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Dear Team Captains/Committee Members,

This is the third "Season Update" email and the intention is to clarify what the new season is all about. Over the past few weeks, I have spoken to many of you and I have tried to explain why Bury are starting their new season when everyone else around them has either cancelled their's or has postponed it. Hopefully this will explain it!

To start with, I want to make it clear that the Bury season is not a "proper" season. Whilst the fixtures have been set, and teams put into their respective divisions and it all has the appearance of a "formal" league, it is far from being that. The set up of the season has been done simply to help teams to play against each other. This will not be for teams who are unable to play because of local COVID restrictions, or players who are reluctant to play because they are at risk. It is for the teams who want to play, are not prevented from playing because of local COVID restrictions, and want to do so against other teams. The fixtures and division structure and website with "Active/Inactive" teams and Captain contact details on TT365 are there to help make this happen.

- If teams don't play their fixtures, it doesn't matter.
- If team don't record their results on TT365, it doesn't matter.
- If two teams play each other four times and play none else, it doesn't matter.
- It doesn't matter if ineligible players are used.
- Teams will not be relegated/promoted as a consequence of taking part.

If I were to summarise all of the above in a single sentence it would be something like "I have setup the league so players who want to play, have some sort of structure which helps them do it".

I'm not sure how much clearer I can be about the reason for setting up the league on TT365. If there is anyone out there who is still unsure, feel free to give me a call.

To help me to keep the team captains and "Active/Inactive" teams up to date on the website, please let me know if your status changes. If you are shown as "Not playing" it should prevent you from getting calls from other teams asking if you want to have a match. Conversely, unless you let me know you are able to play (Home/Away/Both), you are likely to miss games as the other teams will not know you are available to play and are therefore unlikely to call.

Please take care, make sure your venues are safe and adhere to guidance (which can be found on the TTE website), and finally, enjoy playing some table tennis.

Regards

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