



TT Leagues is proving its worth to Local Leagues

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TT Leagues is proving an attractive proposition for a number of leagues which previously used their own bespoke websites to manage their fixtures, results and statistics.

Several leagues have switched to TT Leagues this season in the knowledge that the platform has the functionality, flexibility and support structure they require.

They have appreciated being able to use a system that has a standard framework, but which can be easily tuned to meet the specific needs of their league in terms of match format, order of play, points award systems and more.

A number of leagues see the move as future-proofing by making sure that, if the individuals running their previous websites were unable to continue for whatever reason, TT Leagues would provide the perfect platform – and that support would be on hand should they need it.

Martin Healy, the webmaster of the Winchester League, which has nine competing clubs, said: “I’m the only person who knew how our website worked and I’m aware it couldn’t be taken on by someone else if something happened to me.

“As far as I’m concerned, TT Leagues is a godsend. It’s professionally run and will continue to be so for many years to come.

“TT Leagues is very versatile and can cope with all the league formats, which we wouldn’t have been able to do without large rewriting of our website. We can abandon our old system and I can work with TT Leagues and know it will be fine. I think people will find TT Leagues much easier to get on with.”

Those comments were echoed by Paul Spencer of the Southampton League, which has 10 clubs across five divisions.

He said: “Our website was created by one of our committee members a long time ago and it was looking a bit

dated, but the main problem was if the guy who created it disappeared for any reason then there wouldn't be anyone else with the knowledge and skills to keep it updated.

"Any kind of changes to the divisions would need coding changes which would take time. With TT Leagues, it's all there and we can be more flexible.

"I used it last season in parallel with our old website – I just updated it myself with all the match data – and it worked well.

"It looks good and it just gives us a lot more flexibility to change formats really easily. There's a new rule this year in our league which deducts points if people don't submit their own scorecards on time and it can handle that. It's got a lot of benefits."

Neil Hurford is a member of a panel of league administrators who worked with our partners Rocca Creative to create TT Leagues. He has been helping several leagues to manage their transition to TT Leagues. Neil has considerable experience of league table tennis and helps run various league competitions in Oxfordshire.

Tony Smith, of the nine-club Haslemere League, said: "It looks as if I will be able to manage it quite easily, whereas a month ago I was worried it was going to be too much for me because I'm not a tech wizard.

"It's been fantastic to have Neil available to help and come back with the answers to anything I'm not sure about.

"It's working well and this week we should be in a position to publish our fixtures ready to start the league at the beginning of October.

"I've got all the teams separated into divisions and all the players allocated to the teams. The website is good, I have got some articles set up and a page for each club. It all looks pretty comprehensive and it's got everything we are ever likely to need."

Among the other developments this season has been the extension of the public match card entry system. This now provides a range of options for team captains and team members to submit score cards. Results Secretaries can now use the public match card system to manage the results for the competitions they manage.

The App for mobile phones has had a complete make-over. It provides an information hub for players to access fixtures and results along with divisional tables and player averages.

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