

Due to the continued impact of COVID 19 on our membership and the uncertainty of Brexit limiting length of non residents Mijas LBC have entered a Tigers (Apaches) & Lions (Cherokees) with a Captain for each team and being a member of the selection Committee. MLBC currently has 23 members with residence status or application in process. The FAB Malaga advised that a Jaguars League will not be viable this year.

It was hoped that we can establish four primary triples for the Tigers League that can play together through out the season and where necessary we would introduce a single player or a full triple only as and when required due to availability. The Lions League teams are likely to be more fluid to try and give everyone that is performing at League standard a game. It is still necessary that our teams blend & enjoy playing together, but we will try to ensure couples who want to play in the same League are able to do so, where possible. Every full member that was involved in the Lions and Tigers League teams from 2019/2020 season will be given an opportunity to have input prior to the start of the League.

We also have a number of members who do not have their own transport and rely on fellow members to get to either home and/or away venues. This will be considered in the process.

The primary skips will be selected for each League based on those expected in country in the first half of the season and they will have input during initial triple selections based on past experience of playing and working together in competitive games. Some of the Tigers team will have a number of players capable/experience of being skips.

TIGERS Chris Down. Geoff Collins/Juan Abeal, Eric Storrs/Ian Patterson/Paul Eales. John Rimell

LIONS. Peter Allard, Bill Neal, John Wilson, John Corbett,  
Wayne Myrden Barbara Jackson. Maureen Fraser

The selectors may decide to form one or more actual triples than actually needed for the Lions League and rotate out the lowest scoring losing team every week. Winning teams will be automatically picked for the following week unless one or more of them can not be available. Players having paid full membership will be given precedence over short term or Pro-rata members if they are of equal experience/ability for a given position.

Once we have allocated the main triples to a specific League the intention is not to move those teams/players between leagues unless a shortage of teams in anyone League dictates that such a move is necessary. A scratch team maybe constructed to allow the club to field a full compliment in any League or to replace a triple that is regularly under performing.

**Enjoyment.** At our age the first priority will be to enjoy the matches and practice sessions, but with the aim of performing at our best and true potential and winning as many games as possible.

### **Teams for subsequent weeks**

If possible we will try to ensure every member that wants to play competitively gets a game. However there are opportunities available in Open or FAB competitions. We will try to keep the Tiger League team as consistent as possible. The teams with the biggest negative score differential or lowest winning margin from the Lions maybe dropped. Lions team will only be dropped if another competitive triple is available to step up.

If a player loses form or suffers illness/absence then a replacement player will be introduced after consulting with the triples skip or the remaining players if it is the skip that is unavailable.

The selection committee will name and post teams on the noticeboard & Website on the Tuesday before the matches. Anyone that is unavailable to play needs to send an email or phone the Captain so that a replacement team or individual can be notified well in advance of the matches. Subs will be named where possible and they should also confirm availability.

Members who are involved in Leagues are expected to play regularly in the club roll ups (twice/ week) unless they are representing the club or region in Open competitions or practice sessions.

**Unable to play** If players or teams are not available for a period of time they need to advise the Captain and we will try to organise their games when they are available.

We will try and arrange a set of competitive internal matches for training and bonding and these will work as an internal League with the intention of each skip playing every other skip.

**Selection Committee**

Captain John Wilson, Vice Captain.....tba....., Juan Abeal and another tba.