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To Club Chairs, Hon. Secretaries, DoRs

The final League Tables of the 2019/20 season were released by the RFU on Friday April 3rd; these cover everything down to the Greene King Eastern Counties League 1.

As you will have noted Beccles have been relegated from London 3EC to EC 1 North, and Norwich Union have been promoted in their place, joined by Newmarket.

The EC Competitions Group held a virtual meeting on Saturday afternoon to review EC 2 and 3 Leagues, and these have been finalised using the same formula as that used by the RFU; this provides a clear and consistent basis for determining final League places, as follows:

In **EC 2 North**: Southwold 2 and Lowestoft & Yarmouth are promoted into EC1 North

In **EC 2 South**: Brightlingsea and Mistley are promoted into EC 1 South; Mersea Island and Halstead Templars are relegated from EC 1 South

In **EC 2 West**: Mildenhall and Haverhill are promoted into EC 1 West; Saffron Walden 2 have been relegated from EC 1 West into EC 2 West

In **EC 3 South**: Thurston 2 are promoted into EC 2 South

In **EC 3 North**: West Norfolk 2 and Thetford 2 were moved into EC 2 North at the conclusion of Phase One, based on their playing record. Tables are attached, but if you have any questions, then please contact your League Secretary.

As with last year Colin (South) will conduct a poll of Clubs in EC 2 and 3 South to determine the best structure for the majority of teams as will our West and North League Secretaries.

We have had to cancel our usual end-of-season meetings with Clubs, but will send a short questionnaire to you all to take comments/observations/suggestions as to how we can improve the structure; as always, our primary concern is that as many Teams and Players that want regular Rugby played within a sensible travel distance can have this provided.

It is not our intention to amend any of our existing Regulations, but if you have specific questions or thoughts about this, please contact your League Secretary in the first instance.

A reminder that the RFU is expecting ALL teams in EC 1 to complete and file match results on Electronic Match Cards for the 2020/21 season; if you are uncertain as to how to do this, then please also contact your League Secretary – we will arrange support sessions if this is required.

Stay safe: *John Mackay*, Chair, EC Competitions Group

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