

COCKERMOUTH  
&  
DISTRICT  
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**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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## **1. LEAGUE TITLE**

- a) The name of the group shall be 'The Cockermouth & District Snooker League', hereinafter referred to as 'The League'.

## **2. AIM**

- a) The aim of The League is to promote the sport of snooker.
- b) To give player's of all abilities the opportunity to participate and challenge other players in the sport of snooker.
- c) To improve the general standard of the game of snooker by enabling all league members to play regular snooker and to encourage the younger generation to enjoy the game and improve their skills.
- d) To generate income for local pubs and social clubs in the local area.
- e) To raise funds for local charities whenever possible.

## **3. OBJECTIVES**

- a) The League will fulfil its aims by;
  - (i) Organising league fixtures for all teams entered and all players registered under them teams.
  - (ii) To give players of all abilities a fair chance by using a handicap system in certain competitions.
  - (iii) To organise various snooker competitions throughout the snooker calendar.
  - (iv) To organise social events such as Presentation Night and inviting public celebrities to social events in order to achieve fund raising.

## **4. MEMBERSHIP**

- a) Clubs and organisations with a full-sized snooker table shall be eligible for membership subject to committee approval.
- b) Team registration will take place prior to the commencement of each season at a fee per team payable to The League.
- c) Team names must include the name of the venue with a one word or letter suffix to distinguish between teams playing from the same venue.
- d) Membership to The League is open to anyone wishing to play for any team that applies for entry at the start of each season.
- e) Teams with players under the age of 18 should gain consent from the home team landlord prior to the match.
- f) By becoming a member, every person is willing to abide by the rules of The League set by the committee.
- g) The committee have the power to refuse membership to any applicant (individual or club) where it is considered such membership would be detrimental to the aims, purposes or activities of The League.

## **5. MANAGEMENT**

- a) The League shall be governed by a committee who shall have sole responsibility in all league matters. The officers of the committee shall be;
  - (i) The Chairperson
  - (ii) The Treasurer

- (iii) The Secretary
- (iv) Up to four officiating committee members totalling a maximum of seven for voting purposes.
- b) The officers of the committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The League and serve for a period of one year.
- c) Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.
- d) The committee will appoint a handicap secretary and a fixtures secretary from the elected officers. These roles may be undertaken jointly with each other and/or with the identified positions in 5.a)
- e) Voting by the committee shall be by the showing of hands on a majority basis.
- f) If there is a tied vote, then the chairperson shall have the deciding vote.
- g) Any officer wishing to resign their position mid-term must submit their resignation in writing to the secretary giving one months notice. The committee may appoint a replacement at the next monthly meeting.
- h) Only registered players from registered teams will be eligible for election onto the committee.
- i) There is no restriction to the number of committee members from any registered team.

## **6. FINANCE**

- a) Any monies obtained by The League shall be used only for snooker league purposes and for any proposed charity funds.
- b) The League will actively seek donations and sponsorship to aid in the promoting of The League's activities and to increase funds for The League.
- c) A bank account will be held in the name of '*Cockermouth & District Snooker League*' where all monies obtained shall be deposited and accounted for.
- d) Any cheques or monies paid out shall be signed for by the treasurer and the chairperson.
- e) The treasurer shall try to ensure that the bank account remains in a healthy state and within its budget each financial year.
- f) The treasurer will ensure that all finances will be made visible to all members of The League and any member can approach the committee to question any discrepancies or queries that they may have.
- g) The treasurer will provide a financial report for each season at the AGM.

## **7. MONTHLY MEETINGS**

- a) These will be held on the first Monday of each month during the snooker calendar (Tuesday if Monday is a bank holiday) at 7.30pm prompt.
- b) The venue of all meetings and AGM/EGM's will be announced in a timely manner and may include online meetings. This allows members to attend meetings without having to leave home.
- c) All members of the league are allowed to attend any monthly meeting but it is not compulsory to be present. However, a representative is required to attend if there are any disputes to discuss.
- d) Any number of members from any team can turn up to meetings. For voting purposes, it is one vote per person and not one vote per team.
- e) All league tables, competition results, player rankings and any other relevant information will only be issued in paper format at monthly meetings..
- f) Match cards in paper format will be made available at every monthly meeting although the committee will try to ensure that all clubs have sufficient match cards to last the entire season.

## **8. AGM's/EGM's**

- a) The committee shall hold the AGM when decided on the last monthly meeting of the closing season but will be at some point in the mid-off season (usually July).
- b) The business of the AGM shall include;
  - (i) Receiving a report from the chairperson of the leagues activities over the past year.

- (ii) Receiving a financial report from the treasurer of the past year's accounts.
  - (iii) Receiving a secretaries report which will include any updates to handicaps.
  - (iv) Electing committee members.
  - (v) Considering and voting on any proposed rule changes.
  - (vi) Discussing new teams and members who have applied for membership.
  - (vii) Considering any other matters that may be appropriate.
- c) Any new proposal's to be raised at the AGM must be received in writing by the chairperson at least seven days prior to the AGM.
  - d) Anyone submitting any new proposals must attend the AGM to put forward their argument or have a representative in proxy if they cannot attend.
  - e) An EGM may be called by the committee as they see fit to consider any proposals or to vote on any changes during the season if they consider the matter to need immediate attention.
  - f) The quorum for AGM's and EGM's shall be at least 7 persons, of which at least 3 must be committee members.
  - g) All attendees at AGM's/EGM's are entitled to one vote each.

## **9. FEE'S & FINES**

- a) A season's league membership is £10 per team.
- b) Playing fees for all teams playing in league matches are £5 per team per week.
- c) All knockout competitions will be £4 per player unless specified. Therefore, Singles entries will be £4 per player, Doubles entries will be £8 per team and Trebles entries will be £12 per team. Both the Eric McMullen Memorial Knockout and the Plate Knockout will be £20 per team.
- d) Entry fees into any other competitions organised by The League will be stated on any entry forms.
- e) Players are ultimately responsible for the paying of any fees or fines and the onus is not on the Club they play for, however, if they can get subsidies from the club they play for then this is permitted.
- f) All fees and any fines incurred must be paid before by 31<sup>st</sup> March of that year. Any late payments will be charged at £20. If payment is not received in full then any players involved with that team will not be eligible to play in any League organised competition until payment has been made.
- g) The League reserves the right to withhold prize money from any player or team if they owe The League any fees or fines which they have incurred. The difference (if any) will then be awarded to the player or team.
- h) All website costs will to be paid to the website owner at the end of the season. This reimbursement will be subject to proof of monthly payments to the website administrator.
- i) The League reserves the right to offer discounts or waivers of fees to encourage new members and teams to join the League.
- j) Any waivers of fees will be for new team entrants only and will only be valid for their initial season. Any following seasons must be paid for.

## **10. PLAYER REGISTRATION**

- a) A player registration form will be provided to each team captain prior to the AGM. All forms for the upcoming season must be correctly completed and signed by all team captains. There is no restriction on the number of players that may be registered per team.
- b) Registration is defined as;
  - (i) Team captains entering and confirming the players' intention to play for their team.
  - (ii) Actually playing at least one match for a team in the league.
- c) Any teams fielding any unregistered players will be deducted 3 points and a fine of £10 will be implemented.

## **11. PLAYER TRANSFERS**

- a) Transfers are forbidden once a season has started. Any player registered for a team in any capacity shall not be able to change to another team until the following season.
- b) The only exception to this rule is stated in Rule 20.c)

- c) Only transfers during the off-season are allowed. Rule 10(a) applies regarding player registration.

## **12. LEAGUE MATCHES**

- a) The league will be run on a divisional basis. The size and number of divisions will be determined by the fixtures secretary based on the number of entries received.
- b) The number of fixtures will be determined by the fixtures secretary; however, each team will play each other once home and away as a minimum. Fixtures will be arranged to minimise the number of breaks in the schedule.
- c) The fixtures secretary may propose that teams from different divisions may have to play each other.
- d) League matches will normally take place on Wednesday evenings and will commence at 7.30pm. Time changes can be agreed mutually. (See Rule 16). In the event that this rule cannot be adhered to in the fixtures schedule the committee can authorise a team to play home games on an alternative night.
- e) A League match will consist of 5 frames contested by teams of 5 players each playing a single frame. One point will be awarded for each frame won.
- f) Each team must write down the players in order of play on the match card. The captain must ensure that the opposing team does not see their playing order.
- g) Once the match card has been completed and signed then the order of play must be adhered to.
- h) Teams may nominate a reserve if the next player on is not available after 15 minutes. This must be established immediately. If a player (originally named) is not present after 15 minutes and a reserve has not been nominated then the frame will be forfeited.
- i) The league table will be determined in the following order of precedence; highest number of points from league matches, highest number of match wins, match draws and then the frame points accumulated results between tied teams (frames won). In the event of a tie still remaining a playoff will be contested at a neutral venue with the winning team allocated the higher league position. The total frame points' difference on the league table is for information only and does not have any ranking value.
- j) All frames must be played down until less than 25 points remain on the table unless mutually agreed. Therefore, if a player wants to continue in order to attempt a potential 25 break then the other player may not concede.

## **13. KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS**

- a) The fixtures secretary will be responsible for making a draw prior to each round for all knockout competitions. The first player/team drawn will be allocated 'Home' status.
- b) The Singles knockout competition is handicapped and is to be the best of 5 frames in all rounds prior to the Final. The Final will be the best of 7 frames. The draw will be random and the first name drawn will be the home player. The final will be held at a neutral venue as per rule 15. a).
- c) The Doubles knockout competition is handicapped and is to be the best of 5 frames in all rounds prior to the Final. The Final will be the best of 7 frames. The draw will be random and the first names drawn

will be the home team. Doubles handicaps are based on the two players handicaps added together and the sum being divided by two with the result of this being rounded up to the nearest whole number. The order of play in doubles matches cannot be altered during the frame. The players can opt to alter their play order at the start of each frame without any warning but this order must be adhered to throughout each frame or a foul will be called. The final will be held at a neutral venue as per rule 15. a).

- d) The Trebles knockout competition is handicapped and will be the best of 9 frames in all rounds including the final. The trebles will be of the 6 red format and reduced handicaps will apply. Names are drawn at random and entered onto the pre-printed match cards. The match card depicts which players play and in which order of play. Up to one reserve can be used if required. Reserve players can not have already played for other trebles teams. The final will be played the same as all previous rounds. The final will be held at a neutral venue as per rule 15. a).
- e) The Eric McMullen Memorial team knockout competition is handicapped where individual handicaps are to be applied as each frame is played. Names are to be written down on the match card as per league matches. The format of this knockout will be determined by the committee dependant on the number of entries. This may be a straight knockout format or a group format. The matches will consist of 5 frames where all 5 frames must be played out regardless of the score-line if the groups format is used. If a group format is used, then it is dependent on the number of groups as to what teams go through to the semi-final i.e., group winners, group runners-up or leading runners-up. The final will be held at a neutral venue as per rule 15. a).
- f) The Team Plate Knockout competition is handicapped with rule 13. e) applying accordingly. To be eligible for the Plate Knockout teams must have registered their interest on the entry form and must also have lost their first competitive match in the Eric McMullen Memorial Knockout if a straight knockout format is used. If a group format is used instead then depending on the number of groups it will be decided beforehand the criteria for qualifying for the plate knockout i.e., runners up or 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place, etc. The final will be held at a neutral venue as per rule 15. a).
- g) All team knockout matches may have spare weeks designated into the fixture to accommodate all players. If a group format is used then the fixture list will reflect this.
- h) In any knockout competitions it is the responsibility of the home team/player to give the opposing team/player 3 dates (non consecutive, not in the same week) unless the dates are set by the Fixtures Secretary.
- i) Knockout matches MUST be played by the closing dates set by The League. If not then they will be decided by the committee with the chairperson's decision being final. Fines may be applied at the committee's discretion, but these will be no more than £10.
- j) Players/teams unable to complete their competition matches must be represented (in person or by their own team representative) at the monthly meeting.
- k) All registered league players are automatically eligible to play in all knockout competitions. Any non-registered players wishing to play in knockout competitions must apply to the committee prior to the start of the competition. The committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any non-registered players.
- l) Knockout competition matches must be played at the home players' league club unless mutually agreed.
- m) Knockout competition matches must only be played in clubs affiliated to The League.
- n) The League may run other cue sport competitions throughout the off-season and mid-season breaks.
- o) These competitions will be run under The League rules with amendments and open to league members only.
- p) The League reserves the right to run 'Open' competitions with separate rulings but still attached to The Cockermouth & District Snooker League financially in order to raise funds.

## **14. TOP 4 PLAY-OFFS & PLAY-OFF DECIDERS.**

- a) In each division there will be a top 4 Play-off competition.
- b) The format will be 1<sup>st</sup> place versus 4<sup>th</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place versus 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- c) The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams in each division will automatically be awarded home advantage.
- d) Normal league rules to all top 4 play-off matches are NOT handicapped.
- e) To be eligible to play in the Top 4 play-offs matches each player must have played in a minimum of 3 league matches during the normal league campaign.

- f) Top 4 Play-off semi-finals will be played on dates specified on the fixture list.
- g) If the two teams who have a semi-final Play-off are playing at the end of the season they are allowed, (if they mutually consent), to have a 'Double Header' which means their league match also counts as their Play-off match. Any disputes regarding the matches and The Committee will then order a re-match.
- h) The Top 4 Play-off finals will be played at a neutral venue as per Rule 15 (a)
- i) If for any reason that teams are required to have a Play-off then they must play that match at a neutral venue.

## **15. FINALS VENUES & REGULATIONS**

- a) All finals venues will be selected once the finalists are known so a neutral venue can be chosen.
- b) All venues selected to host a final must abide by the rules set by snookers governing body, The World Professional Billiards & Snooker Association (WPBSA). The criteria for hosting a final are listed in Appendix 2.
- c) A venue may be altered at The Leagues discretion if the venue does not meet the requirements stated in Appendix 2.
- d) Finalists can still play at the intended venue if it does not meet the requirements in Appendix 2 if they mutually agree on playing at such venue.
- e) Tournament match balls will be used for all finals. The League will provide these balls for all finals.

## **16. CANCELLATIONS, POSTPONEMENTS & MISSING PLAYERS**

- a) The fixture list must be adhered to and matches played in that order.
- b) A match will be considered as cancelled in the event that there are no members of a team present at the relevant venue by 7:45pm. The team present will be awarded all available frames.
- c) Any number of team members attending a venue constitutes a team and the fixture is to be played as normal (even if one player turns up then they must play that frame).
- d) If any team fields a team lower than 5 players then the opposing team will be awarded the un-played frames (i.e., 2 players turn up, then 3 frames awarded to opposing team with the 2 frames to be played out).
- e) Postponements are only valid under extreme conditions (i.e., power failure) of which no one has any control over.
- f) All matches have to be completed before the last night of the league season as stipulated on the fixtures list issued at the start of the season. No game is to be played after the season has finished.

## **17. PLAYER HANDICAPS**

- a) All players will be given a handicap at the start of each season (or at the point of first registration) for use in all handicap competitions.
- b) The handicap secretary is responsible for maintaining the handicap listing and updating individual handicaps at the close of each season. Handicaps will be based on all players' last 20 league matches played and are calculated accordingly.
- c) New players, who have no match history, or very little history, will be given a handicap decided by the committee based upon their known ability. Players of unknown ability will be given a handicap no greater than 35. Each player will be monitored and if any handicaps show irregularities, then the committee may organise a handicap meeting to assess the players ability and decide a suitable handicap for them that is fair for all.



- d) The minimum handicap assigned will be 0, the maximum will be 50.
- e) No player's handicap can fluctuate more than 5 points in any given season. This is to gain stability of the handicapping system.
- f) Any disputes to player's handicaps will be considered by the committee and must be highlighted at any of the monthly meetings for that handicap to be discussed. Once heard the committee will then make a decision on the handicap for that person in question.
- g) For clarification see *APPENDIX 1* for full details and examples of how the Handicapping System works.

## **18. REFEREEING & APPLYING THE RULES OF SNOOKER.**

- a) In team competitions it is the home team's responsibility to provide a person to referee and to record the scores in each frame of snooker played.
- b) In knockout competitions it is not compulsory to have a referee although we do advise that some neutral person be present in case of any differences of opinion.
- c) The WPBSA rules apply in all competitions and must be adhered to by all referees.
- d) Clubs are advised to make copies of the WPBSA rules available to assist referees in difficult decision making.
- e) The referee may ask any members of their or the opposing team for advice.
- f) The referee's decision is final and any disputes must be dealt with by the committee. All disputes must be given to the committee in writing and in detail so a fair outcome should prevail.
- g) The 'miss' rule should be applied but at the referees discretion. Following from the WPBSA rule book we advise all referees must apply the following list of rules below and should call these fouls as a 'miss'. The referee still has the ultimate decision depending on his/her interpretation of the rule based on the player's abilities.
  - (i) If a target ball is in full view and the player misses altogether.
  - (ii) Miss-cueing and not hitting the target ball.
  - (iii) If in a snooker there are plenty of reds on the table and the player chooses to play for a difficult red and misses.
  - (iv) The cue ball must be hit hard enough to reach the intended target ball. If it falls short, then a 'miss' must be called by the referee.

## **19. DELIVERY OF MATCH CARDS**

- a) Match Cards must be completed in clear printing with all names written in capitals and legible.
- b) Match cards must record frame scores, breaks if applicable, final match score and any comments that the teams wish to add to aid the press report.
- c) Match cards must be signed by both team captains.
- d) All match cards must reach the secretary no later than 3 days after the match has been played. Failure will result in a £10 fine and a 1-point deduction against the home team in question.
- e) All results must reach the Secretary no later than the Saturday after the match if teams wish to be included in press reports.
- f) Match cards can be given to any committee member personally, by post, email, SMS text or can be posted onto the Workington Snookers Facebook page for all to see. This is the preferred method as it can be accessed immediately once the photo has been posted by all committee members.

## **20. RETIRING TEAMS**

- a) If a team withdraws from the league before the half-way stage during the season then all points scored against that team will be erased from the league records. If a team retires after the half-way point then all points scored against this team will be valid up to the half-way point and recorded as such in the league tables.
- b) If the retiring team is still in any knockout competitions then their opponents will go through to the next round by default.
- c) If any players who play for any retiring teams are still in any knockout competitions then they must apply in writing to the committee for special entry depending on the circumstances of the team's retirement. The committee's decision will be final.

- d) If any outstanding monies are not paid by that team then all players involved will not be allowed to play in The League again until that individual pays his share of the money still owed. This rule applies to any knockout competitions that any player may still be participating in.

## **21. PLAYER RANKINGS & HIGH BREAKS**

- a) A players ranking table will be created and split into groups dependant upon each players handicap level (based on their ability rather than what team and division they play in).
- b) The number of groups and how they are split will be decided at the start of the season by the handicap secretary.
- c) An award will be given to each of the groups highest ranking player, the highest break in each group and also the highest aggregate break in each group.
- d) Only league fixtures apply to the rankings tables, the high break and the high aggregate break.
- e) Any break of 30 or more will be counted towards any break awards in the league rankings. This applies to all players in all divisions regardless of ability..
- f) If two or more players have the same high break or high aggregate break, then any award shall be shared evenly between them.
- g) The ranking is based primarily on the highest percentage of games won. In the event of a tie, the player with the highest aggregate points difference will be given the higher rank. If this is the same and the players cannot be split then the award will be shared equally between them.
- h) Players must have played a minimum of 75% of their teams' league matches to be eligible for any prizes in the player rankings.

## **22. TROPHIES & PRIZE MONEY**

- a) Trophies will be awarded to all winning teams and individuals in their respective division.
- b) All trophies and prize money will be awarded to their recipients on presentation night at the end of each season.
- c) If the recipient cannot attend presentation night, then that recipient must inform the committee seven days in advance and name a proxy otherwise it will be classed as a forfeit of any award.
- d) All prize money is awarded as per APPENDIX 3 which is subject to change each season. All prizes and winnings will be announced at the beginning of each season so all players' know what is available to play for. This listing will be posted on the website for all to view.
- e) The treasurer will ensure that all money awarded is readily available for issue and that each competition can afford to pay out each recipient.
- f) All trophies must be returned before the last final of the season is played in order to enable them to be engraved.
- g) Failure to return a trophy (e.g., lost/unreturned) will result in a fine equivalent to the value of the trophy.
- h) There are currently no trophies that are to be kept by the recipient. All trophies must be returned.
- i) Any special awards or trophies will be discussed at AGM's or EGM's at the committee's discretion.
- j) Any special monetary awards will be discussed at AGM's or EGM's at the committee's discretion but the treasurer must ensure these awards can be afforded and are accounted for.

## **23. PRESENTATION NIGHT**

- a) A presentation night will be organised at the end of each season to present all awards and trophies to their respective recipients.
- b) The committee will endeavour to gain the services of a special guest to perform on the night and to present all trophies to their respective recipients, although this is not compulsory.
- c) Due to the cost of the said special guest, the venue for presentation night will be put out to tender to ensure funds are available to support such an event.
- d) The selection of venue for presentation is via the 'Presentation Night Venue Rota' in Appendix 5.

- e) The venue will be expected to ensure that the date does not clash with any other event, to provide food on the night and assist The League with any other special requirements that may be required.
- f) League players will be invited to play against the guest player if one is secured. Players will be selected from the competition winners' hierarchy in as shown in Appendix 4.
- g) Only one member from any team will be allowed to play on presentation night regardless of the number of competitions won by all the team members.
- h) It is the teams' responsibility to nominate one of their members to play on presentation night if part of a winning team competition. They may select their player in any way they see fit and it is not up to The League to decide but the committee must be informed 7 days prior to presentation night for clarification.

## **24. WEBSITE INFORMATION**

- a) A website will be made available with constant updates for all members to view who have access to the internet under the name of [www.workingtonsnooker.co.uk](http://www.workingtonsnooker.co.uk)
- b) The website will be updated as quickly as possible to keep members up to date with all fixture lists, weekly results, weekly reports, videos, photos, league tables, rankings and any other competition results.
- c) All upcoming events will be displayed on the website and a schedule of monthly meetings will be advertised on the home page.
- d) Any member of the committee who has access to the website can make amendments to the website but mutual consent must be agreed by the main committee members i.e. The Chairman, The Secretary and The Treasurer.
- e) A copy of all the rules & regulations will be viewable on the website.
- f) The cost of the website will be paid for by the owner who will be reimbursed by The Treasurer at the end of each season. (See Rule 9.h)

## **25. NEWSPAPER REPORTS, VIDEO & PHOTOGRAPHY**

- a) The League will strive to advertise the accomplishments of any players or teams to aid in recognising their achievements and to help promote The League's status by weekly reports in the local press, on The League's own website and on any other local news or sports websites.
- b) Finals may be recorded depending on the number of committee members present. If any teams request their final to be recorded then the committee will try their best to do so.
- c) DVD's may be made available of all finals recorded for all participants free of charge. If videos are taken, then extra copies may be purchased by anyone at a cost of £5 per DVD.
- d) The League will strive to take as many photos and videos as possible throughout the season but no schedule of fixtures are set and any taken are random at the present time. This is in an aid to promote camaraderie and for nostalgia reasons. Any teams wishing to record their own matches are welcome to do so.

- e) All players and league members reserve the right not to have any personal information, photo's or video's published in any format if they so wish.
- f) A member of the committee must always seek participant's permission before taking any photos or videos.
- g) If any player or league member wishes not to have any personal information, photos or videos publicised then they must inform any member of the committee as soon as possible before any are published.
- h) If any media is published without consent then any person involved in any reports, photos or videos are entitled to have any such prints removed from the website for any reason what-so-ever.

## **26. DISPUTES**

- a) Any disputes will be settled by the committee at the next monthly meeting.
- b) Any team/player filing a dispute must be represented (in person or by their own team representative) at the meeting.
- c) The disciplinary sub-committee will consist of The Chairman, The Treasurer and The Secretary.
- d) NO DISPUTES will be decided upon via Facebook. Opinions and ideas may be aired on Facebook but any disputes can only be decided by discussion at monthly meetings.

## **APPENDIX 1 – HANDICAPPING CALCULATIONS & EXAMPLES.**

The handicapping system is a formula based on every player's last 20 league matches that they have played. The formula takes into account their ability (their own handicap), and their opponents ability (opponents handicap).

The formula alters both players' handicaps accordingly to make their match a draw.

The handicaps for all 20 matches are then averaged out (total handicap scores divided by 20), and this will give a change of handicap either negative or positive depending on how that player has performed throughout the season.

The same formula is applied to all players in the league therefore being a fair system to use across the board.

Two exceptions to the formula rule are adjustments to handicaps.

- Adjustments to prevent any handicap fluctuating up or down by no more than 5. This is to prevent any sudden changes and will give the handicapping system stability over a number of seasons and therefore over time no-ones handicap should alter by more than 5 anyway.
- Adjustments to prevent players receiving a handicap less than 0 and to prevent players receiving a handicap greater than 50. These are the maximum and minimum settings of the handicaps.

NOTE: The system does NOT take into account actual wins or defeats. It is strictly based on how that player performed against his/her opponent and the abilities.

i.e., Imagine Player A with a handicap of 40 is beaten by Player B with a handicap of 10 by 20 points. This would show that either Player A played well even though he was defeated or that Player B played below par even though he won. Their handicaps are applied to the formula together with their scores and both players' handicaps will be adjusted accordingly to equate the match to be a draw. If the match score was Player A 20, Player B 40 then the formula adds the handicaps and so the score would have been Player A 60, Player B 50 which means Player A would have won if the match was handicapped so Player A's handicap will reduce by 5 and Player B's handicap will increase by 5 so the match then becomes a draw 55-55.

Remember this is only 1 match and this is to be calculated over 20 matches to avoid any sudden changes or freak results such as someone being beaten by a large score.

**Examples are given on the following page;**

NAME	Existing Handicap	MATCHES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	H'Cap Change	New Handicap
<b>S. Davies</b>	<b>35</b>	Points For	17	46	57	20	25	23	34	19	47	32	45	44	49	21	48	33	50	54	46	53	<b>4</b>	<b>39</b>
		Points Ag	62	56	45	61	88	61	52	54	54	56	59	59	30	72	52	73	36	36	40	27		
		Opponents H'Cap	15	30	25	25	0	15	21	40	21	25	15	40	30	21	40	40	45	28	40	35		
		H'Capped Score	13	3	-11	16	14	9	2	20	-4	7	-3	10	-12	19	5	23	-2	-13	-1	-13		

NAME	Existing Handicap	MATCHES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	H'Cap Change	New Handicap
<b>J. Higgins</b>	<b>25</b>	Points For	18	42	21	25	38	51	60	49	58	59	60	68	48	55	64	57	51	44	51	42	<b>-3</b>	<b>22</b>
		Points Ag	64	27	40	81	69	45	36	39	21	69	66	38	12	24	38	43	36	36	44	61		
		Opponents H'Cap	30	45	45	25	25	28	45	40	28	28	25	45	21	28	45	35	30	40	21	15		
		H'Capped Score	21	-3	15	23	11	-7	-7	-3	-22	2	-2	-10	-25	-19	-8	-7	-10	-2	-11	-1		

NAME	Existing Handicap	MATCHES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	H'Cap Change	New Handicap	
<b>S. Hendry</b>	<b>15</b>	Points For	56	15	32	11	48	50	37	63	49	54	61	59	14	54	41	49	66	24	20	18	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	
		Points Ag	32	63	54	72	32	32	69	33	29	28	23	40	50	47	36	20	27	46	48	64			
		Opponents H'Cap	45	10	28	0	30	45	40	45	40	40	30	45	28	50	40	40	21	35	15	35			40
		H'Capped Score	-7	12	8	13	-11	-4	19	-10	-8	-16	-14	-13	26	-1	0	-22	-20	1	14	26			

## **APPENDIX 2 – REQUIRED STANDARDS FOR FINALS VENUES**

All venues hosting a final must have the following standards in place. If any are not adhered to then any of the two finalists are entitled to appeal to The League and request a change of venue.

All finals venues will be scrutinised by committee members and if they feel that any of the venues are not adhering to the standards laid down by the governing body of snooker (WPBSA), then they have the right to refuse the admittance of that venue onto the rota until changes are made in order to meet such requirements.

Not all the standards in The World Snooker Association guide are listed below as some relate to very high standards regarding cloth condition, table temperature and seating arrangements, so a selected few of the regulations that we feel are important are listed below.

- a) **Playing Area** - The average length of a full-size snooker cue is 57" (145cm or 4'9"), therefore this is the minimum amount of free space around all sides of a snooker table. This measurement is taken from the inside of the cushions (actual playing area).
- b) **Lighting** - Although there are various types of light fittings available we will be tolerant of this. However, we do expect that the lighting above the table to be brighter than the surrounding viewing area and that all lamps in the fitting are working correctly to eliminate the presence of unwanted shadows across the table. We also expect any windows to be curtained or blinded if necessary especially on bright days to prevent excessive glare.
- c) **Cloth Condition-**
  - (i) There shall be no tears along the cloth that may cause a deviation of the ball direction.
  - (ii) We will not allow any holes in the cloth larger than 2mm in diameter.
  - (iii) We expect all cushions to free from tears and evenly covered in cloth.
  - (iv) We expect the cloth to be evenly brushed with the nap down the table so the table is completely free from any debris even underneath the cushions.
  - (v) We expect the cloth to be ironed evenly with the nap of the cloth to increase the speed of the table to a reasonable standard.
- d) **Ancillaries** - We expect the venue to provide all the necessary equipment that the players may require such as rests, extensions, swan necks, extended rests and extra long rests.
- e) **Scoreboard** - The scoreboard shall be clearly visible to both players and referees to ensure no errors are made during the match. It would be beneficial if all spectators could view the scoreboard but we understand that this may not always be possible. Lighting would also be beneficial although not compulsory.
- f) **Table Standard -**
  - (i) The playing area shall measure 11'8.5" x 5'10" (3569mm x 1778mm) with a tolerance of +- 0.5" (13mm) on both dimensions.
  - (ii) The height of the table from the floor to the top of the cushion rail shall be 2'9.5" to 2'10.5" (851mm to 876mm).
  - (iii) The baulk line shall be drawn parallel to the bottom cushion at a distance of 29" (737mm) and be clearly marked.
  - (iv) The 'D' semi-circle shall have radius of 11.5" (292mm) and clearly marked.
  - (v) The black spot shall be clearly marked from a point perpendicular from the face of the top cushion at a distance of 12.75" (324) from the cushion face.
  - (vi) The blue spot (centre spot) will be clearly marked located centrally between the bottom cushion and the top cushion.
  - (vii) The pink spot (pyramid spot) will be clearly marked and located centrally between the centre spot and the top cushion face.
  - (viii) The baulk colour spots will be marked clearly with one at each cross section of the 'D' along the baulk line and the third being located centrally between the two baulk spots (yellow and green)

### **APPENDIX 3 – AWARDS & PRIZE MONEY EXAMPLE**

**THE FOLLOWING APPENDIX IS AN EXAMPLE ONLY.**

It is based purely on the income gained (the monetary figures on the left), which we gain through entry fees.

Therefore, the amount of winnings will alter each season but the percentages will be adhered to and then rounded to the nearest £5 at all times to ensure all pay-outs are clear and fair.

<b>Entries (£)</b>	<b>PRIZE TITLE</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£ Rounded</b>
£800	Division 1 Winning Team	22%	£176.00	£170
£800	Division 1 Runners-up	11%	£88.00	£90
£800	Division 1 Top 4 Winners	12%	£96.00	£90
£800	Division 1 Top 4 Runners-up	6%	£48.00	£50
£800	Division 1 Leading Player	5%	£40.00	£40
£800	Division 1 Highest Break	5%	£40.00	£40
£800	Division 1 Highest Agg Break	5%	£40.00	£40
£800	Division 2 Winning Team	11%	£88.00	£90
£800	Division 2 Runners-up	5.5%	£44.00	£40
£800	Division 2 Top 4 Winners	6%	£48.00	£50
£800	Division 2 Top 4 Runners-up	3%	£24.00	£20
£800	Division 2 Leading Player	2.5%	£20.00	£20
£800	Division 2 Highest Break	2.5%	£20.00	£20
£800	Division 2 Highest Agg Break	2.5%	£20.00	£20
£800	Performance Of the Week	1%	£8.00	£10
<b>£800</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>£800</b>	<b>£790</b>
£110	Singles Winner	75%	£82.50	£80
£110	Singles Runner-up	25%	£27.50	£30
<b>£110</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>£110.00</b>	<b>£110</b>
£116	Doubles Winners	75%	£87.00	£80
£116	Doubles Runners-up	25%	£29.00	£30
<b>£116</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>£116.00</b>	<b>£110</b>
£78	Trebles Winners	75%	£58.50	£55
£78	Trebles Runners-up	25%	£19.50	£20
<b>£78</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>£78.00</b>	<b>£75</b>
£168	Team Knockout Winners	75%	£126.00	£120
£168	Team Knockout Runners-up	25%	£42.00	£40
<b>£168</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>£168.00</b>	<b>£160</b>
£70	Plate Winners	60%	£52.50	£50
£70	Plate Runners-up	40%	£17.50	£20
<b>£70</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>£70.00</b>	<b>£70</b>

Total Entries in all competitions =	<b>£1,342</b>
Total Prize Money Paid Out =	<b>£1,285</b>
	<b><u>+£57</u></b>



## **APPENDIX 4 – PRESENTATION NIGHT PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY**

The following list is for players to represent The League as a competitor against our celebrity guest appearing on our presentation nights at the end of each season.

The list is set in order of merit for each competition won by any league member. The only exceptions are;

- a) Sponsors nominated players (receiving exception due to the fact it is their money that pays for the special guest to attend)
- b) Auctioned frames to raise money for charities.

Both these are optional by the Committee but are listed with priority to have first refusal.

The League reserves the right to offer a frame to any such person whether a league member or not for any special circumstance if they feel it is fitting for that person to represent the League for any reason whatsoever.

As per Rule 23(g), only one member of any team is eligible to play unless all the options below have been exhausted. The list will simply be used continuously until all places have been filled.

Teams may select their representative according to their own rules and do not have to follow this list religiously. It is here for guidance and to ensure a fair outcome is achieved.

<b>HIERARCHY</b>	<b>COMPETITION TITLE</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>
<b>1</b>	Cockermouth & District League Sponsors	Nomination
<b>2</b>	Charity Frame	Nomination or Auctioned
<b>3</b>	Highest No. of Raffle Ticket Sales	Team Nominee
<b>4</b>	Division 1 Champions	Team Nominee
<b>5</b>	Division 2 Champions	Team Nominee
<b>6</b>	Singles Handicapped Tournament	Singles Winner
<b>7</b>	Team 7's Knockout Tournament	Team Nominee
<b>8</b>	Division 1 Leading Player	Highest Ranked Player
<b>9</b>	Division 2 Leading Player	Highest Ranked Player
<b>10</b>	Division 1 Top 4 Champions	Team Nominee
<b>11</b>	Division 2 Top 4 Champions	Team Nominee
<b>12</b>	Doubles Handicapped Tournament	Team Nominee
<b>13</b>	Trebles Handicapped Tournament	Team Nominee
<b>14</b>	Division 1 High Break	Highest Break Player
<b>15</b>	Division 2 High Break	Highest Break Player
<b>16</b>	Division 1 High Break Aggregate	Highest Aggregate Break Player
<b>17</b>	Division 2 High Break Aggregate	Highest Aggregate Break Player
<b>18</b>	Team 7's Plate Tournament	Team Nominee
<b>19</b>	Performance Of The Season	Best Weekly Player

## **APPENDIX 5 – PRESENTATION NIGHT VENUES ROTA**

At the leagues' monthly meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015, it was decided that a list of applicable venues were to be listed and then a rota constructed at random to ascertain the venue of the presentation night for future seasons.

The committee considered all of the venues currently in the league and the criteria for acceptance was that the room can be closed off to prevent non-league members unofficial attendance and have the capacity to hold approximately 120 people comfortable with good viewing of the snooker table all round.

The following venues were accepted on these criteria;

1. Flimby Club
2. Maryport Social Club
3. Seaton Legion
4. Workington Golf Club
5. Workington Legion

The venues were then drawn at random to create a rota for the hosting of future presentation nights.

<b>2016</b>	<b>Flimby Club</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>Workington Legion</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>Maryport Social</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>Seaton Legion</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>Workington Golf Club</b>

This rota is the initial rota set up but can alter depending upon any new venues entering the league or if any venues leave the league.

This rota will be updated annually to reflect any such changes and all league members will be notified well in advance of any alterations that may occur.

## APPENDIX 6 – COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONTACT LIST

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## APPENDIX 7 – NEW PROPOSAL AND VOTING FORM

### PROPOSER DETAILS

Proposal Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Team: \_\_\_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> (If required): \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rule Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

### VOTING SECTION

**Description: (is this to be a straight yes or no vote or a selection of options? If options are available, then list them in the boxes provided).**

**Team name of voter: (*Only one vote per team allowed regardless of which venue they represent*).**

**ENTER TEAM NAME HERE THAT YOU REPRESENT: - \_\_\_\_\_**

*(NOTE: You are voting on behalf of your team and not your own personal opinion).*

Place tick or cross in boxes provided:

**(a) Two choice vote;**       For                                       Against

**(b) Multiple Choices.**

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	OPTION 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**APPENDIX 8 – ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

On behalf of all The League members, this constitution is adopted and endorsed by all The Committee members elected at the AGM held on;

***Monday 2nd October 2023***

	Printed Name	Signed	
1	<u>Kevin Basnett</u>	.....	(Chairperson)
2	<u>David Chapman</u>	.....	(Treasurer)
3	<u>Andrew Mitchelhill</u>	.....	(Secretary)
4	<u>Vacant</u>	.....	(Committee member)
5	<u>Vacant</u>	.....	(Committee member)
6	<u>Vacant</u>	.....	(Committee member)
7	<u>Vacant</u>	.....	(Committee member)

## **APPENDIX 9 – AMENDMENTS RECORD SHEET**

<b>Version</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
1.0	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Constitution drafted and issued to all league members at the final monthly meeting of 2010/2011 season for all to study and amend for voting at the 2011 AGM.
1.1	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	<p>Rule 7.b) amended and Appendix 1 incorporated to reflect new proposal of holding monthly meetings at various venues.</p> <p>Rule 7.f) amended to remove restriction on one vote per team at AGM/EGM's</p> <p>Rule 8.f) added to allow one vote per attendee at AGM / EGM</p> <p>Rule 10.b) deleted.</p> <p>Rules 10.c) (ii), 10.d), 10.e) amended to reflect removal of mid season cut off for player registration.</p> <p>Rule 11.c) added to clarify requirements for off season transfer.</p> <p>Rules 13.b) &amp; 13.c) amended to reflect proposal to increase number of frames in singles/doubles knockout competitions.</p> <p>Rule 13.l) amended to clarify requirement for nonregistered players entry to knockout competitions.</p> <p>Rule 14.e) added to include requirements for player eligibility to play in top 4 matches.</p>
2.0	August 2012	<p>Rule 12.b) amended to reflect proposal to minimise the breaks in the fixtures schedule.</p> <p>Rule 12.d) amended to reflect proposal to allow committee to authorise an alternative home night.</p> <p>Rule 20.f) amended to include requirements for tie for leading player.</p>
3.0	July 2013	<p>Rule 7.c) amended to reflect proposal to remove the compulsory attendance of monthly meetings.</p> <p>Rule 7.d) removed to reflect proposal of enforcing a minimum attendance and the monetary fines and points deductions.</p> <p>Rule 7.e) removed to reflect proposal of enforcing meeting attendance and allowing the league to deduct points and enforce a monetary fine.</p> <p>Rule 9.b) amended to reflect proposal of increasing the league match fees from 50p per person per week, to £4 per team per week.</p> <p>Rule 9.c) amended to reflect proposal of increasing the knockout fees from £2 per to £3 per man.</p> <p>Rule 13.d) amended to reflect proposal to update the treble's tournament rules to a knockout format and not a group format as previously stated.</p>

Rule 22.f) added to reflect proposal of inviting players to play the celebrity guest via a competition winner's hierarchy list.

Rule 22.g) added to reflect proposal of restricting players to one man per team to play one frame on presentation night.

Rule 22.h) added to reflect proposal of ensuring the onus is on the teams themselves to select a playing representative in team winning competitions.

Section 15) added to reflect proposal of requiring a set standard for hosting a final. Section added to guide readers to the Finals Venues Schedule in Appendix 3.

Appendix 4) added to reflect proposal for guidelines on table standards as set by the governing body of world snooker.

Appendix 6) added to reflect proposal to set a selection criteria for player selection on presentation night by using a winners' hierarchy table.

4.0 July 2014

Rule 7.b) amended to reflect proposal of having one meeting venue throughout the whole season.

Rule 9.f) amended to add a payment due date for fees with a fine incurred for late payments.

Rule 12.f), 12.g), 12.h), 12.i) 13e) amended to the agreed proposal of each team writing down their preferred order of play.

Rule 16 revised to adhere to agreed proposal of have no cancellations throughout a season and teams adhering to the fixture list.

Rule 21.b) amended to reflect agreed proposal of lowering division 2's high break limit.

Appendix 1) removed to reflect proposal of having one meeting venue throughout the whole season.

Appendix 6) Addition to the rankings of the highest ticket sales frame award to a teams nomination.

4.1 July 2015

Rule 3. a) (ii) Re-wording of the same rule to make more sense.

Rule 7. d) Re-wording of same rule to clarify that it is one vote per person and not per team.

Rule 7. f) added to ensure clarity on how to collect match cards.

5.0 September 2016

Rule 21. b) altered to reflect the new proposal to make breaks dependant on players handicap rather than players divisional status.

6.0 August 2018

Rule 13. d) amended to reflect new accepted proposal to have trebles matches the best of 9 and all players to play each other rather than drawn out.

Rule 13. e) amended to reflect the new accepted proposal to have the 7 aside competition a group format and also to have 5 singles and 2 doubles frames to apply.

Rule 13. f) amended to reflect the same proposal as above in the 7 aside competition.

Rule 13. g) rule removed to reflect the accepted proposal of writing teams down in the final rather than a random draw taking place.

Rule 21. b) amended to reflect new accepted proposal of all players having to record a break of 30 for it to be eligible.

Appendix 6 added to show how the presentation night venue rota was drawn up.

Rule 23. d) re-worded to delete the bidding format and replace with the new venue rota

Rule 23. e) removed regarding the closing date for presentation night bids to be accepted.

6.1 September 2018

13. g) re-worded to reflect the fixture list to include the knockout groups.

19. b) re-worded to reflect new match cards supplied.

19. f) re-worded to reflect the use of Facebook page to post match card results.

5. a) (iv) re-worded to reflect the current number of elected committee members.

8. b) (iii) added to include the secretaries report which includes the handicap updates.

11. c) re-worded to remove registration forms which are no longer used.

12. c) re-worded reflecting no need to vote on how the fixtures are set.

13. c) re-worded to reflect the order of play in doubles matches.

14. h) re-worded to reflect that semi finals dates are set on the fixtures list.

17. f) re-worded to clarify how a handicap can be questioned.



- 6.2 September 2021
7. b) all meetings are now not always held @ Legion. Sometimes United Club or maybe perhaps via Zoom in the future. All meeting venues will be announced to all members a week in advance.
9. c) remove the 7's KO to just KO and change £21 to £15 as £3 per 5-man team.
12. e) change 6 frames to 5 frames for league matches.
13. e) change 7 a-side team knockout to just team knockout to allow for any future number of team members.  
Remove the singles and doubles format from the rule.
13. f) alter wording from 7 a-side team KO to just team knockout
13. g) again alter 7 a-side to just team knockouts.
14. f) removed because of the rule stating a 7<sup>th</sup> frame in case of a draw as this is not possible with a 5-man team.
14. g) remove this rule as a 7<sup>th</sup> frame is not possible
16. d) amended to 5 players and 3 frames points awarded.
19. d) think 7 days should be reduced significantly with today's technology. Perhaps 3 days max.
- 6.3 September 2022
15. a) Rule for a finals rota removed and replaced with neutral venues  
Appendix 3 removed – Finals Rota Schedule
14. h) Top 4 finals venue schedule removed as per rule 15. a) above.
13. b) Singles final schedule removed as per rule 15. a) above.
13. c) Doubles final schedule removed as per rule 15. a) above.
13. d) Trebles final schedule removed as per rule 15. a) above.
13. e) Eric McMullen Final schedule removed as per rule 15. a) above.
13. f) Plate final schedule removed as per rule 15. a) above.

6.4 October 2023

9. b) rule change to reflect agreed increase of £1 per team per week.

9. c) rule change to reflect agreed increase of £1 per man in all knockout competitions.

13. e) Team knockout amended to reflect the number of team entries which affect either straight knockout or groups structure to qualify.

13. f) Plate knockout amended to reflect the number of team entries which affect either straight knockout or groups structure to qualify.

17. c) amended to reflect players of unknown ability so adjustments can be made before the knockout matches begin.

18. g) The 'miss' rule amended upon agreement at AGM.

21. Whole of Rule 21 amended to reflect a new structure of how highest breaks and player rankings is evaluated and awards given based on their handicap rather than what team they play for and what division they play in.