



**LEAGUE CONSTITUTION
(incl. Amendments – February 2010)**

1. Matches will be played on Monday evenings under the E.P.A. Rules.
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 - a. The first game of the match will commence at 8:15pm.
 - b. If a team does not provide a player at the appropriate time a waiting period of ten (10) minutes will be allowed after which the frame will be awarded to the other team. This applies at any point during the match unless the captains agree otherwise.
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 - a. Order of Play: Twelve Singles through to twelve frames.
 - b. A player may only play the maximum of two frames in a match.
4. The first game will be refereed by the home match with the away team to break. Both will alternate throughout the match.
5. If a game is stopped through any mechanical failure of the table and cannot be continued without disturbing the balls the game must be restarted.
6. If the home team uses a spotted cue ball the away team may request that a white cue ball be used. Failure to provide a white cue ball by the home team will result in the away team claiming a 12-0 win.
7.
 - a. If possible any problems or disputes should be settled on the night when the facts are clear to all that are present. If the matter cannot be settled on the night the score sheet should not be signed and the matter should be raised at the next league meeting.
 - b. A list of Official Referees (EPRA Card Holders) contact details will be made available to all teams subject to the individual's acceptance.
8. Payment of the game is the responsibility of the home team.
9. Complaints to the league about the conduct of player(s) / team(s) on match nights or knockout nights may result in the player (s) or team(s) being expelled from the league.

VIOLENCE OR SERIOUS MISCONDUCT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
10. If a visiting player is barred from a venue it is at the landlord's discretion if he / she is allowed to play. If you have a player under 18 you must ring the landlord / manager to check that he / she is ok to play.

11. The winning team captain should phone in the result to the League on the night. However you will have until 4pm Tuesday evening to phone in the result. Contact details will be supplied along with the Fixtures List at the start of each season. If the result is a draw the **home team** retain the sheet and phone in the result.
12. Failure to phone in the result will result in the loss of that match's bonus points from the league table.
13. One point is awarded for each frame won with the winning team gaining two (2) bonus points. If the match is drawn then both teams will receive 1 bonus point each.
14.
 - a. If there is more than one team on the same points at the end of the season then the team with the most bonus points will finish higher.
 - b. If the teams have the same amount of bonus points as well then it will be decided by how the teams have done against each other (Home and Away), if that is then level again it will be decided by a playoff at a neutral venue over one match.
15.
 - a. Players must only play for one team during a season, once a player has signed the result sheet on their first match night they are then registered to that team (unless Rule 15c has been instigated). Their name and signature must be entered on the **registration form or the back of the match sheet** prior to playing.

Also all players must print and sign their name on the match sheet after their frame on each match night, failure to sign the match sheet will result in the game being counted as a loss on the players individual seasons average.

- b. Any team playing an ineligible player will be penalised with 5 point deduction from the league table and will be fined £10. Any frames won by the ineligible player will awarded to the opposing team. There is no limit to the number of players a team can use throughout the season but all the players must be signed on before the last four league games of the season.
 - c. Should a team disband or be expelled from the league then subject to Committee Approval and prior to the last 4 league games of the season players may transfer to another team. The player must sign the back of the sheet at the first match played to transfer to that team, failure to do so will mean the team will be penalised under Rule 15b.
16.
 - a. League meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month at 19:15 pm – unless stated otherwise on the meetings sheet.
 - b. Each team must have a representative at each league meeting. Failure to do so will result in a penalty based on a sliding scale (each season) as follows:

1st Missed Meeting: 5 point deduction from the league table and a £5 fine.
2nd Missed Meeting: 10 point deduction from the league table and a £10 fine.

3rd Missed Meeting: 15 point deduction from the league table and a £15 fine.
Subsequent Missed Meeting: As per penalty for 3rd Missed Meeting.

- c. A team is allowed one apology per season only for missing meetings which must be presented prior to the meeting.
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- 17. If a pub / club have two or more teams each team must be represented at each league meeting.
 - 18. If a team is unable to fulfil a fixture then notice must be given to the opposing team at least 24 hours prior to the match date (this also includes rearranged fixtures). If a team fails to do this on two occasions then the offending team will be expelled from the league. The team cancelling the game must also notify the league.
 - 19. If a team drops out of the league then all the points for and against will be discounted from the league tables (This also applies to teams being expelled). If a team are expelled from the league then in addition to paying all fines a team can only re-register on receipt of a £50 (Fifty Pounds) bond.
 - 20. Result sheets must be retained by the winning team (or Home team in the event of a draw) and handed in at each league meeting. Failure to do so will result in the loss of one point per sheet per meeting from the league tables (Non Redeemable).
 - 21.
 - a. An entrance fee of thirty pounds (30) is required by the league at the registration meeting and then a further £30 by the second league meeting.
 - b. Registration sheets for each team are required by the first league meeting of the season. Failure to submit the registration sheet will be penalised by a 2 point deduction from the League table and a five (5) pound fine for each league meeting the registration sheet is missing.
 - c. If the full £60 is not paid by the second league meeting the team will be expelled from the league.
 - d. No team will be allowed to register with the league if monies owing are outstanding. All debts must be cleared prior to the start of a new season.
 - e. No team, other than those teams who were registered with the league and completed the Summer 2009 season, will be allowed to register with the league if their venue is more than five (5) miles distance from the Halifax City Centre.
 - 22. All match tables must be kept up to playing standards, any complaints to the league will be inspected and if they are not up to a decent playing standard the team responsible will have to play their games at a neutral venue until the problem is resolved.

23. The league will run for approximately 6 months.
24. The league will not arrange matches on bank holidays.
25. Any team turning up to a match with less than 6 players will have to fulfil the fixture as much as they can and the non played games will be awarded to the opposition as long as the sheet is signed by the players that would have played.
26. If a team does not turn up for a match they will forfeit the game 12-0 and also a fine of ten (10) pounds - (the fine is to cover the cost of food provided by the home team). The 2 bonus points will not be awarded.
27. The stopwatch must be available so that any captain can request the stopwatch to be **used for the whole match**.
28. No matches are to be rearranged prior to the last four league games of the season unless they have permission off the league committee and all games must be played by the last league game of the season.
29. All disputes will be decided by the league committee after the dispute has been put in writing by the team(s) involved to the league (any disputes that arise on the night please **do not sign the sheet**).
30. a. If for any reason a team has to re arrange a match then the new date must be decided at the next league meeting following the postponed fixture if the match has not already been played.

If a mutual date cannot be reached by the teams involved then a mandatory date will be issued by the committee.

If this league rule is not enforced then both teams will lose the points. You have been warned.
- b. A Team may only re-arrange two league fixtures per season. Under special circumstances the committee can give special disposition to a team to re-arrange more than 2 fixtures.
31. Any new pub / club that have been invited to enter the league will be entered into the lowest division.
32. At the end of the season the trophies will be chosen by the league.

33. The committee shall have full authority to make any decision that in their opinion is deemed necessary or beneficial to its members.

KNOCKOUTS

34. a. For Team & Singles/Doubles competition finals, use of a stopwatch will be compulsory.
- b. A qualified referee will be designated to time keep.
35. For Team & Singles / Doubles competition finals a qualified referee will be nominated to referee and give the official 1st and final warning for coaching.

SINGLES AND DOUBLES KNOCKOUTS

36. The singles & doubles knockout will take place after the regular season has finished.
- a. All games have to be played on the date specified by the committee.
- b. All players must be at the venue by 8.15 no matter when you are scheduled to play.
- c. A player is given an appropriate time period of ten (10) minutes to be at the venue, the frames will then be awarded to the other player(s). For Doubles both players must be in attendance to claim frames.
37. The players draw will be drawn out first followed by the venue draw. Any player(s) drawn out at home in any round the draw will stand although in the early rounds we will try and keep players as neutral as possible.
38. The singles / doubles knockout final will be played on a different night if there is not enough time after the semi-finals have been played (please note the venue stays the same).
39. The semi-finals will be the best of five (5) frames; the finals will be the best of seven (7) frames.
40. A designated referee will officiate the semi-finals & finals of the singles & doubles knockout. A qualified referee will be designated to time keep.

TEAM KNOCKOUT

41. Any player partaking in the team knockout must be signed on, on or before the 1st round of the competition. If a preliminary round is required then partaking players must be registered on or before the preliminary round of the competition.
42. The team knockout match dates will be including in the main League Fixture list and will be distributed along with the Fixture List at the start of the season.
43. The team knockout semi-finals will be played as it is drawn. The team knockout final will be played over 2 legs (Home & Away), If at the end of the 2nd leg the scores are tied then a decider of one game of singles will be played. The order of breakout will alternate throughout the final including a decider if required.
44. A qualified referee will officiate the team knockout final. A qualified referee will be designated to time keep.