

# WESSEX POOL ASSOCIATION

## WINTER LEAGUE PLAYING RULES 2017/2018

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### REGISTRATION OF TEAM/PLAYERS (Amended Oct 15)

- 1) Venues must be within the following boundaries to accept teams into the league: Bournemouth, Poole, Creekmoor, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Ferndown, Ringwood, Bransgore & Christchurch. This is a local league so players must reside no more than 10 miles away from the above boundaries to be able to play for a team within the league. (The league will however allow a maximum of 2 players per team from outside the boundaries subject to committee approval)
- 2) Each team is to consist of at least 5 registered players (over 18) at the start of the season. A player may play for no other county other than Dorset, subject to Committee approval.
- 3) A team may have a maximum of 2 under 18's (14-17 year olds) in their side. These players must be registered on the back of the Players Registration Form.
- 4) Each team is to complete the Players Registration form and return it by the date stated on the form.
- 5) A player may only sign ONE Players Registration Form. Once a player has signed the PLAYERS REGISTRATION FORM they are deemed registered to that team. Any player found signing more than one Players Registration form or falsifying their details may face expulsion from the league for 1 year. See rule 2 & 3 under signing on new players.

### SIGNING ON NEW PLAYERS

- 1) Any additional players who have not signed the Players Registration form who are not playing for another WPA team may be signed on for free "On the Night" up to the last league match of the season. The NEW PLAYERS REGISTRATION FORMS can be downloaded from the website. The form must be received by the Divisional Rep, by 12 noon, the Saturday following the match otherwise the player(s) will be deemed unregistered.
- 2) If a player signs the Players Registration Form for a WPA team and then signs up for another WPA team using the NEW players Registration Form, that player will be deemed an unregistered player to the second team, See rule 5 under Registration of Team/players.
- 3) If a player has signed the players registration form for a team but has not played for them, the player can request his/her name to be removed from the players registration form by contacting the Divisional Rep/Committee member. If the Divisional Rep/Committee member agrees the player can then be signed up using the New Players Registration form.
- 4) STRICTLY NO SIGNING ON OF NEW PLAYERS AFTER THE LAST LEAGUE MATCH HAS BEEN PLAYED.

### PLAYER TRANSFERS

- 1) TRANSFERS, a player who is already playing for another WPA team is allowed to transfer up to 31st December. The fee is £10.00 per player per transfer (Only 1 transfer per player per season is allowed). The PLAYER TRANSFER FORMS can be downloaded from the website. The player transfer form must be received along with the £10.00 fee by the Divisional Rep by 12 noon the Saturday following the match otherwise the player will be deemed unregistered. Captain's please phone your Divisional Rep if you are not sure who you have signed on in your team.
- 2) STRICTLY NO TRANSFERS ALLOWED AFTER 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER.

### CAPTAINS RESPONSIBILITY

- 1) The CAPTAIN entering their name on the PLAYERS REGISTRATION FORM will be responsible for their teams and supporters conduct and behaviour before, during and after ANY WPA match or event until the end of the season and will be responsible for any under 18 player in the side as well.
- 2) Captains are responsible for ensuring that all players are REGISTERED before they play. Captains are required to fill in the TEAM RECORD SHEET which can be downloaded from the website to keep a track of their players and the amount of games they have played for the team.
- 3) For the Knock-Out Cup competition when the competition reaches the last 8 stage a player must have played in or been a signed reserve for 50% of the league matches to be eligible to play. It is the Captains Responsibility to ensure the players in their team are eligible.
- 4) Captains are required to familiarise themselves with all the WPA rules. They are also responsible for ensuring that their players understand the rules as well.
- 5) Captains are responsible for informing their players of the dates and start times of League Matches and also of all the other Competitions that take place.

### CODE OF CONDUCT - AGREED AT 18/12/13 EXTRA-ORDINARY CAPTAINS MEETING

- 1) Venues who enter a team in the Wessex Pool Association (WPA) and players who play for those teams agree to abide by the terms of the WPA Constitution and Rules also known as the "WPA Rules".
- 2) The WPA Rules apply equally to the Committee, to players and to anyone who accompanies a player to any WPA organised events such as League Matches, Competitions, Meetings, Presentation Nights, Committee Meetings.
- 3) Players will be held fully responsible for the behaviour of their guests at any WPA organised event and captains are held responsible for their teams conduct (see rule 1 under Captains Responsibility)
- 4) All players are expected to treat other players with respect and not engage in any behaviour that would bring the WPA into disrepute before, during or after any WPA event.
- 5) All Players are asked to recognise that offensive behaviour on the internet is as equally serious as offensive behaviour at any WPA organised event.
- 6) The Committee reserves the right to deal severely with anyone who breaks the WPA Rules in order to maintain the reputation of the WPA and preserve the safety and enjoyment of the WPA members.
- 7) Any violence or intimidation carried out by any player(s) either physical or verbal during any WPA organised event, or towards a committee member in connection with the running of the WPA will result in the offending player(s) being asked to appear before the Committee. The player(s) will be afforded the opportunity to answer the allegations made

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against them. In the event that the Committee finds that the player(s) breached the WPA Rules, the player(s) may be fined, suspended or expelled from the WPA.

- 8) Where any violence or intimidation happens at any WPA organised event involving a team or venue, the committee has the power to withdraw all entitlements and exclude that team, its players and the venue from participating in the WPA.

### Penalties for Misconduct during or in connection with WPA

- serious unsporting conduct which obstructs and disrupts, cheating.
- insolent or intimidating behaviour during a Wessex event towards a committee member or fellow member(s) of the association.
- Derogatory remarks towards/about a committee member or fellow member(s) whether verbally or in writing including on a social networking site.
- Abusive, bullying, aggressive, threatening behaviour or language towards a committee member or fellow member(s) of the association whether verbally or in writing including on a social networking site.

### Punishment:

If Member(s) found guilty the following punishments will apply:

1st Offence - 3 month ban

2nd Offence - 2 year ban (Winter and Summer)

Please note: If an individual is found to still be participating in WPA events after receiving a ban, the committee has the power to withdraw all entitlements and exclude that team, its players and the venue from participating in the WPA.

### Penalties for Gross Misconduct during or in connection with WPA

- Fighting and Assault
- Use of illegal substances
- Serious sexual, racial, gender, disability harassment.
- An act that is likely to be detrimental to the Association's relationship with sponsors and venues.

### Punishment:

If Member(s) found guilty the following punishments will apply: LIFETIME BAN

Please note: If an individual is found to still be participating in WPA events after receiving a ban, the committee has the power to withdraw all entitlements and exclude that team, its players and the venue from participating in the WPA.

## **FOR GROSS MISCONDUCT THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT OF APPEAL**

### **FORMAT FOR LEAGUE GAMES**

- 1) The Winter League season will be September to May. Teams are expected to fulfil ALL their fixtures (League, K O Cup, Divisional Cup and Champions Cup) and complete the season.
- 2) THERE WILL BE STRICTLY NO CANCELLATION OR RE-ARRANGING OF MATCHES, unless due to exceptional circumstances and previously agreed by the Divisional Rep.
- 3) For ALL Divisions the match shall consist of 12 Singles, 2 sets of 5 frames, 1 Captains Frame, 1 Captains Pick Frame.
- 4) Teams must have a minimum of 4 players to play a match; otherwise they will be classed as "Failing to Turn Up". Captains, if you have an under 18 in your side (subject to Committee Approval), please make sure that you confirm with the venue first that they are allowed in the premises and can play.
- 5) If a team turns up thinking they will have enough players to play the match, the match can start, however if the 4<sup>th</sup> player does not turn up by the time the 3<sup>rd</sup> frame has been played then the team will be classed as "Failing to turn up" and the match will be forfeit. The result sheet must still be completed in full and signed by the players of the innocent team and returned to the Divisional Rep to receive any points.
- 6) Once a team turns up to play a match, teams are expected to play the whole match and all frames are to be played in a Sportsmanlike manner. Captains are to try and settle any disputes on the night - See DISPUTES/COMPLAINTS procedure. Players being unsporting by verbally being disrespectful to their opponents during their frame will automatically forfeit the frame. If both players are being unsporting and verbally disrespectful towards each other the frame will be void with neither team being awarded the frame. If a team concedes frames by walking out without finishing the match then both teams will be dealt with by the committee, this includes deciding the result of the match between the two teams in question and what disciplinary action is to be taken (if any).
- 7) Matches will start at 8pm prompt. It is advised that players are at the venue by 7.55pm ready to start the match. Lateness Rule: If by 8.05pm a player is not present then the "opposition" will be awarded the first frame. If a player is not present by 8.10pm then the "opposition" will be awarded the second frame. If by 8.15pm a player is not present then the "opposition" will be awarded the third frame. If a player is not present by 8.20pm then the match will be forfeit. The result sheet must still be completed in full and signed by the players of the innocent team and returned to the Divisional Rep to receive any points. Captains are advised to phone the venue if the team is going to be late. This time penalty is optional to Captains. Instead of claiming frames, Captains can still play the frames even though the

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team has turned up late! In exceptional circumstances, the Divisional Rep/Committee can overrule a captain on the time penalty rule.

- 8) ALL players must be REGISTERED before playing. Captains are required to fill in the TEAM RECORD SHEET which can be downloaded from website to keep a track of their players and the amount of games they have played for the team. Captain's can also phone the Divisional Rep if they are not sure who they have signed on in the team.
- 9) Players must PRINT and sign their name PROPERLY before playing their frame, home team to put their Names on the Sheet. The Divisional Rep reserves the right not to award frames/points for DEFACED or INCOMPLETED Result Sheets!
- 10) A coin will be tossed for each frame to determine who will break.
- 11) Play must be CONTINUOUS. Once a frame has been finished, the balls must be racked up immediately ready for the oncoming player to start the next frame.
- 12) For ALL the Divisions a player can if selected, play in 3 games of singles, ONCE in each half and in the captains pick frame so a team can consist of between 5 and 13 players. It is the responsibility of both captains to ensure that players do not play twice in the same half. If this does occur the Guilty team will forfeit a frame whether it has been won or not. As a player could end up playing 3 frames, this means a player could end up playing the same player three times. For the captains frame it MUST BE the captain that plays in this frame. The captain may not play in the captains pick frame. The captains must nominate a player from the team to play in the captains pick frame.
- 13) COACHING is NOT ALLOWED. Only one warning will be given by the referee to the offending player/team. Two shots will then be awarded to the innocent player if the COACHING continues.
- 14) The time limit of one minute per shot is optional and can only be implemented at the START of a frame. If the Time Limit is implemented, the Referee MUST monitor the time limit and warn/make it clear to the player when 30 seconds are left. If the time limit is broken, the Referee will award two shots to the innocent player.
- 15) Matches should finish by 11pm, if frames are dragging on and the match does not look like it is going to be finished by 11pm, then the 1 Minute Rule above must be implemented. If the match does not get completed because the venue closes, the match will be abandoned and neither team will be awarded any frames/points and the committee will decide on the outcome of the match.

### FORMAT FOR LEAGUE GAMES (CONTINUED)

- 16) The HOME team is to provide Refreshments and pay for the games. Venues may charge for food via a football card.
- 17) Refereeing is the responsibility of the home team. Games are to be played in a sportsmanlike manner
- 18) WORLD RULES will apply (copy of rules on website)
- 19) The Pool Table MUST be 7 X 4 in size, with balls being a different colour to the cloth.
- 20) The balls must be reds and yellows with a black 8-ball. Pro-cup balls are allowed to be used in the league (2013 AGM)
- 21) Pool Tables are expected to be level and of a reasonable standard to play the match.
- 22) Teams from the same venue WILL NOT play each other in the last league match of the season!

### RESULT SHEETS

- 1) The match sheet is the responsibility of the WINNING team. In the event of a draw, the HOME team will be responsible for the match sheet. This must be received by the Divisional Rep by 12 noon, the Saturday following the match. You can phone the result through to the Divisional Rep or put the result on the WPA Facebook page, however the result will not count unless the result sheet is received on time. You can scan/photograph both sides of the result sheet and e-mail/photo message it to your Divisional Rep and providing it can be read properly it will be accepted instead of posting!!
- 2) If the Result Sheet is late the result will count, however the guilty team will be deducted 2 points. If the Result sheet is received with a 1st Class stamp after Saturday but the postmark says posted Friday, then the 2 points will not be deducted.
- 3) If the Result Sheet is not received then no frames or points will be awarded to either side until the result has been verified.

### TEAMS FAILING TO TURN UP

- 1) For League matches teams failing to turn up to their match will receive No points. For ALL Divisions the innocent team will be awarded a 9-0 frame score win and they will receive 2 points The Divisional Rep will then decide whether or not the Guilty team receives a YELLOW CARD. This will depend on the reason why they have failed to turn up. If the team failed to turn up without notifying the Divisional Rep or the Innocent Team Captain, they will automatically receive a YELLOW CARD and have 2 points deducted.
- 2) For K O Cup/Plate, Champions Cup competitions, If the team failed to turn up without notifying the Competition Secretary or the Innocent Team Captain, the guilty team will automatically receive a YELLOW CARD.
- 3) For Divisional Cup competition, If the team failed to turn up without notifying the Divisional Rep or the Innocent Team Captain, the guilty team will automatically receive a YELLOW CARD.
- 4) Teams receiving 2 yellow cards during the Winter league season (League and Competitions) will be removed from the league with no right of appeal with the players of that team automatically receiving a 1 YEAR BAN from the League. (Innocent Players who have turned up on a regular basis will not face a one-year ban!)
- 5) In the event of a team dropping out or a team being removed from the League whether it is in the first or second half of the season then all points and frames will be reversed as if the team never existed and this fixture becomes a bye, unless all League matches have been played, in which case the final league table will stand, however, any trophies that team have won will automatically be forfeited.

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- 6) If a team drops out during the last 2 league matches of the season then the committee will decide on whether rule 5 above applies or an average win is awarded to the remaining teams.
- 7) For the KO Cup/Plate and Champions Cup competitions If a team fails to turn up from the last 8 stage that team and all players will automatically receive a 1 year ban from the league.

### POINTS AWARDED

- 1) For ALL Divisions for reaching 7 frames or more - 2 points are awarded. For reaching 6 frames - 1 point is awarded. If both teams are short of players, the frames are reduced accordingly to award the points.
- 2) For Premier Division - For Reaching 8 frames or more - 2 points are awarded. For Reaching 7 frames - 1 point is awarded. If both teams are short of players, the frames are reduced accordingly to award the points.
- 3) At the end of the season in the event of a tie on points, the winner of the Division will be determined by Frames For. If the Frames For are the same, the Trophies will be awarded jointly (No Runner up)
- 4) For the "Team Game" trophy 1 point will be awarded for every Team Game Won. (League Games Only). At the end of the season in the event of a tie for the "Team Game" Trophy, the Trophies will be awarded jointly (No Runner Up).
- 5) For a team turning up to winter league captains meeting 1 point will be awarded.

### DISCIPLINE AND POINTS DEDUCTION

| No | Reason  | Punishment  |
|----|---|---|
| 1  | Players Registration Form sent in late To Divisional Rep.   | The whole team will be classed as Unregistered<br>2 League Points will be Deducted.   |
| 2  | Playing an Unregistered Player.   | The result of the match will be altered so for every frame the unregistered player won, the frame will be awarded to the innocent team. 2 League Points Deducted.<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence will result in team removal from the League. |
| 3  | Falsifying the Result Sheet.  | 2 League Points Deducted.   |
| 4  | Failing to turn Up without Notification.  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Offence 2 League Points Deducted and Yellow Card<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence will result in removal from the League  |
| 5  | Late Received Result Sheets for League Matches.   | Result awarded however 2 League Points Deducted.  |
| 6  | Not Received Result Sheets for League Matches.  | No frames or points will be awarded to either side until the result has been verified.  |
| 7  | Failing to finish the match before the venue closes.  | Match voided – Committee Decision.  |
| 8  | Failing to turn up to Knock-Out Cup/Plate, Divisional Cup, Champions Cup Competitions.<br><br>From Last 8 of competition onwards  | Yellow Card.<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence will result in removal from the League.<br><br>Committee Decision   |
| 9  | Failing to turn up to Final stages of Singles, Pairs, Ladies Singles, Captains Cup Competitions   | Committee Decision  |
| 10 | Fighting or Abusive Behaviour whether by an Individual or the whole Team. Threatening or intimidating behaviour towards a committee member or damage towards a committee member's property. | Individual/Whole Team to be dealt with by the Committee.<br>Possible Instant Removal from League with Committee Decision on Length of Suspension for Future Seasons.<br><br>SEE CODE OF CONDUCT   |
| 11 | Playing an illegal player who has not played 50% or been a signed reserve in 50% of league matches to make them eligible to play in the last 8 of the Knock-Out Cup Competition.            | Team is Disqualified from the Competition with No Right of Appeal.  |

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### DISPUTES/COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- 1) The two Captains must try and settle any dispute/complaint/refereeing decision "On the Night" in. If captains are having difficulties in resolving the dispute/complaint/refereeing decision they can try and contact their Divisional Rep or a Committee Member "On the Night" in order to resolve the matter. If the Divisional Rep or a Committee Member cannot be contacted and a captain wishes to take the matter further then the Divisional Rep must be notified of the dispute/complaint by 12 noon the Saturday following the match. The Dispute/complaint can be discussed with your Divisional Rep, who may ask you to put the Dispute/complaint in writing. The Divisional Rep will try and resolve the Dispute/Complaint and make a decision regarding the Dispute/Complaint. The Divisional Rep may decide to discuss the Dispute/Complaint with the Committee first before making a decision. The Captains/Player(s) involved in the Dispute/Complaint may be asked to attend the Committee meeting to help the Committee make a decision. The Captain/Player(s) will then be notified of the decision made by the Committee.
- 2) If the Dispute/Complaint involves your Divisional Rep then please contact either the Chairman or Secretary.
- 3) For disputes/complaints relating to the Other WPA competitions, the above procedures apply except you should contact the Competition Secretary instead of the Divisional Rep.

### APPEALS PROCEDURE

- 1) If the Captain/Player(s) are not happy with the decision made by the Divisional Rep/Committee, they may appeal against the decision made. To appeal, the Captain/Player(s) must contact a committee member within 1 week of the decision being made by the Divisional Rep/Committee. Only 1 appeal per Dispute/Complaint is allowed.
- 2) FOR GROSS-MISCONDUCT THERE IS NO RIGHT OF APPEAL.

### PROMOTION AND RELEGATION IN EACH DIVISION

- 1) Premier Division - 2 teams may be relegated.  
Wessex Poole - The winning team will be given the option to be promoted to the Premier Division. If the winning team does not wish to be promoted the runners-up in Wessex 1 will be given the choice. 2 teams will be relegated.  
Wessex 1 - 1 team will be promoted to Premier (see above), 2 teams will be relegated.  
Wessex 2/3 - 2 teams will be promoted and 2 teams will be relegated.  
DUE TO TEAMS DROPPING OUT/NOT RE-ENTERING THE LEAGUE EACH SEASON, NO TEAM IS GUARANTEED TO BE PROMOTED/RELEGATED.
- 2) At the start of each season, in order to keep your Divisional status from last season, your team must have at least FOUR of the original players signed on from last season. These players must have been actively involved in the team during the season by turning up (whether as a substitute or player) for at least 50% of the league games, otherwise the team will be classed as a NEW team and may be placed in a lower Division.
- 3) In the event of a team being split with both teams requesting the same Divisional status, the committee will decide the Divisional status of the teams involved.

### DIVISIONAL REPS

- 1) The League Tables will be updated on the website as quickly as possible after results have been received and verified.
- 2) Time permitting on the Fixtures, details of all other competitions taking place should be uploaded onto the website at least 7 days before the particular competition takes place.
- 3) For queries, it is the responsibility of the captain to make contact with their Divisional Rep or Competition Secretary.

### TROPHIES AND PRIZEMONEY

- 1) All perpetual trophies won must be exhibited on the premises for which the team winning the trophy played for. Winners of said trophies are responsible for their loss or damage.
- 2) Trophies must be claimed at the Annual Presentation Night. A team is expected to have a minimum of 4 players turn up at presentation night to collect their trophies. Any team not turning up with the minimum requirement without a valid reason will automatically forfeit them. The same applies to individuals who have won a trophy, they must turn up on the night or they will forfeit their trophy. (Unless previously agreed by the Committee)
- 3) Teams who have won a trophy who do not turn up at Presentation Night without a valid reason may be refused entry into the League the following season.

### POOL TABLE STANDARD

- 1) The Pool Table MUST be 7 x 4 in size, with the balls being a different colour to the cloth.
- 2) Adequate lighting is expected above the Pool Table, preferably a Pool Table Shade.
- 3) There should be adequate space to cue and move around the table. No walls or posts should obstruct the table.
- 4) Teams are expected to ask their venues to keep the pool table to a reasonable standard for pool matches, which includes making sure the table is level.
- 5) If a team/player feels a pool table is not up to standard they should inform their Divisional Rep or Committee Member.

### WEBSITE

- 1) The league has a website [www.wessexpool.org](http://www.wessexpool.org) where you can find all the information relating to the league since it was established in 1978.
- 2) We endeavour to keep the website as up to date as possible but please remember the league is a non profit making organisation and the committee have other commitments besides helping run the league.

### MAIN WPA COMPETITIONS:-

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The Committee's decision will be final in all matters relating to these competitions.

The Competition Secretary will be responsible for organising the following competitions.

### Captains Cup

- 1) The captains frame within the league format will contribute towards the captains cup finals night, with the top 2 captains from each division progressing. Where captains will play a KO competition to decide the WPA Captains cup champion.
- 2) In the case of any tied results (from each division) preliminary rounds will be played.
- 3) At the finals night all rounds will be 'best of 5'.

### Singles and Pairs Competitions

- 1) Any registered player(s) who are over the age of 18 may enter either of these competitions at their own risk.  
**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL REFUNDS BE GIVEN.**
- 2) For the pairs players can pair up with any WPA registered player from any team in any division.
- 3) The singles competition will be played with other players from your respective division, giving us 4 division singles champions. Both the finalists from each division (8 players) will then be entered into the final stage of the competition to find out who the overall WPA singles champion is.
- 4) The draw will be made by the Competition Secretary and sent out to Captains via the venues. The order of the draw will be shown and must not be re-drawn regardless of whether players turn up or not. Playing the wrong format will result in disqualification.
- 5) Players must be at the venue by 8pm regardless of where they are shown in the draw. If players are not at the venue by 8pm they will be disqualified.
- 6) Players will share the costs of the frames at the venue if/when required.
- 7) The inter division singles competition will be "Best of Five" for the early rounds with the semi final and final played to 'best of 7'.
- 8) The Wessex singles league finalists will then play best of 9 in the quarters until the final, which will be best of 11, to be played on the presentation night.
- 9) If player(s) reach the final stages of these competitions but fail to turn up, they will be excluded from participating in these events the following season, unless previously agreed by the committee.

### Ladies Singles

- 1) Any registered Lady player(s) who are over the age of 18 will be eligible to play in this competition.

### Knock Out Cup Competition

#### **TEAMS MUST TURN UP FOR THIS COMPETITION.**

- 1) The Knock Out Cup will consist of 11 Singles. The first team to reach 6 frames will be the winner. Playing the wrong format will mean disqualification.
- 2) Teams must have a minimum of 4 players to play a match; otherwise they will be classed as "Failing to Turn Up". Captains, if you have an under 18 in your side (subject to Committee Approval), please make sure that you confirm with the venue first that they are allowed in the premises and can play.
- 3) If a team turns up thinking they will have enough players to play the match, the match can start, however if the 4<sup>th</sup> player does not turn up by the time the 3<sup>rd</sup> frame has been played then the team will be classed as "Failing to turn up" and the match will be forfeit. The result sheet must still be completed in full and signed by the players of the innocent team and returned to the Competition Secretary.
- 4) Once a team turns up to play a match, teams are expected to play the whole match and all frames are to be played in a Sportsmanlike manner. Captains are to try and settle any disputes on the night - See DISPUTES/COMPLAINTS procedure. Players being unsporting by verbally being disrespectful to their opponents during their frame will automatically forfeit the frame. If both players are being unsporting and verbally disrespectful towards each other the frame will be void with neither team being awarded the frame. If a team concedes frames by walking out without finishing the match then both teams will be dealt with by the committee, this includes deciding the result of the match between the two teams in question and what disciplinary action is to be taken (if any).
- 5) Matches will start at 8pm prompt. It is advised that players are at the venue by 7.55pm ready to start the match. Lateness Rule: If by 8.05pm a player is not present then the "opposition" will be awarded the first frame. If a player is not present by 8.10pm then the "opposition" will be awarded the second frame. If by 8.15pm a player is not present then the "opposition" will be awarded the third frame. If a player is not present by 8.20pm then the match will be forfeit. The result sheet must still be completed in full and signed by the players of the innocent team and returned to the Competition Secretary. Captains are advised to phone the venue if the team is going to be late. This time penalty is optional to Captains. Instead of claiming frames, Captains can still play the frames even though the team has turned up late! In exceptional circumstances, the Competition Secretary can overrule a captain on the time penalty rule.
- 6) ALL players must be REGISTERED before playing. Captain's can sign a player up "on the night" unless it's the last 8 of the competition. Captain's can also phone the Divisional Rep if they are not sure who they have signed on in the team.
- 7) Players must PRINT and sign their name PROPERLY before playing their frame. Alternative Names on the Sheet.
- 8) A coin will be tossed for each frame to determine who will break.

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- 9) Play must be CONTINUOUS. Once a frame has been finished, the balls must be racked up immediately ready for the oncoming player to start the next frame
- 10) A player can, if selected, play in 2 games of singles ONCE in each half so a team can consist of between 6 and 12 players. A player can also play the deciding frame if selected so players could end up playing each other more than once. It is the responsibility of both captains to ensure that players do not play twice in the same half. If this does occur, then the Guilty team will be disqualified.
- 11) COACHING is NOT ALLOWED. Only one warning will be given by the referee to the offending player/team. Two shots will then be awarded to the innocent player if the COACHING continues.
- 12) The time limit of one minute per shot is optional and can only be implemented at the START of a frame. If the Time Limit is implemented, the Referee MUST monitor the time limit and warn/make it clear to the player when 30 seconds are left. If the time limit is broken, the Referee will award two shots to the innocent player.
- 13) Matches should finish by 11pm, if frames are dragging on and the match does not look like it is going to be finished by 11pm, then the 1 Minute Rule above must be implemented. If the match does not get completed because the venue closes the match will be abandoned the competition secretary will decide the outcome of the match.
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- 15) Refereeing is alternate between the two teams. Games are to be played in a sportsmanlike manner
- 16) WORLD RULES will apply (copy of rules on website)
- 17) The Pool Table MUST be 7 X 4 in size, with balls being a different colour to the cloth.
- 18) The balls must be reds and yellows with a black 8-ball. Pro-cup balls are allowed to be used in the league (2013 AGM)
- 19) Pool Tables are expected to be level and of a reasonable standard to play the match.
- 20) The match sheet is the responsibility of the WINNING team and must be received by the Competition Secretary, 12 noon, the Saturday following the match. Late Result sheets will mean disqualification.
- 21) Any player who has played in any Round of this competition and then transferred to another team will be cup tied and not allowed to play for the team they have transferred to. A team will be disqualified for playing a player who is cup-tied, unless they have received committee approval.
- 22) There will be NEUTRAL venues from the Semi-final Stages.

### Knock Out Cup Competition (Continued)

- 23) Once the competition reaches the Last 8 stage, all players must have played in, or must have been a signed reserve in a minimum of 50% of their teams league fixtures to qualify to play. It is the Captains Responsibility to ensure the players in their team are eligible. A team player must have participated as a player or reserve to qualify as follows:

|                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Last 8 Stage     | In 8 or more league fixtures. |
| Semi-Final Stage | In 9 or more league fixtures. |
| Final            | In 9 or more league fixtures. |

Dispensation may be given by the committee to a player on request. Captains must notify the Competition Secretary before the start of the Last 8 of the Competition. Each case will be dealt with on its merits.

- 24) Any team found playing an illegal player will automatically be disqualified from the competition with no right of appeal.

### Knock Out Cup Plate Competition

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Round losers of the K O Cup will automatically be placed into this competition, unless they "Failed to turn up" in which case they will be excluded.
- 2) This competition is the same format as the Knock-Out Cup except rule 21 and 23 does not apply.

### 1) Competitions run by the English Pool Association (Amended Oct 15)

- 2) This league is affiliated to Dorset County which is part of Region 6 of the English Pool Association.
- 3) The English Pool Association run a competition each year in June called Champions of Champions where the league can enter our Premier Division Winners or Runners Up, Our Singles Winner or Runner Up, Our Ladies Singles Winner or Runner Up. The cost of this to the league is £50.00. The league can also enter a second team, either being our K O Cup Winners or Runners Up for an additional £50.00.
- 4) Eligible Teams and Mens/Ladies players must inform the league that they wish to be entered into the competition.
- 5) A team must enter in order for the Mens/ladies player to be allowed to enter.
- 6) The league will enter the teams and players into the competition (subject to rule 4) but the league requires a £50.00 deposit per team and a £10.00 deposit from the Mens/Ladies players. These deposits are returnable providing the teams/players participate in the competition and not withdraw from the event.