

NEWSLETTER – MAY 2017

CARD DROPOFF DEADLINE

The deadline for weeks 4 to 8 is Monday 22nd May.

For those who aren't sure, you have two options for sending match cards, team registration forms, and player registration/transfer forms to me:

(1) Preferred Method: Send a photo using your phone (WhatsApp or MMS) to 07530 282333, and KEEP THE PAPER COPY AT HOME. Do not post them if your sending me digital copies. If you do not have a phone with a camera, then use someone else's phone!

(2) Old Method: Drop them in the post-boxes at the Crown or Alexandra, and I will collect them after the deadline passes and take photos myself. Until everyone stops using this method, post-boxes and monthly deadlines will remain in place, and weekly player stats/match cards will not be published.

This is where we're up to for this deadline period:

Matches Played: 103

Cards Received via WhatsApp: 94

Percentage: 91%

As soon as we hit 100% for 2 consecutive deadlines, I will start publishing player stats and match cards on a weekly basis.

The 9 match cards that I have not been received yet are:

R4,P2 Sportsman 4 - 8 Wasps
R4 SL Grange 2 - 5 Comfy Aces
R5 SL Woodley Arms 3 - 4 Grange
R5 SL Plough A 1 - 6 Comfy Aces
R6 SL Grange 4 - 3 Plough A
R6 SL Conny Frogs 5 - 2 Barrackers
R7 P2 Houldsworth 9 - 3 Buxton
R8 P2 Houldsworth 7 - 5 Wasps
R8 SL Grange 4 - 3 Gardeners

Can we ensure these match cards are posted in the boxes by Monday midnight (if not already), or WhatsApp them over to me now please.

Q'S

I have been informed that Q's will be changing hands at the end of June. The Levenshulme Snooker League have an announcement on their website saying that they been told to find alternative venues for their snooker teams. It is not clear what will happen to the pool tables, but the 3 teams we currently have there are being proactive and finding alternative venues anyway.

RE-SCHEDULING MATCHES

General Rule 4.2 outlines the process for rescheduling a match. To force a reschedule under this rule, the reason must be due to a group major event such as a funeral or wedding, leaving you with only 3 players or less available.

There have been a few requests to reschedule matches next Wednesday due to the Europa Cup Final. This cannot be issued under Rule 4.2.

The committee have decided that if both team mutually agree to play the match at an earlier date, and they inform us of the date, this will be accepted. It may also be possible to reverse the fixtures of some matches if there are no venue clashes, but you will need to inform us of this too. Matches that have been mutually rescheduled must be played earlier, not later. We expect to have all results by the Wednesday (except those rescheduled under rule 4.2).

STOCKPORT RULES

I hear of disputes for time to time, and it's usually the same thing. I have summarised a couple of these rules below.

DELIBERATE FOULS

There are 3 types of deliberate foul:

1. Not attempting to hit a ball-on
2. Attempting to hit the white through a gap which is too small, and causing a foul
3. Deliberately playing a ball-not-on

If you legally hit a ball-on first, it can never be deemed a deliberate foul.

For example, an opponent has a ball over the pocket, and you deliberately hit your ball on to theirs causing theirs to drop, is not a deliberate foul.

Can the referee call a deliberate foul when the player had not been warned beforehand?

Yes. If the player was warned beforehand, the penalty would be game away. If the player was not warned beforehand, the opponent has the choice of two-shots or a re-rack.

CONSECUTIVE FOULS

A black ball can be re-spotted after a player has made two consecutive fouls. Three consecutive fouls would be game-away.

A consecutive foul can only occur when a player fouls, and the opponent asks the offender to "play again from where the ball lies".

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