

The Leisure Review Consultation Response

Release name:

True

Question 1:

Major events have the potential to bring the UK community together at one time, doing the same thing. When that thing has genuine tradition and is part of the fabric of our country it enhances our sense of self. Sporting events when viewable live and by everybody bring us together.

Question 2:

By the same token there are events that bind us. So they should be included.

Question 3:

I agree.

Question 4:

The event has a special national resonance, not simply a significance to those who are ordinarily involved are concerned; it is an event which serves to unite the nation; a shared point on the national calendar.

Question 5:

Yes.

Question 6:

These overlong and over-complex criteria read as if written by lawyers and will allow lawyers to circumvent their intent. Sports are run by vested interests - by definition. It was the short termism of bodies such as the England & Wales Cricket Board that stopped national treasures - like Test cricket - being shown on television.

Question 7:

Yes.

Question 8:

No

Question 9:

I would move test cricket into list A. Cricket is one of our national games and is exactly the type of event that defines multi-cultural Britishness.

Put 6 nations rugby on list A but only if games are played at 3pm on Saturday afternoon. For many people the Nations is a special event speaking of traditional values.

Open Golf- List A event. Tradition embodied. Bt make them admit women to all golf clubs as full members as a quid pro quo.

Add any British stages of the Tour de France.

Question 10:

You only need selected parts of most events.

Open golf would need some each day and the final afternoon.

6 nations games only need showing in the countries where the home nation is playing.

Cricket - all day every day.

Tour de France in Britain - ditto.

Question 11:

I can't think of any but I am sure its the right thing to do.

Question 12:

Put the community before the individual viewer and the viewers before any other vested interest.

DON'T listen to the governing bodies of sport.