

# SHEPTON MALLET & DISTRICT POOL LEAGUE

## CONSTITUTION

The aim of the League:

To promote the game of pool, to arrange and organise matches, to hold competitions and to provide and confer trophies and rewards:

### 1. THE LEAGUE

- a) The name of the League shall be the Shepton Mallet & District Pool League.
- b) The League shall be managed by the Committee of a maximum of seven persons. It shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and four others, each of whom will have the power of voting. In the event of a tie the Chairman (or in his/her absence the acting Chairman) shall be entitled to a casting vote. A maximum of two Committee Members only, per Team.
- c) The officers of the League shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) and they shall hold office until the following A.G.M. when they will be eligible for re-election.
- d) The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur between A.G.M.'s.
- e) In the event of any matters arising, which are not covered by these rules, such matters, will be dealt with by the Committee as they see fit.
- f) **THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION IS FINAL IN ALL MATTERS.**
- g) The League shall be a self-financing, non-profit making organisation. Funds will be raised by subscription and by charging of Competition entry fees.
- h) All expenses of the League shall be defrayed out of its funds, including all reasonable expenses of individual members, at the discretion of the Committee.
- i) The League Funds shall be held by the Treasurer in bank accounts as he/she sees fit. The monies may not be invested in any other way with the exception of Building Society accounts. Two Committee Member's signatures must be necessary to release funds from the accounts.
- j) The League's finances will be calculated on a period of one year starting on 1<sup>st</sup> July and continuing to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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- k) If any Team or Player acts in a manner which, in the Committee's opinion, brings the League into disrepute the Committee will impose such penalties as they deem fit.
- l) Any Player who is banned from a Pub/Club will not be permitted to play at that Pub/Club. A Landlord/Landlady has the right to bar any person, with just cause, and the League will uphold the rights of the Landlord/Landlady.

## 2. THE GAME

- a) The game shall be English eight ball pool and shall be conducted by the latest authorised rules of the Shepton Mallet & District Pool League.
- b) These rules shall be defined at the A.G.M.
- c) The game will be played on the table provided at the venue. Tables will not be discriminated against on the grounds of size, access or quality, providing the table is well lit and presented and maintained in a good condition.

All Competitions, once they have reached the quarter-final stages, will only be played on tables with '**Full, all round, cue clearance**'. These venues will be decided by the Committee.

- d) **All tables to have a Baulk Line marked clearly, and a functional rest provided.**
- e) Each team will consist of a minimum of four players,  
**All players must be signed on with the League Secretary.**
- f) Each team shall have a captain who will represent their team at any Captain's Meeting which may be called **and be responsible to the League for all aspects of their team's behaviour and finances.**
- g) All match fees to be paid to the Treasurer by the prescribed date. Failure to do so will result in penalties being incurred.
- h) All teams must be represented at the Captain's Meetings when called.
- i) **BOTH TEAMS shall be responsible for recording the match results accurately and for returning the score cards to the league secretary within 5 DAYS.** The latest date is 12pm the Saturday immediately following the match. 2 points will automatically be deducted for the late arrival of results cards.  
The Committee reserves the right to cancel League Matches in extreme weather conditions at their discretion.

- J) No matches may be postponed, except under extreme circumstances. Only the Committee may make this decision.  
If a match has to be cancelled, the team that cancelled shall be awarded no points. The Committee will award the opposing team seven points.
- k) All League Matches will be arranged by the League Secretary before the start of the Season. League Matches will be played on Mondays.
- l) The Home Team will be responsible for arranging refereeing of the games.
- m) The away team will be responsible for the timekeeping of the games.
- n) Each match will consist of four singles games, each played on a best of three basis (if a player is 2 – 0 up, a third match would not be played), and two single frame doubles. One point for the winner of each game.
- o) All players to be purely amateur.
- p) Any disputes or appeals shall be submitted to the Committee for settlement. Any Team protesting shall do so in writing and send with each protest the sum of £5. If another Team is involved, a copy of the written protest must be sent to that Team at least five days before the next Committee Meeting. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld but if not upheld this money will be forfeited to the League Funds.
- q) Any team playing an ineligible player, shall have 5 points deducted.
- r) In cases of dismissal or resignation of any Team or Teams from the League the committee will decide on the removal of points relating to said team.
- s) The League Secretary shall be empowered to report to the Committee any breach of these rules that may come under his/her observation from time to time and they may exercise their power to deal with the offending person or Team according to these rules.
- t) The cost of the table to be the responsibility of the Home Team. Home Team Captain's must ensure that the table is available at 8.30 p.m. First player must commence playing at 8.30 p.m. In the event of no players being present by 8.45 p.m. the second game may be claimed. If no players being present by 9.00 p.m. the full match points may be claimed, at the discretion of the committee. Players not present when their match is due to be played will forfeit their game.

- u) Competitions will be held annually and played during the League Season. Each Team shall nominate individuals and pairs to represent them in Competition, after which the Committee will organise the Competitions.  
Rules governing each Competition will be defined by the Committee.

### **3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (A.G.M.) and EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETING (E.G.M.)**

- a) The A.G.M. will be held within 28 days of the end of the League's financial year. The date to be notified with 14 days notice to all member Teams.
- b) Each member present at a General Meeting is entitled to one vote. No proxy votes to be allowed. Only full paid up Members shall have voting rights.
- c) Any changes to the Constitution/Rules must be agreed by the majority of the Members present. In the event of a tie the Chairman is to have the casting vote.
- d) All motions must be proposed and seconded.
- e) Any General Meeting except the A.G.M. will be known as an E.G.M. An E.G.M. may be convened at the request for an E.G.M. which must be made to the Committee, who alone will make the arrangements that are necessary.
- f) Election of the Committee and the Rules of the Game may only be decided at the A.G.M.

### **4. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a) Committee meetings will be held as and when necessary to ensure the smooth running of the League.
- b) Minutes of the Committee Meetings will be kept by the League Secretary and will be available for inspection by any signed on, fully paid up Member of the League.
- c) **LEAGUE MATCH SCORE CARDS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LEAGUE SECRETARY WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THE FIXTURE, AS DEFINED BY THE DATE OF POSTING.**
- d) Penalties for the Infringement of any of the above Rules to be laid down by the Committee.

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