 Season

We welcomed one new club, Barking, to the league at the start of this season. Unfortunately Minster had to withdraw their team from Men's Div 2 at the start of the season and after playing five matches their Div 3 team. I understand that their club has, sadly, folded completely.

Otherwise all the matches were played with results reported on time and there were fewer rearranged dates than in recent seasons.

Sadly we were unable to devise a format for Women's Doubles that worked for enough clubs to make it viable. This urgently needs to be addressed for the sake of the county teams.

We returned to having two divisions for Mixed Doubles and the resulting matches appear to have been evenly contested.

Entry Fees

The new approach to entry fees where they are based on teams rather than the number of nominated players worked very well and will be used again this year.