



# LEAGUE RULES IN BRIEF

## (A GUIDE FOR TEAM CAPTAINS)

### The Format

- Matches are made up of 10 frames (4 singles, 4 singles & 2 doubles) + 1 singles play off frame in the event of a drawn **KO** match.
- **2 copies of the scorecard** should be filled out with the **home team writing their players down on their own card first** and then the away team adding their players to this card, before copying onto their own card.
- Players 1 to 4 should be named before frame 1 commences, players 5 to 8 before frame 5 commences and the doubles immediately after frame 8 has ended. All sections should be completed by the home team first.
- **Any one player** may play a maximum of one time in frames 1 to 4, one time in frames 5 to 8 & one time in frames 9 to 10 (and may play in a play off if necessary).
- No player registration is required, but a player may only play for one team per season unless a transfer is approved by the committee.
- For any KO match, only players who have represented the team in in at least 1/3 of league matches are eligible (*excluding the first round of the KO Cup as only 3 or 4 league matches take place before this date*)
- For league matches, 3 points are awarded for a win, 1 for a draw and 0 for a loss.
- Frame 1 should start at around 8:10pm (or earlier if both teams are ready). At 8:20pm, Frame 1 may be claimed if a team is not present, and 1 frame every 10 minutes thereafter until 9:00, at which point match is declared a 10-0.
- The home team should referee all odd number frames and the away team the even frames.
- Frame 1 break off will be decided by a coin toss, thereafter the break shall alternate (including for the play off if applicable).
- Table costs are the responsibility of the home team / home venue.
- If unable to make a match, give the other team as much notice as possible. The opponent (team that is not seeking the rearrangement) can elect whether the match is rearranged and they will also have the choice of when the match will be rearranged for. They may claim the 10-0 win if they do not wish to rearrange. Any matches not rearranged will result in a 10-0 loss to the team who initially cancelled. No rearrangements will be allowed to be played after 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### After The Match

- After the match the result should be reported immediately.
  - If in a League WhatsApp Group you should send a photo of the card to the group (which includes your league rep and the players stats secretary).
  - If not in a league WhatsApp Group you will ideally get somebody to send a photo to the number on the card.
  - If nobody has facility to send a photo of the card, you should text the result through immediately and deliver the card to Club 147 by no later than Monday 6pm.
- Failure to submit the scorecard may result in action against the team. This is the responsibility of the captain and is an expectation of BOTH TEAMS (the league expect to receive each scorecard twice).

### Rule Changes / Reminders

- Rules remain largely the same as last season.
- **One minor change** – doubles partners may confer after the break off shot if a ball is potted in order to discuss which colour to go for. The rest of the frame remains the same with no conferring once the first shot of a visit has been played.
- The rule regarding a ball dropping “on it's own” remains the same... that is this ball is to be replaced.
- The rules regarding snookers remain the same. Please ensure you understand this rule thoroughly before you start the season.
- Not knowing the rules is not an excuse – every team receives a shortened version and a full version of the rules. These are also available on the website. It is your responsibility to read the rules before playing in the league.

### Refereeing & Player Conduct

- Referees are reminded that their role in a frame is as a league representative and they should remain fair and impartial throughout.
- Referees are encouraged to use common sense where appropriate and ensure calls are made clearly (such as “2 shots” or “please nominate”).
- All players are reminded that the main purpose of the league is an enjoyable night out for everybody involved. Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated.



**All queries & suggestions should be directed to your league rep in the first instance.**