

# SOUTHPORT & DISTRICT WINTER POOL LEAGUE

## INTRODUCTION

The object of the Southport & District Winter Pool League is to promote the game of "8 Ball Pool" and ensure that rules and conditions are maintained at the highest level possible.

The day to day affairs of the league are in the hands of an elected committee, but all major decisions are made at a duly called meeting of the delegates.

It is expected that all league members play pool in the true spirit of the game and in a sportsman-like manner, and that the following rules are observed at all times.

## S.D.P.L HOUSE RULES 2010-2011

1. A team **must** register a minimum of 10 players to account for unavailability issues.
2. There shall be no limit to the number of members in a team.
3. All matches will be played to the current EPA's 'Official World 8 Ball Pool Rules'.
4. League matches will be played on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm prompt. The home team will ensure that the table is ready to start the match at 8.00pm. If no team member of either the home or away team is available to start the match, then the offending team will concede the first frame at 8.05pm and will concede subsequent frames at 5 minute intervals. Any match, either league or competition, that is not finished in an evening will be concluded only by the players who were present at the time that the match was stopped. Names of players present at the time will be exchanged between teams. The match will be continued on the following Monday and this will start at 8.00pm. However the teams can conclude the match before the Monday, if both teams agree a night.
5. The start of the first frame in team matches will be decided by the flip of a coin then all further breaks will alternate.
6. Matches must be played on tables with the committee's approval. Minimum size of the table is 6' x 3'.
7. The table lighting **must** meet with the committee's approval and HOME teams **must** ensure a rest is available throughout the match.
8. Registration fee per team will be decided at the A.G.M., no individual registration fee will apply. However, a team must supply a list of all players before the opening game of the season, or by a date stipulated by the committee. After the start of the season 24 hours notice, plus £1.00 signing on fee, must be given before a new or transferred player can be registered and eligible to play.
9. A fine will be imposed on any team that:
  - a) permits with or without knowledge, an unregistered player to play:

- i. The result of the match is awarded to the opponents. 1 point for every game won plus 2 points team win. Minimum 9 points.
  - ii. The offending team is fined £10.
  - iii. the offending teams captain or acting captain, on the night, may be banned from playing pool for 3 months in all competitions, including singles, doubles and team matches.
  - b) If notified to do so, does not attend delegates meeting, fine £2.50
  - c) sends an incomplete result card, fine £1.
  - d) sends result card after due date, ie on or before the Monday after the match was played (cards must bear Saturday postmark at the latest). Fine: loss of 2 points.
10. 1 point will be awarded for a frame win, plus 2 points for a match win.
11. Fines and suspensions for misconduct will be assessed at a hearing by the committee.
12. Transfers of player: Up to halfway through the season a player may transfer to another team by notifying the Secretary in writing, of all relevant details. After this, permission must be granted by the committee (see condition 8)
13. All members agree to abide by the rules and conditions as laid down, the said rules and conditions being subject to amendment only at the A.G.M.
14. Teams not represented at the Presentation Night: Teams will forfeit any trophies won.
15. Appeals **must** be sent in writing to the Secretary within 7 days and must be accompanied by a £5 deposit. The £5 deposit is refundable if the appeal is won. The appeal will be read at a Committee meeting and will be dealt with by the Committee.
16. Home team to pay table charges at league matches.
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- a) Any team failing to turn out at least 7 players at any 2 league matches in a full season will automatically be expelled from the league. If teams are short of players in the first 7 games, captains must put down 'no player' then carry on with next 6 games with players available. Only 5 minutes waiting time is allowed. The Committee will impose a fine and possible ban on any captain who contravenes this rule.
  - b) Any team failing to fulfil a league fixture during a season will be expelled from the league.
18. The referee's decision is final on the night.
19. Trophies: The winning team will be responsible for their safe keeping and any damage caused to them. Any team failing to return an annual trophy or cup to the committee by the specified date, will be fined £10 for each one.
20. All competition dates must be adhered to. Players or teams not complying to dates will be scrubbed from the competition. Only in exceptional conditions can it be changed and must be done through the Committee, before the fixture date, not after.
21. All home team captains are to provide results for competitive matches.
22. An expelled team will be banned from re-election to the S.D.L.P. for at least 1 season, unless that team has a valid reason.

23. Teams expelled from the league, all points null and void.
24. Any transferred player who has played for a previous team in any team cup competitions will be ineligible to play for the new team in that/those competitions.
25. Any player or team that disagrees with a committee decision may call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the clubs delegates to put their case. The calling of the meeting will cost £5.00 which is returnable to the person/team if he/they win their appeal.
26. Any team expelled from the league for not paying a fine must pay that fine before re-admission to the S.D.P.L. can be considered.
27. Any team moving venue during the season shall stay in the same division or higher division if winning promotion that season.
28. The Committee has the power to deal with any matters not covered in these conditions

**Accepted at the A.G.M. During August 2010.**

**S.D.P.L. - The Committee 2010-2011**

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All results must be text immediately after the games have finished to therelevant divisional Secretary. Fine for no text £5 and 2 point deduction.

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