Medway 8 Ball Pool League

Constitution and League Rules

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1. THE LEAGUE

(a) The League shall be known as the 'Medway 8 Ball Pool League' and hereafter referred to as 'the League'. The League shall be affiliated to the Kent County Pool Association and the English Pool Association.

(b) The objective of the League is to facilitate the playing of competitive pool in the Medway area, on a non-profit making basis, for registered teams in League and Cup competitions, and for registered players in Knockout competitions.

(c) The league will consist of separate Divisions, with promotion and relegation to be decided annually by the Committee. Occasionally the Committee may alter the format of the League (any major alterations will usually be discussed at the AGM). All new teams joining the League will be vetted by the Committee and placed in a Division that the Committee feel appropriate.

2. COMMITTEE

(a) The League will be administered by an elected committee, consisting of an 'Executive Committee', made up of 'The Chairman', 'The Secretary' and 'The Treasurer'. The committee will be completed by a maximum of six further 'Committee Members'

(b) The Executive Committee are authorised to make minor decisions without the need to call a full committee meeting. However, any major decisions will be made by full committee.

(c) The Committee will seek applications to replace any Committee person who has resigned, is absent, or has died. All applications must be made, in writing, to the Secretary, at least two weeks prior to the AGM. If there is more than one application, a ballot will be held, at the AGM, in order to fill the post(s). Furthermore, the League reserves the right to remove a Committee person from their post via an EGM if there is a justifiable reason.

(d) Applications to join the committee must be seconded, in writing, by a member from a different registered team

(e) Committee members do not need to be registered players.

(f) The Committee's decision is binding and final

3. COMMITTEE MEETINGS and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

(a) Committee Meetings will be held as and when they are deemed necessary by the Committee

(b) The AGM will be held annually, the date and venue of which will be announced by The Secretary

(c) Committee members will receive refreshments, as deemed necessary, during any League meetings

(d) All players are welcome at the AGM, but teams will be allowed only two votes in ballots

(e) Any issues that teams wish to raise at the AGM must be received by The Secretary, in writing, at least seven days prior to the AGM

(f) The Agenda for the AGM will be posted on the League website, and circulated via the League Mailing Lists, at least seven days prior to the AGM

(g) An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called at any time, by the following methods;

(1) If at least a third of League Teams call for an EGM

(2) If the Executive Committee call for an EGM

(3) An EGM will carry all of the powers of an AGM

4. FINANCE

(a) All matters relating to the League's finances will be handled by the elected Treasurer

(b) All monies, other than a reasonable amount of petty cash, held only with authority of the Treasurer, will be held in an account with Lloyds Bank PLC, under the name of Medway 8 Ball Pool League.

(c) The financial year will run from July 1st to 30th June

(d) All payments made by the league will be authorised by the treasurer

(e) Registration fees will be announced annually by The Secretary

(f) A Financial Report will be published annually by The Treasurer, usually at the AGM

5. ENTRANCE AND REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

(a) The closing date of entrance to the league will be decided annually by the Committee.
(b) Entrance Fee will be advised by the League Secretary prior to the AGM.
(c) The Committee advises teams to avoid registering players under the age of 18 years. Any team who does register such a player, or a player who is barred from a club or public house, must obtain permission of the landlord or steward of the premises, prior to the match, should they wish their young or barred players to enter the premises. Should such permission be refused the Team must play an alternative player, or forfeit those legs.
(d) Only two teams per table, per venue, will be admitted to the League

6. MATCHES AND RESULT SHEETS

(a) Matches will be played on Tuesday evenings to commence promptly at 8.00pm. The Home team Captain will complete at least the first section of matches prior to the start of the match and then hand the result card to the away team Captain, in order that he/she may do the same. If any player is not present at the time of their frame, the opposing Captain has the right to claim that frame.
(b) Matches will be on a home and away basis according to the fixture list published by the secretary.
(c) Any team playing unregistered players may forfeit the legs concerned.
(d) Each match will consist of eighteen frame; six singles, repeated twice. Players may play in one, two or three frames, but only once in each section of the result card.
(e) Team Knockout Matches Each match will consist of eighteen frames; six singles, repeated twice. The winning team is the first to reach TEN frames from the first eighteen. If the match is all square after eighteen frames, then the Captain of each team shall select THREE players to play a play off. The first team to reach two frames from the play off shall be the winning team. The first break in the play-offs should follow the break order from the main match.
(f) If the landlord or steward allows teams to continue past closing time, a team will lose un-played legs if they leave. However if the landlord or steward asks teams to leave, the un-played legs must be played at a future date.
(g) Four points will be awarded to the team winning the match, two points will be awarded for a 9-9 draw and 1 bonus point will be awarded to any team losing a match 10-8. If teams are level on points at the end of the season, frame difference will as the first tie-breaker. If teams are still level, then the head to head results between the two teams will be used as the second tie-breaker. If there is still no difference between the teams, a full match play-off will be organised by the secretary.
(h) If, due to other commitments, a team is unable to play according to the fixture list they may, with agreement of the opposing team and the League Secretary, play on another night or change the venues. However, the match must be played within a four week period and all matches must be completed seven days prior to the last published league fixture. If a team fails to attend a fixture then the match will be awarded to the opposing team with a score of 10-0 recorded. The team in attendance must still provide a signed result card and each player marked on the card will still receive his/her individual frames.
(i) If an away team fails to give 24 hours' notice to the home team of their inability to attend a match, they will be warned by the Secretary that a repeat offence could mean expulsion from the League.
(j) If a team ceases to play in the League during the season, ALL results for that team will be removed from the records, including individual statistics. Proviso – If, when applying this rule, it appears that a team is being treated unfairly, or gaining an unfair advantage, the Committee reserves the right to adjust the League Table accordingly
(k) Both teams are to complete a result card. The Home captain should complete the first session of players before handing the sheet to the away captain to do the same. Subsequent sessions should follow the same pattern. The home team is to pay any table fees.
(l) The Home Team is to provide a Referee for each frame.
(m) Results should be submitted via the Medway 8 Ball Pool League Facebook Page

7. RULES AND REFEREES

(a) Matches will be played to International Rules. Copies are sent to each team, and the home team must have them available at the request of the away team
(b) Interpretation International Rules – please see separate sheet
(c) The referee shall be any person playing for the home team, or one appointed by the committee.
(d) The referee's decision should be regarded as final, but in the case of a possible stalemate, the committee will decide the outcome.
(e) If the referee feels that a player(s) is taking an unduly long time to play a shot, having taken account of the state of the game, he should warn the player(s) that a time limit of 45 seconds from then on is being applied. If the shot is not taken within the time limit the referee should call a non-standard foul, and the cue-ball should be offered to the opposing player as 'Ball in Hand'.
(f) Captains must sign the result sheets to indicate the result was obtained in a satisfactory manner. NO DISPUTE will be discussed if both sides have signed the result sheet.
(g) COACHING - In doubles, the two players may confer with each other at any time.

8. DISPUTES

(a) All disputes should be raised with The Secretary by telephone in the first instance.
(b) If The Secretary is unable to resolve the dispute, with agreement from both captains, the complainant should put the complaint, in writing, to the Secretary, within seven days of the match. The Secretary will then deal with the matter within the Committee structure
(c) NO DISPUTE WILL BE DISCUSSED if the result card has been signed by both team captains

9. TRANSFERS AND NEW REGISTRATIONS

(a) If a player wishes to transfer from one team to another, he/she is allowed to do so ONCE during a season, but only after the Secretary has been notified, and with the permission of BOTH team captains.
(b) If a player has been discovered to have represented a second team, without following the above rule, any frames played by that player during the match in question will be void. The player will then be deemed to have transferred to the second team and any further frames played for any other team will be void.
(c) Teams may register news players by marking their name with (R) on the result card

10. AWARDS

(a) The League shall award trophies to League and Cup winners and Runners-up, as well as Leading Players from each Division
(b) The Committee may decide to introduce Special Awards as they deem necessary
(c) The removal of any perennial trophy from the current League Headquarters will be subject to a £50 deposit
(d) Any loss or damage to League Trophies will incur a charge and/or loss of deposit

11. DISSOLUTION

(a) In the event that the League is dissolved, by way of an EGM convened for that purpose, the assets of the League shall be sold. All monies remaining, after settlement of outstanding accounts, shall be donated to a charity, chosen by the incumbent Committee Members.
(b) The dissolution of the League shall be administered by the Committee

12. OVERRIDING STATEMENT

(a) The spirit of the game must be maintained at all times, before during and after matches

(b) All team Captains must ensure that the members of their respective teams, and any supporters, maintain a good nature at all times.

(c) Teams, or players, found to bring the League into disrepute, will be dealt with by way of a disciplinary hearing and could face suspension, or expulsion, from the league.

THESE RULES ARE NOT MEANT TO BE EXHAUSTIVE

ANY MATTER NOT COVERED HERE SHOULD BE REFERRED, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, TO THE LEAGUE SECRETARY AND THEN, IF DEEMED NECESSARY, PASSED ONTO THE COMMITTEE.

FEE STRUCTURE	LEAGUE REGISTRATION	£60.00 per team
	SINGLES KNOCKOUTS	£5.00 per player
	DOUBLES KNOCKOUTS	£5.00 per player