

THE RULES OF THE DEESIDE AMATEUR BILLIARDS & SNOOKER LEAGUE

1. The League shall be called "The Deeside Amateur Billiards & Snooker League".
2. The Officers of the League and one named Delegate from each Club shall form the Management Committee. Each Officer and Delegate shall have **ONE** vote, except the Chairman, who shall have only a casting vote. Seven shall form a quorum.
3. Membership to the League shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee.
4. The Management Committee shall meet at the dates and venues agreed by them and printed in the handbook. Full Treasurers / Secretary's and Competition Secretary's Reports are to be presented at each of these meetings. All delegates are expected to attend the monthly meetings, apologies will be accepted by telephone, in writing or any other method prior to a meeting. This facility will be offered for **TWO** occasions only. The club delegate will also have the facility to nominate a nominee to attend in their absence. If a **THIRD** failure to attend should happen during a full season, the offender will be penalised by the way of deduction of points. The loss will be a deduction of **ONE** point from each team belonging to the offending club. To be deducted immediately after offence.
5. A 75% majority is required to call a Special Meeting.
6. Fixture cards or handbooks will be published yearly. Each team shall be allocated such cards or handbooks.
7. Each club shall pay the following fees annually, which may be altered by the Management Committee at their discretion.

Entrance Fee. £6.00 per team to be paid when invoiced by treasurer.

Match Levy: To be determined by the Management Committee annually and to be paid in **TWO** instalments at the half season and full season, unless agreed otherwise by the Management Committee.

New Players: Each new registration £1.00.

Competitions. The amount to be agreed by the Management Committee prior to the commencement of each season. Payable by the half season.

All moneys are payable to the Honorary Treasurer, who will forward official demands to the Clubs Delegates as and when moneys are due, not later than 14 days after the last league fixture.

8. The league shall be run on a handicap system. The Management Committee will decide handicaps and are printed in the handbook. Handicaps for new players to the League will be considered by the Management Committee only upon receipt of a fully completed registration card, which must be forwarded to the Fixture Secretary for consideration at a Management Committee meeting. New registrations accepted with a claimed handicap from another league will be considered on the basis of their declared handicap being current. If they do not play sufficient matches during their first season of registration, they will be re-assessed before any new season commences. Each new registration will be awarded a handicap, which will be reviewed by the Fixture Secretary. All new registrations are to be assessed at the first quarter, halfway, three quarter and at the end of season. This will apply to all new registrations and will continue into their second season. Delegates will be advised by the Fixture Secretary of any handicap revision, which will be the subject to confirmation by the Management Committee at their next meeting.

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9. If any club, player or delegate gives false information or fails to provide information that would have influenced the Management Committee in fixing a handicap for a player, then all games won by that player that season shall be forfeited by order of the Management Committee. All points gained by the said new player(s) are to be deleted from the records, the player(s) to be re-assessed immediately. The player(s) shall be suspended and not be allowed to continue playing until they are re-handicapped by the Management Committee. The Management Committee shall review the handicaps of all players at the end of each season. When any handicap is reviewed, if the player concerned has a balance of **FIVE** or more matches won or lost over the total played in the period of review, his handicap will be revised by **FIVE** points or such other alteration as the Management Committee may decide.
10. **SIX** a side shall constitute a team and a match will be considered valid irrespective of the number of games or by the total absence of any team, unless Rule 17 has been applied. In such cases, games will be awarded to the respective team. A table or tables must be available for all matches which commence at 7.30 pm. Where only one table is available for a match, Captains should endeavour to mutually arrange an earlier start. Games must commence at 7.30 pm, provided one player from each team is present. Any delay of **15 minutes** at the commencement of the match or between games, shall lead to the defaulting team conceding **ONE** game for each such delay. The offended Captain must make an official protest in accordance with this rule and name his player and opponent. Matches shall be played on Tuesdays or such other days as agreed by the Management Committee. Any fixtures not completed or played in accordance with this rule, shall be reported for consideration to the Management Committee, who may penalise the offending teams up to maximum of **THREE** points, which may be deducted from their accumulated total. If a team commits a second offence, up to **SIX** points may be deducted from the offending team.
11. All players must be bonafide members of the clubs who register them.
12. The Management Committee shall have full control over all members, either playing or desirous of playing in the league. No professional shall be allowed to compete in any of its activities.
13. The Management Committee may at any time request proof that a player is a bonafide member of the club for whom he plays or intends to play.
14. Each team shall play home games and away games against each other within their own division. **ONE** point will be awarded for each frame won. Where a game is drawn, the black ball is to be respotted and the players will toss for break.
15. A player may play for only **ONE** team in any **ONE** week.
16. Any team failing to fulfil a match in the mandatory competitions i.e. Divisional Cups, Conway Shield or a League fixture will be penalised **SIX** points. As far as our League is concerned, our fixtures and competitions take priority over any other League's. In the event of missing a League fixture this will be replayed on a date set by the Management Committee. Should a team fail to fulfil any of their last **SIX** matches, they are to be suspended from the league for the following season.
17. Notice of postponement of any fixture **must** reach the opponents not later than **72 hours** prior to the match, except in exceptional circumstances. Any clubs that cannot reach agreement over a postponement must refer the matter to the Management Committee whose decision will be final.
18. The home captain shall be responsible for providing a referee for each game and the ruling of the referee shall be final.

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19. The home team shall notify the Fixture Secretary on the official card provided by the League of the match result. The Team Captain of the home side or his deputy shall be responsible for the completion of the scorecard, which shall be signed by them and the Captain of the visiting team.

These signatories are responsible for the correct completion of the result card, the correct handicap of each player, the individual result of each player and the final match result.

All cards must reach the Fixture Secretary no later than **first** post Saturday following any match. Any team responsible for submitting a late card, i.e. post dated after Thursday of the week of the match shall have **ONE point deducted and TWO points for any subsequent offence** without due cause.

20. No registered player shall be eligible to play until the Management Committee has given a handicap.
21. Any protest regarding any matter must be made officially to the Honorary Secretary within **SEVEN** days of the incident or matter-giving rise to the protest.
The Management Committee will consider such protests at their next meeting.
22. The Captain of all competing Teams shall be responsible for the behaviour of his Team members, reserves and visitors for all matches. Any Team not complying with these rules will be liable to disciplinary action by the Management Committee.
23. Visiting teams will have the use of table or tables for matches free of charge. All matches shall be played with super crystalite balls and the tables shall be in reasonable match condition. The visiting captain will nominate his player prior to each game and then the home captain will then nominate his opponent. Visiting players will have choice of break in all frames.
24. If in the event of a team being short of a player(s) a request may be made for the use of "emergency player(s)". In the first instance an application should be made to the **Hon. Secretary**, if he is not available then the **Chairman** should be contacted.

Please note: When an emergency player is used in a match, the team fielding the player(s) should have no more than six players, inclusive of the emergency player(s). If the team has six or more regular able-bodied team players available, then the emergency player(s) should not play as you already have a full team. **No player may play until full authorization has been granted.**

25. Any team playing an **ineligible player(s)** will forfeit all points gained by the said player(s). The offending team will also be **penalized a further THREE points for each ineligible player played.** Regardless of match result this decision to be absolute
26. Only motions proposed, seconded and agreed at any A.G.M shall amend the rules. All members will be entitled to a vote.
27. Any proposals for consideration at the A.G.M. must be in writing and in the hands of the Secretary at least **TWENTY-ONE** days before any such meeting. The Secretary must forward an agenda of the A.G.M. to all delegates **SEVEN** days prior to the A.G.M.
28. Individual competitions shall be played at the club of the home player by the date and time stated by the Competition Secretary when notifying such games. Club delegates will advise the Competition Secretary of the results of such games as indicated on the said notification.
29. Promotion and relegation between divisions will be on the basis of TWO up and TWO down, however, the Management Committee shall have the power to suspend or increase promotion and or relegation to maintain equality between various divisions of the league, should new teams enter or existing teams resign from the league.

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30. In the event of TWO or more teams being tied on the same number of points in the league position on the completion of all fixtures, their relative position shall be decided in the following order:

The most wins during that Season, and if still tied,
The most draws during that Season, and if still tied,
The aggregate results of the HOME and AWAY matches played between the said teams during the season, and if still tied,

A play-off between the teams will take place on neutral tables or such tables as the Management Committee shall deem appropriate.

31. The Management Committee may expel a member Club or an individual member of the League, who in the opinion of the Management Committee violates the rules of the League, or, is found guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interests or good conduct of the League.

Before any decision is taken under this rule, the offending member, or the registered Club representative, shall be given the opportunity to appear before the Management Committee of the League to state their case, showing good cause why such expulsion should not take place.

32. For all individual handicaps, the home player will be responsible for paying all expenses incurred and for making a table available and a referee unless otherwise agreed by his opponent.

33. Members Dress Code.

The norm has always been smart casual dress as chosen by the individual; this has been the adopted standard for many years and as such has never been a problem. The Dress Code is to be observed for all matches unless prior approval has been sought and granted.

The wearing of headwear in any form, sports shorts or other similar clothes will not be allowed, if any member has a problem with complying with this code they should make the Management Committee aware of this. Special permission may be granted for "medical, religious or other such conditions" which they feel would exempt them from complying.

Upon hearing of a breach of this code a written request will be sent to the offender(s) club delegate or captain, who will investigate the circumstances of the incident and report back.

If no response is forthcoming from the written request, contact will then be made with the claimed offender(s) and a request made for them to attend our next scheduled meeting. Should they fail to respond to this request, they will be automatically suspended from the league pending further investigation.

If no appearance of the claimed offender(s) is made at a requested meeting, the Management Committee will issue a term of suspension based on evidence given at the meeting by the claimant.

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Rules for Competition

General

- a) All **new registrations** must have played a minimum of **FOUR** league games during the current season, unless submitted to and agreed by the Management Committee. Normal league rules will apply unless stated otherwise.
- b) Play-offs shall be on a neutral table to be nominated by the Management Committee.
- c) In team competitions, clubs may enter as many teams as they wish and these need not necessarily correspond to their league teams.
- d) All players **are team bound in team competitions once they have been selected for a team**. All winning teams must therefore enter **all names of both players on the result card, played or not**.
- e) The term "Team Competitions" does not include the Pairs Competition.
- f) All finals to be played on neutral tables as designated by the Management Committee.

Specific

- I. **The Sam Lamkin Cup**: Individual Snooker Handicap played off League handicap open to all members under 40 years of age on 31st December of the commencement year of the season. All rounds will be the result of **ONE** frame, except for the semi-final and final, which shall be the best of **THREE** frames and which break shall be tossed for in the first and last frames and alternate in the second.
- II. **Steve Parr Cup**: Individual Snooker Handicap. As per Sam Lamkin, but over 40 years of age.
- III. **Rycroft Cup**: Individual Snooker Handicap. As per Sam Lamkin, but open to all members.
- IV. **Billiards Cup**: Team of **THREE** Billiards Handicap open to all members. Handicaps to be fixed each season by the Management Committee. Clubs can enter more than **ONE** team.
- V. **Mr A Lewis Cup**: Individual Snooker competition, open to all players and played off scratch. All rounds **THREE** frames except the final, which shall be the best of **FIVE** frames. Break shall be tossed for in the first and last frames of all rounds, the intermediate frames being alternate.
- VI. **Mrs A Lewis Pairs** Snooker Handicap Pairs competition played off league handicap. Open to all members. Pairs may be from different clubs, but must nominate at the outset which club they wish to play at. Both players' handicap shall be added together and the result shall be the handicap over two frames played, i.e. the scores at the end of the first frame remain and the second frame commences at such scores with no further adjustment. The match will be decided on the aggregate score over both frames. The break in the first will be tossed for and will be alternate in the second. In the second frame, the sequence of play by either pair may be changed if they wish. In the event of a foul shot, the player whose next turn it is, can ask the perpetrator of the foul to play again, after which, the player whose turn is next will play his shot.

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VII. John Edwards Memorial Cup

Individual Snooker competition open to all current members of the Management Committee, Club Delegates and all Team Captains. The competition shall be over **ONE** frame of snooker up to and including the Semi Final; all rounds shall be played off current league handicaps.

The Final that shall be the best of **THREE** frames. The break shall be tossed for in all rounds, in the Final the break shall be tossed for in the first and last frames, the intermediate frame being alternate.

VIII. Divisional Knock Out Team Competitions

Presidents Shield – Jim Ford Cup – Norman Goodall Cup

All matches of **SIX** frames played off league handicaps up to and including the black ball, in the event of a draw, aggregate score will decide the match. In the event of a drawn match and the aggregate scores being tied, the black will be respotted and the last two players will toss for break. Home captains will nominate the first player, after which, nomination will then be alternate.

Note please that all **new registrations** must have played a minimum of **FOUR** league games during the current season.

Conway Shield All matches of **FIVE** frames and played for by all teams in the league, all other rules apply as above competitions. Note please that all **new registrations** must have played a minimum of **SIX** league games during the current season.

VIII. The Premier, Jim Ford and Tom Sparks Shields to be awarded for the most wins in each division. In the event of a tie, there will be a play off.

IX. All team cup and shield competitions shall have a highest break prize, including an annual trophy.

X. In the event of a free ball situation arising, the player does not have to nominate, unless approached by the referee to clarify his selection.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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