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Dear Sir,

I wish to express some dissatisfaction with staging of the 1980 Country Championships. Please note that these criticisms are not to be construed as complaints against any individual or association. I cannot stress this too strongly. I raise these matters merely in the hope that their repetition will be avoided in the future.

Firstly, I appreciate the difficulties and readily accept that errors can be made. Nevertheless, I found the staging of Mens Division II final most unsatisfactory. It was appalling to see a team, warming up preparatory to playing, be told that in fact they had failed to qualify.

Clearly a more 'professional' attitude needs to be adopted by tournament administrators. Greater care must be exercised to ensure errors of this nature simply do not occur.

Secondly, the eligibility of some players to participate at Division II level was, to say the least dubious. I will not pursue this matter any further other than to request the VCVC to.....

- a. Clearly define the purpose of Division II Championships and Tournaments
- b. Clearly state the criteria for player and team eligibility into Division II Championships and Tournaments

Could I suggest that the VCVC approach other sporting bodies faced with the problem of more than one division in their sport, to see how they cope with this difficulty. Hopefully their regulations could readily be adapted to the needs peculiar to the VCVC.

Yours sincerely,

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