

# HORSHAM & DISTRICT POOL LEAGUE

## CONSTITUTION

### 1. NAME

The organisation will be known as the Horsham & District Pool League (HDPL)

### 2. OBJECTIVES

- a) To promote and organise the game of pool in the Horsham & District Area
- b) To ensure the game is played in a sportsmanlike manner
- c) To be a non-profit organisation
- d) To be fully affiliated to the English Pool Association (EPA) and the Sussex County Pool Association (SCPA)

### 3. LEAGUE COMMITTEE

The league will be governed by a committee comprising of a League Secretary, Rules Secretary, Tournament Secretary, Registration Secretary plus other general members.

### 4. CONSTITUTION CHANGE PROCESS

Rule changes can be proposed by any playing member of the league, with the committee voting to decide.

The committee will be allowed to bring in temporary rules and amendments during the current season. The committee reserve the right to interpret any rule to facilitate using sportsmanship or common sense. The committee's decision on all disputes is final.

### 5. LEAGUE STRUCTURE

The number of leagues and the number of teams in each league will be determined by the team registration at the start of the season. New teams entering the league will usually be entered into the lowest division. The committee reserve the right to depart from this rule if deemed appropriate. Each team will play one home and one away game against all the other teams in the division.

### 6. RULES

All games will be played under World Rules. The 60second rule will not apply for the current season. See website for full version of rules

### 7. VENUE REQUIREMENTS

Each venue must have a copy of the current WEPF world rules on display. Copies can be obtained upon request.

All venues must provide adequate equipment including balls, a rest, and a short cue if relevant.

The table must be levelled and brushed before each match.

It is the responsibility of the venue to contact Tarratt Tables to request repairs or a recloth where appropriate.

## 8. MATCH STRUCTURE

All league matches shall be played on a Wednesday evening **and should commence no later than 8pm.** If one team is late and hasn't had the courtesy to phone the venue beforehand, then the other team can claim the first frame after 8.20pm and then subsequent frames at every 10 minutes after that. Each match will be the best of 5 games. Each game will be the best of three frames. Away players break in the first frame. If a deciding third frame is needed, then players toss for the right to break.

## 9. ORDER OF PLAY PROCESS

The Home captain will be required to enter his players name down first on the scorecard for the first, third and last game. The Away team captain will put down first for games two and four.

## 10. PLAYER SHORTAGES

In the event that the home team only has four players then they must enter a BYE in position 4 on the scorecard. In the event the away team only has four players then they must enter a BYE in position 5 of the scorecard. Therefore in the unlikely event that both teams only have four players the scenario of BYE verses BYE cannot be entered on the scorecard by mistake as league matches cannot finish in a draw. All BYES are recognised as 2-0 victories where the winning player gets three points.

## 11. POINTS SYSTEM

A team will be awarded one point for every game won plus an extra point for winning the match. For the individual performance league players will be awarded nil point for losing 2-0, one point for losing 2-1, two points for winning 2-1 and three points for winning 2-0

## 12. REFEREES

All frames must be refereed by a member of the home team. All players, asked to referee must be conversant with the playing rules.

### **The referee's decision is final.**

A player can ask the referee for a ruling before playing a shot, but the referee should only give that ruling and should not be given by any other player/spectator, as this would be deemed as coaching.

A referee should not allow a player to waste time over a shot or visit

## 13. PLAYER REGISTRATION PROCESS

All players must be registered prior to playing. Player registrations must be received by 6pm the night of the match. No new players can be registered after the first half of the season has been reached. Player registrations should be sent via text to Richard Kent

## 14. PLAYER TRANSFER PROCESS

Players can be transferred from one team to another up to half way through the season. Please contact Richard Kent who will then consider the matter

## 15. POSTPONEMENT PROCESS

Twenty four hour's notice (i.e. before 8pm Tuesday evening) must be given or with agreement of both captains. Replays must be played no later than three weeks after postponement or with the agreement of the League Secretary.

#### 16. FAILURE TO FULLFILL FIXTURES

**All teams are expected to fulfil ALL their fixtures by end of season.** Failure to do so could result with the team, and all players involved, being expelled from the league for the next season.

The effect on the league tables as a result of a team withdrawing from the league will be decided by the committee who will take into account timing of withdrawal and effects on league.

#### 17. RESULTS SUBMISSION PROCESS

**A copy of all completed league scorecards must be must be sent no later than 12noon the following day to Richard Kent (League Secretary) on [richardkent147@gmail.com](mailto:richardkent147@gmail.com). Please attach a photo of completed scorecard to email.**

**All competition results (singles, team ko, divisional cup, doubles and 3 man) must be put on the pool league's facebook page or sent to Lee Gibson (Competition Secretary)**

Failure to do so could result in deduction of points and subsequently expulsion from league.

The scorecard, which needs to be printed off from the website in advance, must be fully completed and signed by both captains. Full names of all players must be entered.

#### 18. SERIOUS MISCONDUCT

Any team found guilty of submitting false results or being involved in such activities, will be deemed to have lost their match 5-0. All personal records for that match will be voided and the team will be expelled from the league.

Any player or team that is deemed by the committee to be guilty of serious misconduct or behaviour that may bring the HDPL into disrepute maybe immediately suspended or expelled from the league.

#### 19. COMPLAINTS PROCESS

Please contact the League Secretary who will pass it onto the committee for discussion

#### 20. CONTACT PROCESS

Please see committee contact numbers on the league website

#### 21. CODE OF CONDUCT

It is intended that all players and teams should play eight ball pool in the spirit of the game and in a sporting manner. All members of the pool league are expected to conduct themselves in a sporting manner and refrain from making any undue noise while a match is in process or from distracting (or attempting to distract) any player by word or act. Gamesmanship and "coaching" is not expected as part of a match and will not be tolerated within the league

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