

2010 INTERNAL LEAGUE RULES (3 PAGES)

I. 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. K/O cup to be played home and away with a captains game at the first drawn venue
6. A subsidiary competition will run in the k/o and super sixes competitions
7. No Premier Division sides allowed to play in Sub cups. These sides will be seeded in the first round only.

II. Basic Playing Rules

8. World rules to be played
9. 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)
10. Players must be named prior to start of the match.(exception of reserve player)
11. Toss for break first frame then alternative break. Teams to be entered prior to toss
12. Up to 6 players can play at a venue per side
13. A player is not allowed to play his 3 frames (or 2 if applicable) consecutively (whether working etc. Or not)
14. The 3 session rule must be adhered to at all times.
15. A team may substitute ONE player on a 'one in one out basis' in all games. Once a player has been 'substituted' he cannot return. The player should be deleted on the score sheet and replaced by the 'new' player.
16. Teams have the right to complain after match (to the secretary) and all frames will be deducted and awarded accordingly if the 3 session rule is broke.
17. If a player plays in the wrong order.
If team captains notice that a player has played out of the set order (plays the wrong player) then the frame will be stopped immediately.
Should the frame have been completed then the following will take place.
 - If the 'innocent' player has won the frame score stands and the order is immediately returned to normal.
 - If the 'guilty' player wins then the frame is to be replayed with the correct players.
 - It is the responsibility of the team captains to ensure the order is kept.
18. Should a team be unable to field a side they must send three players away. Failure to do so will result in a 9-0 defeat at the home venue.
19. Super Sixes two frame rule and two session rule as above penalties
20. All frames in league games must be played out
21. 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)
22. If teams tied in trophy or relegation positions a play-off will take place
23. No players to be signed on the night without secretaries authorisation
24. **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.
25. 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.
26. Secretary to set date at which no new signings can be made.
27. The said team will face a disciplinary hearing with penalties from points to pounds including administration expenses.

28. Qualification for the Chairman's Cup will be top half of each Division who will be split into two groups. For the Secretaries shield it will be the remaining sides who will be split into two groups. The top two in each group will contest the semi-finals. The next two in each group (4) will contest the Treasurers Trophy. The semi-finals and final of this event will be played on one night using the Super Sixes Format
29. Chairman's and Secretaries Group Rules
 - If teams finish level on points Head to head results count
(If 3 teams round robin)
 - If this was a draw (or still level) Frames won
If teams still level take away frames won against bottom side.
(This may eliminate at least one side).
 - If still level a play-off will be held
30. 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.
31. KO Cup/ Sub Cup, Chairman's Cup and Secretaries Shield Finals to be played on two tables and over 18 frames, 3 sessions of 6. Substitutes are allowed on a one in one out at any time.
32. No transfers between teams .
33. Eight Ball Clearances are allowed in league and cup games
An 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. The score sheet must be marked on the frame that the 8-ball was achieved and signed at the top of the sheet.
34. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated and will result in suspension fines and reporting to SCPA
35. No postponements 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)
36. Postponements with less than 72 hours notice (Saturday 8pm) 14-4 defeat.
37. Postponements with less than 48 hours (Sunday 8pm) as above plus £15 fine
38. Should a match be forfeited then the 'innocent' side may enter 6 players on the score sheet that will go towards the 50% playing rule
39. One cue sport professional allowed to be signed per team
40. 8 trophies to be awarded to league & cup winners
41. All disputes must be handed **in writing to the secretary** within seven days of the said occurrence

III. Merits

42. Entry fees to all merits £3 per person
43. All merit entries must be accompanied by payment or no entry
44. 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.
45. All merits must be played on given night. No re-arranging. Any players found to have played on an alternative date will be excluded from the competition.
46. Doubles merits no talking waving or pointing when visit starts. i.e. when the white balls comes to rest from opponents visit.
47. Double merits playing 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)
48. Merits. Last 16 at end of season / sub merits to run on same nights
49. 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
50. No prize money for any competitions including merits.

51. Semi-final stage of doubles merits being best of seven. Final best of seven.(Sub Doubles at Comp Sec discretion)
52. Venues are to pay for merits
53. Merits venues to be drawn out and therefore players may play at own venue.
54. No merits take place in August i.e. during main school holidays.

IV. Fees/ fines

55. League fees £100 (see rule 57)
56. Teams can sign as many players as required at £2 per player signing fee.
57. 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
58. Delegates must attend all meetings with full match cards, results and merit results. Two apologies allowed per season.
2 apologises allowed and missing the following meetings will result in
 - £10 first meeting
 - £15 and one point deducted second meeting
 - £15 and two points deducted third meeting
59. Apologises must be sent to the secretary by 7.30 of the meeting night otherwise teams are absent and subject to the following penalties
 - £10 first meeting
 - £15 and one point deducted second meeting
 - £15 and two points deducted third meeting
60. League and Chairman's / Secretaries score cards missing at meeting £3. There is a seven day window to deliver any missing sheets to the secretary
61. Team signing sheets must be returned by March meeting with all players signing fees to be included or £10 automatic fine.
62. Secretary having to contact team for a result £3 (please see results to be texted)
63. Teams changing venues during the season will pay a £25 admin fee. This will not be actioned if the pub closes down.
64. 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
65. Any team owing more than £20 following the fourth meeting at any time will be automatically suspended
66. Deadline for results to be 12 noon on Wednesday

V. Other rules

67. Table height to be between, 31½ inches & 33½ inches (80cm & 85cm)
68. The baulk line to be positioned 1/5th (20%) of the length between the face of the end cushions.
69. Cue ball shall be 1 & 7/8 inches (47.6 mm) diameter and a weight of 94 grams.
70. Secretary to put full player listing on website following sixth meeting following the Annual General Meeting
71. 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
72. Players can only play in the Afford league on one night.

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