



As a result of the two Super 8 meetings that were held, a proposal for a changed format of the end of season's Play-Offs was presented to the Competitions Commission for approval on 12/05/12. While the basic format appeared acceptable a few amendments were necessary before publishing. The Competitions Commission has therefore agreed that the end of season arrangements for the Super 8s will be as follows:-

Playoff Format:

Bottom Two Teams – Teams finishing 7th and 8th involved

8th in the Regular Season will be Relegated.

7th in the Super 8s will play off against the 2nd in Division 1 in a single fixture. The match will be played at a neutral venue (NVC, Kettering). The winner will play in the Super 8s in the following season while the runner up will play in Division 1.

Top Six Teams – Quarter Finals – Teams finishing 1st to 6th involved

1/4 Final 1 – 3rd in regular season (Home Team) vs 6th in regular season – 1 Match, winner progresses. 1/4 Final 2 – 4th in regular season (Home Team) vs 5th in regular season – 1 Match, winner progresses. Home team to host matches.

Semi Finals

1/2 Final 1 – 1st in regular season (Home Team to host both matches) vs The winner of 1/4 Final 2. 2 Matches, (1 Saturday, 1 Sunday), Golden Set (15 Points) to be used in 2nd match if 1 match all regardless of sets won / lost.

1/2 Final 2 – 2nd in regular season (Home Team to host both matches) vs The winner of 1/4 Final 1. 2 Matches, (1 Saturday, 1 Sunday), Golden Set (15 points) to be used in 2nd match if 1 match all regardless of sets won / lost.

Final

Winner of 1/2 Final 1 vs Winner of 1/2 Final 2 – to be played at a neutral venue (NVC, Kettering). 2 Matches, (1 Saturday, 1 Sunday) Golden Set (15 points) to be used in 2nd match if 1 match all regardless of sets won / lost

Schedule

The 1/4 Finals are scheduled to be played on the penultimate weekend in March (preferably on the Saturday). The 1/2 Finals are scheduled for the first weekend in April with the Finals on the final weekend in April at the NVC, Kettering.

Points:

The points system has changed for the Super 8s. There are only ever 3 points on offer. If you win 3-2 you would get 2 points and if you lose 3-2 you would get 1 point. Otherwise you will get 3 points if you win 3-0 or 3-1.

Set quotient: in the case of equality in the number of points gained by two or more teams, the teams will be classified by the quotient resulting from: number of total sets won / number of total sets lost.

Point's quotient: if a tie persists as per the set quotient, the teams will be classified by the quotient resulting from: total points scored / total points lost (during all sets).

These arrangements will come into use from the start of the 2012-13 Season.

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