

GRIMSBY DISTRICT BILLIARDS & SNOOKER LEAGUE OFFICIAL RULES

1. TITLE AND OBJECTIVES

The league shall be called Grimsby District Billiards & Snooker League.

The objectives shall be to promote competitive billiards and snooker in organized leagues and knockout competitions, individual championships and any other events connected with the sport as shall from time to time be determined.

2. MEMBERSHIP

The league shall be open to membership only clubs and organizations approved by the management committee who reserve the right to refuse any applicant without stating a reason for their refusal.

3 MANAGEMENT

The league shall be governed by an executive committee consisting of no fewer than six members of the league from which a President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Each member shall have one vote, with the Chairman, in the event of the voting being equal, having the casting vote. The executive committee shall meet as often as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the league, and shall form such sub-committees as may be found necessary. Any member club has the right to attend such meetings provided 7 days notice, in writing is given to the secretary stating the subject for discussion.

4 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The league shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the first Wednesday in June each year. The Secretary is to issue notice of the AGM to all member clubs at least 28 days before the meeting.

The AGM shall conduct the following business:

OFFICIALS. Election of the League Management Officials.

REPORTS. Reports and Statements shall be given by the League Secretary and League Treasurer.

RULES. Amendments, additions and deletions of Rules will be decided upon at the AGM such amendments, additions must be submitted, proposed and seconded to the League Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting. Amendments to proposed new rules or amendments to existing rules may be made at the AGM

The League Secretary to ensure member clubs are aware of the proposed rule changes at least 7 day before the AGM

All clubs to be represented at the AGM failure to do so may mean refusal of teams from that club entering the league.

FORMATION OF LEAGUES. The meeting shall confirm the formation of the leagues as proposed by the League Secretary.

VOTING: Voting shall be confined to the officials and members in attendance at the AGM.

5 EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting may be called at the request of any 50 (Fifty) members of the League. Such requests to be made in writing, to the League Secretary stating the reason and the Secretary shall then convene such a meeting which shall have the powers of an Annual General Meeting. Any subject that resulted in a vote being taken at an Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary Meeting may not be the subject for another Extra-Ordinary Meeting.

6. LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

The League shall conduct Billiards, Snooker Singles & Snooker Doubles Leagues which shall be formed into such sections as entries make necessary under the following conditions:-

a) BILLIARDS LEAGUE

Open to all registered players, three players shall form a team with one point being awarded for each game won, a total of three points in a match.

The team scoring the most league points to be Champions. Games in all sections shall be 200 up

All players will have a personal handicap allotted by the Handicapping Committee.

No player's handicap being greater than receive 100 or owe 200 A player minus his score shall read Nil -200.

b) SNOOKER SINGLES LEAGUE

Open to all registered players, four players to form a team, each player playing two frames with one point being awarded for each frame won, a total of eight points in a match. All frames to be played on level points off scratch. The team scoring the most points to be Champions. Promotion and relegation shall be on a three up and three down basis and shall be automatic in all sections.

c) SNOOKER DOUBLES LEAGUE

Open to all registered players, six players formed into pairs will form a team, each pair playing two frame, one point being awarded for each frame won, a total of six points to complete a match all games to be played off Handicaps.

d) PLAY OFFS (League Competitions)

In the event of two or more teams finishing level on points as Champions, or in a promotion or relegation position, their final placing will be decided by adding up the number of points scored by each team in their league matches against each other during the season. If the issue is still not resolved then it will be decided by a play off at a venue arranged by the Executive Committee. To ensure a result in the play offs in both Snooker Singles and Snooker Doubles leagues, each team must nominate a player/pair to play one frame to decide the match. These to be nominated before commencement of play and in Snooker Doubles must be a playing pair.

e) THREE MISS RULE

The three miss rule shall apply to all teams playing in the Premier Section Snooker Singles. To clarify this rule, if a player misses a required object ball, while attempting to escape from a snooker, the opponent can request that the balls are replaced. It is up to the players, and nominated scorer, to replace the balls as closely as possible to the starting positions, and both players must agree that the balls are replaced correctly before play continues.

A player can request the balls are replaced up to a maximum of three times. After the fourth miss play continues as normal.

7. TEAM KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

The League shall conduct the following knockout competitions:

Subject to a minimum of 8 entries (excluding Billiards team knockouts) Open Snooker Doubles Knockouts (Snooker Singles teams only)

Closed Snooker Doubles Knockouts (Snooker Doubles teams only) Team Billiards knockout

The first team drawn (Home Team) must within 14 days of the date of the draw give their opponents (Five) dates on which they will be able to play, except in the case where a fixed date has been set by the Executive Committee.

They shall have the right and shall have the choice of any tables (Approved by the league current membership of the league) at any club in the current membership of the league.

Semi-Finals and Finals will be played on neutral tables with the pairings and order to be determined by lot. A player may only play for the club for which he/she is registered and in any event can only play for one team (as distinct from playing from a club) in any competition. This also applies to Open and Closed Doubles knockout competitions. In all of the team knockout competitions the winners and runners up will be presented with prizes by the league.

a) OPEN DOUBLES TEAM KNOCKOUT

Confined to Singles players only, four players to form a team (two pairs) each playing two frames with a points awarded for each frame won and one for each team with the highest aggregate score. In the event of a tie the last playing pair to play a re-spotted black to decide the winner. The order of play to be alternate.

b) CLOSED DOUBLES TEAM KNOCKOUT

Same conditions as for the Open Doubles Knockout but confined to Snooker Doubles League players only. Each section shall have its own competition.

In the event of a tie, the same rule applies as the Open Doubles.

c) TEAM BILLIARDS KNOCKOUT

Teams of three players playing off individual handicaps, games to 200 up with one point being scored for each game won.

8. INDIVIDUAL KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

The League shall conduct the following Individual Championships. Senior Billiards, Senior Snooker, League Cup Billiards, League Cup Snooker, Telegraph Bowl, Bascombe Cup, Under 18 Snooker Championship and Veterans Championship, under the following conditions, or as from time to time shall be determined. The first player drawn (Home Player) shall have the choice of tables (approved by the league) at any club in current

membership of the league, within 14 days of the date of the draw, except in the case where a fixed date has been set by the Executive Committee, the first player drawn, (Home Player) must give his/her opponent five dates on which they will be available to play. The League will present prizes to the winners and runners up in all individual competitions

a) SENIOR BILLIARDS

Open to any registered player with all games being off the level of scratch. Rounds prior to the Semi-Finals 300 up, Semi-Finals and Final 500 up.

b) LEAGUE CUP BILLIARDS

Open to any player who has never reached the final of the Senior Billiards, or any player who have reached the age 60 or over.

c) TELEGRAPH BOWL SWEEPSTAKE HANDICAP

Individual Billiards Knockout with all games being 200 up. Open to any registered off the handicap allotted by the Handicapping Committee.

d) SENIOR SNOOKER

Open to any registered player. All rounds prior reaching the last 64 shall be best of three frames, ensuing rounds up to the Semi-Finals best of five frames, Semi-Finals best of seven frames and the Final the best of nine frames.

e) LEAGUE CUP SNOOKER

Open to all registered except those who have reach the Finals of the Senior Snooker, and sixteen players who are deemed as possible seeds for the Senior Event. Rounds prior to the Semi-Finals best of three frames, Semi-Finals best of five frames and the Final best of seven frames.

f) BASCKOMBE CUP SWEEPSTAKE HANDICAP.

Open to all registered players. Each entrant will play off the personal snooker handicap allotted by the Handicapping Committee. Round prior to the Final the best of three frames and the Final best of five frames.

Open to all players, each entry to consist of two players as a pair. Rounds prior to the semi-finals best

g) GRIMSBY PAIRS KNOCKOUT

of three frames. Semi-final and Final best of five frames. Each pair shall be a separate entity and must play together throughout the competition.

h) UNDER EIGHTEEN SNOOKER KNOCKOUT

Open to all boys and girls of the Grimsby District area who have not attained their eighteenth birthday before 31st December each year. Rounds prior to the Final the best of three frames, final the best of five frames.

i) VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to all registered players aged 45 years or over. All matches up to the final, the best of three frames. The Final best of five frames.

j) TROPHIES

The secretary has the authority to re-allocate at any time, if and when it is deemed necessary.

9 REGISTRATIONS

a) No player may take part in any game unless he/she has been duly registered. Such registrations to be made only through the Secretary before playing. The player must be a bona-fide member, employee or proprietor of the club he/she represents, and play for one club at Billiards, and one club at Snooker Singles and one club at Snooker Doubles (this also applies to knockout competitions) in any one season, and in the case of a club having more than one team in any league he/she shall be deemed a member of the team representing that club for which he/she first plays and must only for that team in League competitions during which time the League is formed in Sections and distinct from Divisions. A team may register any number of players.

b) Any player who has not been registered in the first half of the season, will not be allowed to play in the second half without the permission of the committee, this includes all competitions including team knockouts.

c) Should a team withdraw from the league, any player from that team will not be allowed to play for another team in a lower division during that season.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ALL COMPETITIONS.

League Matches shall be played on the following evenings, with all matches starting at 7pm
Snooker Singles Monday, Billiards Tuesday, Snooker Doubles Wednesday

The order of play shall be deemed by the home team. Play shall be maintained continuously in all matches and the home team will be responsible for the match being played under proper conditions.

Each team shall play each other home and away. Any team playing an illegal player will forfeit the appropriate points.

Professional players may only play in Premier Snooker Singles, Premier Snooker Doubles, Premier Open Doubles and Premier Closed Doubles.

All competition results must be sent to the Secretary, and in the event of any results not being known at the time of the draw both teams/players will be eliminated.

The league reserve the right to take such disciplinary action against any team or individual as may be thought fit. Any protest must be made to the Secretary, in writing within 14 days of an alleged offence accompanied by a deposit of £10-00 which shall be forfeited if the protest be deemed frivolous.

11 CANCELLATION OF MATCHES

Cancellation of matches will only be allowed under exceptional circumstances, should a team wish to cancel a match, the following procedure must be taken

- a) In the first instance contact opposing team captain for his/her approval, with a date at their discretion giving them seven days to arrange the match, which must be played within 21 days of the original fixture.
- b) Then advise the Secretary of the date of the re-arranged fixture.
- c) Failing to follow this rule may lead to loss of points
- d) All outstanding fixtures must be played before the last four weeks of the season.
- e) Failure to fulfil a fixture: any team cancelling a game with no intention of fulfilling the fixture ie. Handing the game to the opponents, shall be fined £10-00, failing to pay the penalty will result in the team and the registered players being banned from the league for one year.

12 FORFEITS IN TEAM COMPETITIONS

In the Billiards League a team shall forfeit one point for each player late. Snooker Singles, Snooker Doubles league players/pairs shall forfeit one point for the first fifteen minutes late, one point for the next fifteen minutes late and one point for the next fifteen minutes late, if play cannot be continued all remaining point on a particular table will be forfeited. Home teams failing to send in score sheets to the league secretary or designated drop off point on time could lose all points scored in the match plus four from their league total.

13 FINANCIAL

The League shall charge for each registered team the following fees

Billiards

£15-00

Snooker Singles £25-00

Snooker Doubles

£35-00

These fees include free entry to all team competitions and a copy of the leagues official handbook. Individual fees to be determined by the Executive Committee. Applications for entry into the league should be submitted to the Secretary by 14th May each year and the appropriate fees paid by 1st September each year. Each club/organization shall be responsible for all fees it may incur. The monies of the league shall be banked at such banks or invested in such a manner as the league may determine. All cheques etc. shall be signed by the Secretary and Treasurer.

14 CLUB RESTRICTIONS

Certain clubs may have their own individual rules that forbids either or both ladies and under 18 year old player from playing any matches at their club. Any team containing ladies or under 18 year old players must contact the club concerned, at least 7 days before the proposed fixture, in order to make alternative arrangements.