

Constitution and League Rules

1. The name of the league shall be the **GRANTHAM & DISTRICT POOL LEAGUE**
2. The object of the league shall be to conduct and encourage competitions between venues as are deemed desirable and to assist the formation of pool teams in Grantham and its District.
3. Membership of the league shall be open to all individuals and teams from licensed premises, public houses and clubs, in the town and its surrounding area.
These must provide adequate facilities, as later determined, for the playing of pool which on being accepted to the league will pay an entry fee for such individual or team; this will automatically register them as a member for that current season. The fees will be determined by the committee and paid on the relevant entry night as announced by them.
No late entries will be accepted.
All current registered individuals or teams shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and vote there at.
4. The business of the league shall be conducted by an Executive Committee, which shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Results Secretary, Hon. Web Co-ordinator and a maximum of 10 committee members.
The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Results Secretary, and Hon. Web Co-ordinator shall be elected members who have previously served on the committee for a minimum of one year.
All officers of the league shall serve one year and are eligible by re-election to continue for further periods of one year until outvoted at an Annual General Meeting.
The Hon. Secretary shall call committee meetings as he/she thinks necessary or if requested to do so by a member of the committee. Should a committee member wish to call an extra meeting they
Must do so via the secretary. The Hon. Secretary shall keep records of such meetings except that the votes of individuals shall not be recorded. All such records shall be made available to any member upon reasonable request in writing. The Hon. Secretary shall also keep records of individuals and teams entered in the league.
The Hon. Results Secretary shall keep records of the results of all competitions run by the league. Hon. Web Co-ordinator shall keep records of the results of all competitions run by the league and place them on the GDPL website.
The Hon. Treasurer shall keep proper records of all financial transactions and keep all monies in a bank or building society account as determined by the committee.
To ensure that all matters dealt with and decisions made by the committee are democratic and legal a minimum quorum of 5 members of the committee should be present at all meetings of which not more than three shall be officers.
5. Annual honoraria shall be paid to the Chairperson, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Results Secretary, Hon Web Co-ordinator and Hon. Treasurer. The amount to be reviewed by the committee annually.

The committee shall have the power to co-opt any member to take the place of any officer or member of the committee who has resigned and also co-opt other members to serve until the next Annual General meeting.
6. If any member of the committee fails to attend three consecutive meetings, without good reason, the committee shall have the power to declare that member should no longer be a member of the said committee. The committee shall have the power to remove from office any officer who fails, in view of the majority of the whole committee, to do his or her duty.
7. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 30th May each year. At least 28 days notice will be given to all member venues to advise the date of the meeting in anticipation of attracting new members.
Proposals for discussion at the Annual General Meeting must be submitted in writing to the Hon. Secretary. These must come with a proposer and seconded and must be in the Hon. Secretary's possession at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
8. The financial year of the league shall end on 31st March each year and the Hon. Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting will present the accounts for approval by members.
9. All cheques on the accounts of the league are to be drawn on two of three signatures, the Chairperson, Hon. Treasurer and one other member of the committee, as determined at the first meeting of the new committee.
10. Any proposal to alter or add to these rules must be announced to members at least 21 days before the next Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting and be voted for by a majority of those members present at such a meeting.
11. The committee or the Hon. Secretary may call an Extraordinary General Meeting within 28 days after a request in writing by 10 or more members. These must be from 3 different venues and handed to the Hon. Secretary stating the purpose for which the meeting is requested.

The committee shall organise the following competitions annually;

Summer		Winter	
Team Leagues	Of 5 but no more than 10 players. 10 frames on a home and away basis. Played Wednesday evenings at 8pm.	Team Leagues	Of 4 but no more than 8 players 8 frames on a home and away basis. Played Sunday evenings at 7.30pm.
Team Knockout	As above.	Team Knockout	As above.
Triples Leagues	For teams of 3 but no more than 6 players (3 reserves). 9 frames on a home and away basis. Played Sunday evenings at 7.30pm.	Singles Leagues E.P.A. Old Rules of World Rules	6 frames on a home and away basis. Played Wednesday evenings at 8pm
Triples Knockout	As above.	Singles Knockout	As Above.
Captains Cup Knockout	For the captain or nominated player of a team. Best of 5 frames, dates to be announced	Captains Cup Knockout	For the captain or nominated player of a team. Best of 5 frames, dates to be announced
Doubles Knockout	Best of 5 frames, dated to be announced.	Ladies Knockout	Best of 5 frames, dates to be announced
Mad Hatters Trophies	Awarded to players with the best percentage of wins for those players accruing over 60% of league fixtures	Mixed Doubles Competition	Best of 5 frames, dates to be announced.
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All competitions will be played under the E.P.A. old rules with local match rule amendments.

All Knockout Finals to be played at the Grantham Billiard Club

Match Rules

R.1.a. Matches will be played under the E.P.A. Old Rules and local match rule amendments.

R.1.b. Unless otherwise stated, all competitions to be exclusive to the league.

R.2. All weekday leagues games and knockouts shall start at 8pm, Sunday matches will start at 7.30pm.

R.3. Signing On.

Winter League Teams	Minimum 4 players	Maximum 8 players
Summer Leagues Teams	Minimum 5 players	Maximum 10 players

In team competitions players may not play two frames in succession.

Summer Triples League	Minimum 3 players	Maximum 6 players (3 reserves)
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Only 3 players may play in any one match

Players are not considered signed on for a team until they have played their first game for said team.

R.4 Scoring for league matches is as follows:

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a draw
- 1 point for each frame won

Claimed matches

- Classed as a minimum win

Any team or individual that withdraws from the league shall have all their results removed and Deleted, a fine of £5.00 per person will be incurred.

In the event of a tie the winning team will be decided by, points then frame difference then games won if all of these are tied a head to head play-off will take place.

R.5.a. Matches can only be re-arranged if a team or individual gives at least 24 hours notice.

1. To the opposing captain or player. **And Must Also**
2. Inform/Register it with the Billiard Club.

The opposing captain or player should offer three dates for the match to be played. This should not conflict with any other pool fixture. If none of these dates are acceptable then the captain or player originally cancelling the match shall forfeit the game.

Any team/single player who has 3 games outstanding or claimed against them shall be removed from the league and incur a fine of £5.00 per team member and £15.00 for a singles player.

R.5.b. Unless previously arranged between captains if a team has not arrived within 15 minutes you will forfeit one frame, after 30 minutes the game will be forfeited. A penalty of 5-point deduction and fine will be incurred. (This is at the discretion of the committee)

R.5.c. Unless previously arranged between captains no player will be allowed to play in the game if he is not present within 30 minutes of the start time.

R.5.d. All outstanding league fixtures shall be played within 21 days of the original fixture. All outstanding games must be played within 7 days of the league finishing.

R.6. Only licensee's (who don't already play for a team) can claim landlord's rights.
Landlords can only play for 1 team per night.
Landlords can play a maximum of 5 games per season only

R.7. Barracking of any kind will not be tolerated. Respect to all players when on shot. Inappropriate behaviour including both teams and their supporters will result in a penalty and/or fine being issued.
All players should behave and play in a sporting manner. Captains are required to make sure that players do just that

R.8. A result sheet must be handed in to the Billiard Club by the winning team or player within seven days. The home team or player must assume responsibility in the event of a draw
All cards must be filled in correctly for all games including knockouts, League, Date, Teams, Names, Results and Signatures
Failure to do so will result in the team or player being fined £5.

Failure to pay a fine (within the allotted time) will result in the team or player responsible being suspended from the league and receive an 8 point penalty.

R.9 Transfers

- Transfers are permitted up to the halfway point of the season. (or a date set by the committee)
- You must apply to the committee in writing, explaining which team you are transferring from and to together with a £10 transfer fee.
- Transfers between divisions at the committees discretion.
- You can not play for your new team until the transfer has been approved.
- Individual stats are deleted

R.10. If in the committees opinion, a team is deemed to be bring in “ringers” to benefit the team a penalty (to be decided by the committee) will be incurred

R.11. Dispute procedure;

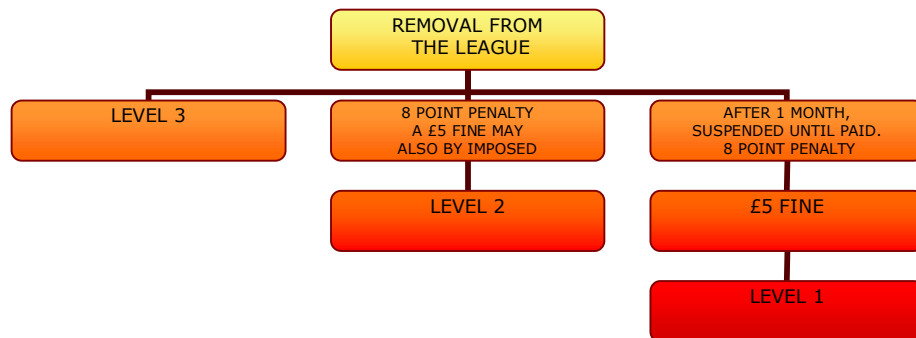
- Any team or individual that find themselves in dispute with another team or player should make the complaint in writing, together with a fee of £3 and addressed to the Hon. Secretary of the league within seven days of the event.
- The parties involved will be invited to discuss the matter at the next committee meeting.
- The committee will then make a decision and give a verdict, which shall be binding.
- The committee shall have the power to fine, suspend, disqualify or ban any player, team or venue

R.12. Table Standards

- The table must be free from tears or rips.
- The table must be brushed and cleaned prior to the match.
- 45 inches clear from the rear cushion to allow for the break shot.
- 60% of the remainder of the table (equivalent to 3 cushions) must also have 45 inches clear.
- The away player/team to be allowed 10 minutes prior to the match to assess and acclimatise to the table.
- Both captains to agree that the table is satisfactory.
- If agreement can not be reach by the captains, the home team is to give three dates for the match to be played within the next 21 days or within 7 days after the last game of the season, (committee member to check).
- If the table is still not satisfactory after the 21 days (or within 7 days after the last game of the season), then committee will designate a controlled table for the game to be played on. The venue will be then be removed from the league until the table has reached minimum standard.
- The team will be allowed to continue at a different venue.

R.13. Penal Code

The committee have introduced a three tier system in order to deal with issuing fines and penalising players which allows the committee to distinguish between the levels of severity as follows:



R.14. The captain or a representative and all single players are required to attend all league meetings when called. Failure to attend will result in a penalty of a5 point deduction

R.15. The committee or its members will not deal with any problems on an individual basis.
In the case of any extenuating circumstances the committee will meet and make a ruling informing the party/s involved, the decision being final

R.16. A copy of the constitution will be given to each member/venue on joining the league or to any individual member on request.

R.17. Local match rule applies see attached flyer.

R.18. All other matters **NOT** covered by theses rules rest with the committee. The committee’s decision being final.

LOCAL MATCH RULES

IF ONE OR MORE COLOURS ARE POTTED ON THE BREAK THE PLAYER THEN HAS A RIGHT AND OBLIGATION TO VERBALLY ADVISE THE REFEREE OF A CHOICE OF COLOUR BEFORE PROCEEDING. FAILURE TO DO SO IS A FOUL. IF A PLAYER IS FOULED UNDER THIS RULE THE OPPONENT FACES AN "OPEN" TABLE.

IF THE PLAYER NOMINATES A COLOUR THAT WAS POTTED ON THE BREAK, THE PLAYER IS ON THAT COLOUR NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.

IF THE PLAYER NOMINATES A COLOUR THAT WAS NOT POTTED ON THE BREAK, THEY ARE DEEMED TO BE ON THAT COLOUR FOR THAT SHOT. TO BE ON THAT COLOUR FOR THE GAME THE PLAYER MUST LEGALLY POT A BALL OF THAT COLOUR ON THEIR SHOT, OTHERWISE THE OPPONENT FACES AN "OPEN" TABLE.

IF A RE-RACK OCCURS UNDER RULE 4C (E.P.A. OLD RULES) THE RULING APPLIES TO THE BREAK SHOT ONLY.

IF THE CUE BALL IS POTTED ON THE BREAK IT IS A FOUL THAT IS PENALISED BY THE TURN PASSING TO THE OPPONENT, THE OPPONENT CAN THEN PLACE THE CUE BALL ANYWHERE BEHIND THE BULK BUT ONLY RECEIVES ONE SHOT.

ANY OTHER FOUL ON THE BREAK SHOT E.G. THE BALL LEAVING THE TABLE, REVERTS TO THE E.P.A. (OLD) RULES.