

## CONSTITUTION

- a. The name of the league shall be called the (Derby City Pool League) hereafter called the League.
- b. The League was formed in 1978, for the purpose of promoting the game of pool among all teams within Derby City, & to organise (Individual, Pair & Team competitions, to negotiate sponsorship for the game and to standardize rules).
- c. It shall agree to be bound by the terms laid out in this Constitution and the General Rules attached.
- d. Any alterations to the constitution & playing rules can only be done at an Annual General Meeting of the League. Propositions & amendments for changes & additions to be in the hands of the Secretary fourteen (14) days in writing before the set date for the meeting.

### 1. COMMITTEE

- 1.1 The League shall elect a Committee to manage all business appertaining to the League.
- 1.2 The Committee shall consist of 6 (six) primary officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixture Secretary & Referee Secretary and 1 additional officer.
- 1.3 The Committee shall not have more than one (1) member from any one (1) affiliated team.
- 1.4 All officers of the committee will hold the office for the period of one year. All retiring officers will be eligible to stand for re-election.
- 1.5 The committee will appoint any member to fill any vacancy that may occur prior to the AGM where the appointment will ratified.
- 1.6 The committee shall have full authority to make any decision that in it's opinion, is deemed necessary or beneficial to its members.
- 1.7 Upon receipt of a request by at least two thirds of the members of the committee, the Secretary shall be empowered to call an EGM.
- 1.8 The Committee shall meet once a month (min) to once every 6 weeks (max).

### 2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Membership of the League will be open to all Pool teams that play within Derby City. Player's must live within 10 miles of the venue, which they play for. However, established players can remain with the teams. The committee will deal with any disputes.
- 2.2 The Committee reserves the right to refuse membership to any team or individual person for any reason they deem to be injurious or harmful to the League.
- 2.3 The affiliation fee to the League will be arranged at the AGM every year, to be paid at a set date. Failure to comply with this will result in non-affiliation to the League.
- 2.4 All affiliated teams to the League shall agree to abide by the League Constitution.
- 2.5 A team will supply a list of players to the Committee within the first month of the season commencing. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the team not being registered.
- 2.6 All affiliated players are not permitted to play in another local league, within Derby City boundary, on the same evening.
- 2.7 Teams may have the same player registered, however, the first team said player strikes a ball for during a match, is the team that player will have to stay with for the remainder of that season only, at the discretion of the committee.
- 2.8 All players under 18 must be notified to the Landlord of the home team before commencement of each match (It is entirely up to the Landlord to accept/reject entry).

### 3. BENEFITS

- 3.1 Only fully paid up members will be eligible to enter any closed competitions organised by the League.
- 3.2 All affiliated teams will be able to put forward any ideas or thoughts they have regarding the running of the League in writing.

### 4. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 4.1 The League shall hold General Meetings when required and due notice will be given.
- 4.2 At least two of the Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of carrying on the business of a League General Meeting.
- 4.3 The League General Meeting shall have the authority to make any decision which is deemed to be necessary and/or in the interest of it's members, except constitutional changes. (See AGM)

- 4.4 All affiliated teams to have one vote per team
- 4.5 There will be minutes taken at each General Meeting, which shall be kept by the Committee.

## **5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGM)**

- 5.1 The League AGM shall be held as near as possible to the end of the winter season.
- 5.2 The Secretary will issue an agenda prior to the meeting.
- 5.3 Any alteration to the constitution can only be made at the AGM or an EGM called expressly for that reason.
- 5.4 All decisions previously reached and passed at the AGM and General meetings shall be honoured until such time as they become unworkable, or detrimental to the League or good of the game.
- 5.5 All motions for debate must be submitted to the Committee no less than thirty-one (31) days, in writing, prior to the AGM
- 5.6 Each Committee member shall be entitled to one vote (except Chairman) at an AGM. All affiliated teams to have one vote per team. Chairman to have casting vote in the event of a tied vote.
- 5.7 All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands unless a ballot be demanded by teams or the chairman deems it necessary.
- 5.8 Any motions for debate which fail to get a seconder at the AGM shall not be debated.

## **6. EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING (EGM)**

- 6.1 Upon receipt of a request by at least two thirds of the members of the Committee, the Secretary shall be empowered to call an EGM.
- 6.2 An Extra-ordinary General Meeting can be called by the Committee if circumstances are considered exceptional.
- 6.3 At least seven days' notice shall be given of an EGM together with an agenda of the business to be transacted.

## **7. FINANCE**

- 7.1 The Treasurer, together with the Chairman and the Secretary shall be responsible for the finances of the League
- 7.2 All cheques must have two (2) signatures, which will include the Treasurer and one other member of the Committee. Two signatures must be recognised by the Bank.
- 7.3 The League financial year will be concluded on the end of February of each year and the Treasurer will provide an audited balance sheet for the AGM.
- 7.4 All monies held by the League will be used for the benefit of all the members of the League.
- 7.5 Prize monies to be allocated by the Committee for the top two (2) teams in each Division in the Winter Season, and trophies will be awarded to the top two (2) teams in the Summer Season. Winner and Runner Up in Singles, Doubles, Super Cup and League Cups in Summer.
- 7.6 The League will endeavour to reimburse all reasonable out of pocket expenses – by prior consent at Committee meeting - incurred by any representative while conducting any business on behalf of the League.
- 7.7 In any event of the league collapsing, any funds will be donated to charities at the discretion of the existing officers.

## **8. GENERAL RULES**

- 8.1 All games to be played under WPA Blackball Rules excluding those listed in Rule 10.8.
- 8.2 In the Summer League only, matches to consist of seven (7) frames which are to be played as seven (7) singles matches for men's and five (5) frames which are to be played as five (5) singles matches for ladies. In the Winter League only, matches to consist of seven (7) frames which are to be played as five (5) singles matches and two (2) doubles matches for men's and four (4) singles matches and one (1) doubles match for ladies.
- 8.3 Teams to be at venues for 8:30pm (minimum 4 players for men's, 3 for ladies) – Matches to start at 8:45pm sharp – claim first leg at 8:45pm then one leg every 15 minutes until 9:30pm when all remaining legs are claimed.
- 8.4 A minimum of £20 deposit (non-returnable) per team needs to be paid at registration and the remaining league fees to be paid on collection of fixtures prior to start of season, otherwise a fine of £20 will be enforced & each match missed will be a 7-0 loss to the offending team. However rule 8.11 applies.
- 8.5 Winning team captain to ensure the match result is conveyed using the automated SMS text service within 24 hours of the game finishing. However, should this service not be available then see 8.6 for other ways to submit results.

- 8.6 Should the SMS service not be available then results can be submitted by SMS to the Secretary, email, Internet (via the official results site or forum) or post. Rule 8.18 applies in all instances.
- 8.7 Matches to be refereed by Home and Away teams alternately (commencing by the Home team).
- 8.8 A re-rack can be declared by the referee when it is impossible for a player to make a legal shot without fouling. The re-rack is to consist of nine (9) balls only. The break is then determined by the toss of a coin.
- 8.9 Coaching or Barracking of players during match play is not allowed and a foul may be called after a warning.
- 8.10 Any team causing trouble may be fined, suspended or barred at the discretion of the league.
- 8.11 Postponement of a match can only be done with the approval of both Teams and if the agreed date is prior to the original scheduled date (unless circumstances are deemed extreme by the Committee).
- 8.12 Any teams not turning up to a match must pay for the food (£10) and points may be docked at the discretion of the committee. Failure to pay by the next meeting may result in being ejected from the league. Rule 8.13 applies.
- 8.13 No cancellation of matches will be allowed.
- 8.14 No league matches are to be played after the end of the season.
- 8.15 All players must be registered with the Fixture Secretary 24 hours before a match (i.e. by 8:30pm on Wednesday for men's and the Monday for ladies). A player can no longer be registered once the season has reached the halfway stage at the discretion of the committee.
- 8.16 Any team found playing an illegal player (illegal player = an unregistered player or another person playing under a registered players name) will lose forfeit the match and the opposition will be awarded a 7-0 win.
- 8.17 £20.00 fine (per player short) for both teams, for falsifying a result. i.e. putting players down as played when one or both teams are short of players.
- 8.18 One (1) point deduction for failing to convey a match result to the Fixture Secretary by the Thursday following the match for men's and the Tuesday for ladies. An additional two (2) points will be deducted if the match card has not been returned by the next league meeting.
- 8.19 £5.00 fine for a team venue representative not attending a League Meeting and 2 point deduction for the first missed meeting, then 3 points for the second missed meeting, 4 for the third missed meeting and 5 point deduction for every missed meeting thereafter.
- 8.20 Any team short of players on a match night, the remaining frames will be awarded to the opponents.
- 8.21 If a team misses two (2) away matches they will be deemed to have withdrawn from the league and rule 8.22 will apply.
- 8.22 Any team dropping out of the League during the season must pay an increased deposit (20%) on re-joining the league at the discretion of the committee.
- 8.23 Unless otherwise decreed by the Committee Divisions of 11 or more, 3 teams are promoted, Divisions of 10 or less 2 teams are promoted. The number relegated governed by the number promoted from the Division below.
- 8.24 Match result cards for the season will be supplied to each team at the monthly meetings.
- 8.25 Singles & Doubles competitions to be based on a draw system rather than a 'Tree System'.
- 8.26 In the absence of a Committee, the Secretary and Chairman can make a decision on any matter regarding the well-being of the League. However, any decision made may be reversed at the following Committee or League meeting if there is a disagreement.
- 8.27 All payments to be given direct to the Treasurer, not through the Chairman or Secretary.
- 8.28 If a team drops out of the league at any point during the season all results will be void. However, if the committee suspect that the drop-out has only occurred to give another team advantage then discretion will be applied.
- 8.29 Doubles pairing's can only consist of player's who play at the same venue. However, this rule does not apply to mixed double's pairings.

## **9. RECOMMENDED TABLE STANDARDS**

- 9.1 Match table to be brushed and free from all debris before commencement of the first match.
- 9.2 The cloth is to be free from holes, creases and lumps.
- 9.3 The table must be either 6'x 3' or 7'x 4'
- 9.4 The breaking side of the table should be unobstructed.
- 9.5 The remaining 3 sides must have at least the length of a full size pool cue plus three (3) inches from the cushion to the nearest fixed object. (i.e. walls, games machines, unmovable furniture and bars – this rule is to exclude single posts).
- 9.6 A team that does not satisfy these rules will not be allowed to enter the premier division.

## **10. MATCH RULES**

- 10.1 These rules are to apply in addition to the WPA Rules.
- 10.2 The Break:
  - 10.2a Team match, first frame decided by the toss of a coin, then alternate.
  - 10.2b Singles/Doubles, first frame decided by the toss of a coin, then alternate.
- 10.3 Singles & Doubles competitions to be played best of five (5) frames, semi-finals to be played best of seven (7) frames at a neutral venue, finals best of nine (9) frames at a neutral venue. The venues and referees will be allocated by the League Secretary.
- 10.4 In Doubles competitions the next person must approach the table as soon as your opponent has finished their shot. No communication is allowed between partners once the opponent's ball has come to rest.
- 10.5 Points system: One (1) point awarded for each frame won plus an extra two (2) points awarded to the winning team. Four (4) frames minimum required for a win for men's and three (3) frames for ladies.
- 10.6 All games to be played at venues affiliated to the Derby City Pool League.
- 10.7 In all cases of dispute during a game, the referee's decision is final.
- 10.8 The following WPA rules do not apply: lag for a break (see 10.2 above) & 8a (time foul).

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