

2008 INTERNAL LEAGUE RULES (3 PAGES)

Structure

1. If possible 3 divisions to run, at the discretion of the committee.
2. Only one county player per team allowed outside the Premier Division.
3. Players termed as county players at the discretion of the committee.
4. Teams dropping out: -if the first half of the season has been completed then these results stand with results void on second half of season. Same for 3rd time if applicable
5. No seeding in cup matches
6. No reserve league to be run
7. K/o cup to be played home and away with a captains game at the first drawn venue
8. A subsidiary competition will run in the k/o and super sixes competitions

Basic Playing Rules

1. World rules to be played
2. Playing format: -all matches must be played using the league playing format and must state format used at top of sheet i.e.(4 v 3)
3. Players must be named prior to start of the match. No substitutions after the start of the match
4. Toss for break first frame then alternative break. Teams to be entered prior to toss
5. Up to 6 players can play at a venue per side
A player is not allowed to play his 3 frames (or 2 if applicable) consecutively (whether working etc. Or not)
Teams have the right to complain after match (to the secretary) and all frames will be deducted and awarded accordingly.
6. The 3 session rule must be adhered at all times.
7. Super Sixes two frame rule and two session rule as above penalties
8. All frames in league games must be played out
9. No player can play more than three frames except following a captains game and no player can play the same person twice unless in cup (captains game)
10. If teams tied in trophy or relegation positions a play-off will take place
11. No players to be signed on the night without secretaries authorisation
12. **Signing new players.**
The following must be adhered to
 - A) Secretary to be informed by Text message on the night of players first match.
 - B) A new signing form must be filled in and given to the secretary on the first meeting following the players signing. Failure to do so will deem the player unsigned and a £10 fine plus any other penalties that would apply.
13. A team playing a un-signed player will forfeit the match at the venue where the said player played, by the maximum score to nil.
14. Secretary to set date at which no new signings can be made.
15. The said team will face a disciplinary hearing with penalties from points to pounds including administration expenses.
16. All players must have 50% qualification on league games for all cup semis and finals. But after March deadline any team can ask for discretion for any player that works shifts. This must be done at the April meeting at the latest. Any other players signed after this date or starting shifts must adhere to the qualification rules.
17. No transfers between teams unless sanctioned by the committee. The cup tied rule will apply.

18. Should a team be unable to field a side they must send three players away.
19. A eight-ball can only be awarded for a clearance of all nominated balls (8) from players first visit only with 15 balls on the table.
20. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated and will result in suspension fines and reporting to SCPA
21. No postponents permitted unless agreed by the committee. Any team failing to fulfil a fixture will forfeit the points and may face a disciplinary hearing and face penalties from points to pounds plus administration costs.(see guidelines below)
22. Postponements with less than 72 hours notice (Saturday 8pm) 14-4 defeat.
23. Postponements with less than 48 hours (Sunday 8pm) as above plus £15 fine
24. Regular season to run all year cups to be played earlier
25. One cue sport professional allowed to be signed per team
26. Stop watches / minute rule to be used in all cup matches.
27. 8 trophies to be awarded to league & cup winners
28. All disputes must be handed **in writing to the secretary** within seven days of the said occurrence

Merits

1. Entry fees to all merits £3 per person
2. All merit entries must be accompanied by payment or no entry
3. No eight-ball awards for merits matches
4. Merits qualification last 16 singles and doubles to be based on logistics and of discretion of merits secretary. Qualification is 50% of League Games. But after March deadline any team can ask for discretion for any player that works shifts. This must be done at the April meeting at the latest. Any other players signed after this date or starting shifts must adhere to the qualification rules.
5. Doubles merits no talking waving or pointing when visit starts. i.e. when the white balls comes to rest from opponents visit.
6. Double merits to play to the scotch doubles formula. and will have alternate breaks i.e. A & b v x & z
A breaks first followed by **x** then **b** then **z** so all players have taken a turn if required toss for deciding frame and winners can nominate who breaks.(see appendix with complete rules)
7. Merits. Last 16 at end of season / sub merits to run on same nights
8. One delegate only to be named at the start of the season will be allowed to enter the delegates merits and he or she must be the one who attends 80% of meetings
9. No prize money for any competitions including merits.
10. Semi-final stage of doubles merits to be best of seven.(Sub Doubles at Comp Sec discretion)
11. Venues are to pay for merits
12. Merits venues to be drawn out and therefore players may play at own venue.

Fees/ fines

1. League fees £100 to include 6 presentation tickets @ £4.00 (£24.00) (see rule 2)
2. Teams can sign as many players as required at £2 per player signing fee.
3. 50% of league fees (£50) must be paid at first meeting following AGM. The remainder must be paid in full by the fourth meeting following the AGM. Failure to meet these requirements will result in a immediate suspension from the league and all points forfeited during suspension, if necessary **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY POOL ASSOCIATION** will be contacted to recover any payments

4. Delegates must attend all meetings with full match cards, results and merit results. Two apologies allowed per season.
5. 1 delegate per team
6. Fines:- non-attendance £5
7. Third non –attendance £10
8. Attendance without cards £1 per card
9. Teams failing to fill in score sheet correctly are fined £3
10. Team signing sheets must be returned by March meeting with all players signing fees to be included or £10 automatic fine.
11. Missing cards (following apologies £1 per card) teams have seven days to contact secretary and send the score sheets
12. Secretary having to contact team for a result £3 (please see results to be texted)
13. Teams changing venues during the season will pay a £25 admin fee. This will not be actioned if the pub closes down.
14. All teams to pay a £5 roller-ball fee at each meeting to cover administration costs. Prize money will be dependant on entries and on the discretion of the committee. No apologies to be allowed. Teams must be present to win the draw
15. Any team owing more than £20 following the fourth meeting at any time will be automatically suspended
16. Deadline for results to be 12 noon on Wednesday

Other rules

1. Secretary to put full player listing on website following sixth meeting following agm
2. Matters arising not covered by the constitution or internal league rules will be dealt with by the committee .The committees decision will be final and binding and not covered by any appeals

THESE RULES WERE PASSED @THE LEAGUES AGM ON 18-12-07