



LEAGUE REGULATIONS



Modified 2009/10 season

1. MEETINGS - The Committee is formed of six representatives who are elected at the start of each season and who serve with the Chairman and Secretary on the Executive Committee. This committee deals with all routine matters throughout the season. Agendas for forthcoming meetings will be notified to Captains who can include items for discussion, or can apply to attend the meeting to address the committee. Generally, the elected members will include a representative from each Division of the league to ensure a fair cross-section of views. Full meetings consisting of all the Captains of each team will be called periodically to update them on anything new.

2. MATCH DAY - The League takes place on Sundays . All matches start at 7.30pm with no concession to late arrivals, in that play MUST commence at 7.30pm. Fixtures should always be played on the scheduled night, but if Captains reach an agreement AND Secretary or Chairman have no objections, then a fixture may be re-scheduled for an earlier date or for a later date , provided the match is played within a month. If a team is not ready to start play at 7.30pm, then the side which is ready, is entitled to claim a game for every 15 minutes wasted waiting for players. For example - Player drawn at No. 1 is not there - the match then begins at 0-1 to that team. If player No. 2 is not there by 7.45pm then it becomes 0-2 and so on.

ALL FIXTURES MUST BE PLAYED. TEAMS FAILING TO TURN UP FOR GAMES WILL BE WARNED ON THE FIRST OCCASION AND FOR A SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION OF EXPULSION FROM THE LEAGUE. Teams must not postpone games to play Pub Knockouts; for example, at Christmas time.

3. THE MATCH DRAW - This is carried out by both Captains before 7.30pm so that the match starts on time. When it is time to do the Draw the Captains must enter 5 names into the draw, regardless of how many are present. With the two extra Singles frames (introduced 2009/10 season) more than 5 names can be entered by a Captain for the two extra singles draw which must be played at the start of the match. If a player is not present when due to play, he loses the game. Draw sheets are supplied and only these are to be used to record results. Players' names should be ready written onto cards and placed face downwards on the table, with first the Away Captain, and then the Home Captain selecting cards from each other's collection. As the cards are drawn, so the names are written onto the sheet. **NO CHANGE IN THE ORDER IS PERMITTED ONCE THE DRAW HAS BEEN MADE.** At the end of each game, the Captain will write down WON or LOST alongside each player's name. At the end of the match, the final score is entered in the space provided. When compiling the sheet, no initials or nicknames are to be used in case of confusion in compiling results by the Fixture Secretary. Players will lag for the break of each frame, with the winner having choice.

4. REFEREES - Each team must name two Referees before the start of the match and these will be the only two to act as Referees. They should be of a suitable standard and capable of operating the rules proficiently. **THE REFEREE'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL. ANY COMPLAINTS CAN BE REFERRED TO THE SECRETARY OR CHAIRMAN FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE RULES, BUT IF IT IS A QUESTION OF FACT AND THERE IS NO SUSPICION OF A BLATANTLY POOR DECISION, THEN THE REFEREE'S DECISION IS BEYOND REPROACH.**

5. LATE FINISHES - Instances have occurred in the past where games have finished at ridiculously late times. Landlords should not be inconvenienced to this extent and are thus advised to stop all games at 11pm. The Secretary will then arrange another date to finish the match. Teams or players persistently finishing late are liable to action from the League Committee.

6. PAYMENT - In League games, the Home side pays for all the games. In Knockout games, the cost is shared. Weekly league subscriptions are charged at the rate of £1 per frame for all Divisions. Captains are responsible for collecting the dues and the home captain is to deliver them, with the match sheet, to the Secretary by the Monday after the match.

7. AGE LIMITS - The minimum age for membership is 14 yrs, with a condition that only two players under 16 yrs of age will be allowed in any one side, and the team Captain is totally responsible for their behaviour and conduct.

8. BANNED PLAYERS - Pubs and Clubs wishing to exclude players from their premises are quite entitled to do so, and there is nothing the league can do to intervene.

9. TABLES - Maximum length of tables to be 7 feet, and rests to be provided on these larger tables. At least four feet playing room shall be available to cue around all of the table, thus allowing for a standard sized pool cue to be used.

10. INCLEMENT WEATHER - In the event of severe frost, ice, snow or fog conditions prevailing on match nights, Captains may wish to cancel the match. They must contact the opposing CAPTAIN before 7pm on the night of the fixture. If he fails to contact the Captain, he should contact the Secretary who will arrange the cancellation. It is stressed that only severe weather problems will qualify. SUCH CANCELLATIONS MUST BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY TO SECRETARY.

11. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE - This exists to decide on complaints made by a member of the league against any other member about an issue involving pool in this league. Any complaint must be in writing and delivered to the Chairman or Secretary. The Committee will consist of the Executive Committee who will hear the facts from any witnesses.

12. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS - There is no limit to the number of players that can be signed for a team. The Registration Fee is made up of 15 x £1, enabling 15 players to sign free of charge. If that figure is exceeded then an extra £1 is needed per player over the maximum. Every player must sign a registration form which must be handed to the league Secretary.

13. TRANSFERS - Any player can be transferred from one team to another, but only upon payment of a £5 transfer fee and the completion of a transfer form which requires the signature of both the outgoing team Captain and the new one. This is subject to a limit of the 31st December for all transfers. The exception to this would be where Captain and player had fallen out, making it unreasonable for them to continue playing together, but all such instances would be referred to the Committee.

14. PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD - The players in each Division compete for separate "Player of the Year" awards which are decided by the player that has won the most games. Any failure, for whatever reason, to play will count as a loss. Each team's top player will be invited to compete in the Annual Divisional Singles KO Finals at the end of the season.

15. PROMOTION & DEMOTION - At the end of each season the top three teams and bottom three teams in each Division will be promoted & relegated accordingly. This may be increased or decreased depending on the number of teams starting the season. The Division Two champions and runners-up shall be promoted to the Premiership each year, with the bottom two Premiership teams getting demoted to Division Two.

16. 6-A-SIDE K.O. - Entry to the major 6-a-side event automatically qualifies a side for the Consolation Cup later in the season, if that side was knocked out in either the preliminary or first rounds of the initial 6-a-side Cup.

17. KNOCKOUT EVENTS - Once the draw has been made for any of the KO events, no late entries will be accepted. The first rounds of Singles, Doubles & Threesomes will be played on a fixed night, with timings arranged by Secretary. This date will be final unless the players arrange a different date between them, but it must take place before the fixed date.

18. SEVEN-BALL GAMES - A certificate will be awarded to any player who "7-balls" his opponent in any league fixture or 6-a-side (excluding K.O. events). A "7-baller" is defined as leaving an opponent with seven balls of his group after completion of the game, whether it was achieved in one break or more. If a player breaks and pots one or more of each of the groups, and proceeds to pot all his remaining balls and the black (whether with a free visit or not), then that, too, is deemed to be a "7-baller". If, during a 7-baller the winner plays a "skill shot" and pots his opponent's ball, deliberately or not, then it will not be deemed a 7-baller. A prize goes to the player who gains most 7-ballers over the season.

19. ADDITIONS TO PLAYING RULES - In the event of a Referee calling a "**deliberate foul**" (**no attempt to play his own ball**), rather than award the match to the opponent, he/she shall offer the opponent to take his normal visit, or can order the player to re-play the same shot, with the stipulation that unless a far better effort is made to hit his own ball, then he will forfeit the frame.

Push Shot - this is permitted in our league to save confusion and controversy over understanding the rule.

20. POT OF GOLD AWARD - The League will pay the weekly sum of £5 to the Golden Cue game winner in each Division. The maximum number of awards given to the same player in one run will be five, whereupon it will pass to his opponent on the 6th week. A draw will determine who begins the season as the Golden Cue holder. The Golden Cue title is passed when the nominated person loses on a league night to his drawn opponent. Each Division has its own competition, except Premier League. If a holder does not turn up to defend an award, then it will pass to the first drawn of his team that night.

21. Players participating in **AWAY County Pool fixtures**, may arrive late for games on the same evening. They should contact the opposing team to advise them they will be late arriving, but the rest of their team should begin the match in their absence. If a league team has three or more County players in the side, the match may be re-arranged with the opposing team, but should be played **BEFORE** the scheduled date.

22. All Doubles games, in any competition, will feature the rule where each partner can only play one "cue stroke" before passing control of the table to his/her partner.