

Constitution and Rules of the Stockport And District Pool League 82THE LEAGUE

- 1) The organisation shall be known as Stockport And District Pool League 82, thereafter 'the league'.
- 2) The aims of 'the league' are to encourage the sport of pool within Stockport and its associated districts, as a competitive sport, and to support the sport nationally with competition outside Stockport.
- 3) 'The league' shall be administered by an Executive Committee, thereafter called 'the committee'.
- 4) 'The league' shall run competitive fixtures twice a year, known as Winter season and Summer season.
- 5) 'The league' shall run competitive knockouts of a type and at dates to be defined by 'the committee'.
- 6) 'The league' shall field a team (or teams) to represent Stockport nationally, and the team(s) shall be administered by 'the league'.
- 7) 'The league' shall hold regular meetings, open to representatives of each registered team. The maximum number of scheduled meetings to be held in any one year, is to be thirteen, of which one is to be the Annual General Meeting.
- 8) The Annual General Meeting of 'the league' will be held in January of each year.

THE COMMITTEE

- 9) 'The committee' shall be voted into office at an A.G.M., and the term of office shall run for twelve months from completion of voting at one A.G.M., to the completion of voting at the next A.G.M.
- 10) Any registered player within 'the league' is eligible for election to 'the committee', providing he is proposed by a captain, and seconded by any other league registered player. The proposal must be received by the secretary by first post fourteen days prior to the date of an A.G.M.
- 11) 'The committee' automatically offer themselves for re-election at each A.G.M., and should there be any further proposals for election, a ballot will take place. If there are no further proposals for election 'the committee' are automatically re-elected.
- 12) If a vacancy should arise on 'the committee' during the year, 'the committee' have the power to co-opt a registered player onto 'the committee', the person then completing the term of office until the next A.G.M.

- 13) Positions held on 'the committee' shall be decided amongst the elected committee as and when circumstances dictate.
- 14) The number of persons sitting on 'the committee' shall be seven, except on recommendation from 'the committee' at an A.G.M. or E.G.M., that the number should be increased or decreased.
- 15) In extraordinary circumstances 'the committee' have the power to appoint a sub committee, consisting of one captain from each division, to discuss and recommend a solution to any problem or task which arises. A sub committee would only sit for the duration of the particular task.
- 16) A sub committee would be chaired by an Executive Committee member in an advisory capacity. The Executive Committee member would have no powers of vote within a sub committee, unless there was a tied vote, and then he would have the casting vote.

MEETINGS

- 17) General meetings will be held at regular intervals (see 7).
- 18) League fees are due on the date of each general meeting, unless otherwise informed by 'the committee'.
- 19) Any team not having a representative at any league meeting is liable to a fine at the current rate as set at the previous A.G.M.
- 20) Notification of a league meeting will be given at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, in writing.
- 21) The A.G.M. agenda will be as follows :
 - a) Chairmans Report
 - b) Secretarys Report
 - c) Treasurers Report
 - d) Election of Committee
 - e) Alterations to Playing Rules
 - f) Alterations to League Fees
 - g) Any Other Business
- 22) An Extraordinary General Meeting (E.G.M.) may be called at any time to take action on a particular issue. The meeting may be called by a quorum of 7 captains, the call with authentic signatures must be received by the secretary twenty eight days prior to a desired date for such a meeting.
- 23) On receiving a call for an E.G.M., all teams must send a representative to such a meeting, or be liable to a fine at the current rate.
- 24) If a particular issue makes calling an E.G.M. necessary, 'the committee have the power to convene such a meeting without a call from a quorum of captains.
- 25) An E.G.M. has the full power of an A.G.M. with regard to voting issues.

BALLOTS

- 26) All ballots will be conducted by a show of hands, or roll call.
- 27) Issues may be voted on by only one representative from each registered team.
- 28) There will be no facilities for postal or proxy voting.
- 29) Proposals will be carried by the higher number of votes cast.
- 30) In the event of a tied vote during voting for 'the committee', an already elected committee member (i.e. chairman) may make a casting vote.
- 31) In the event of a tied vote on any other decision the chairman will make the casting vote.
- 32) 'The committee' will not have the power of vote at any general meeting, except where allowed (see 30-31).

MEMBERSHIP

- 33) Membership of 'the league' shall be available to any individual or team desirous to join 'the league' at the discretion of 'the committee'.
The following conditions must be met;
 - a) There is a vacancy within the divisions.
 - b) The registered home ground of the team is within licensed premises.
 - c) All intending players are eighteen years of age.
 - d) The team does not owe fines from previous seasons.
 - e) Neither team nor players have been involved in any action which could bring disrespect to 'the league'.
 - f) A team has paid into 'the league' the registration fee at the time of entry. (The first ten players of such a team are entered free)
 - g) A player has paid into 'the league' the registration fee at the time of entry. (Except where exempt as in 33f)
 - h) A player or team, has completed the required registration forms, and the said forms have been officially signed.
- 34) Individual members or teams within 'the league', must wholly adhere to;
 - a) The Constitution.
 - b) The General Rules.Failure to do so may result in the player or team facing a fine at a rate decided by 'the committee' and/or suspension for an undefined period, at the discretion of 'the committee'.

LEAGUE FEE'S AND FINES

- 35) League fee's are due and payable at each General Meeting, unless otherwise decided by 'the committee'.
- 36) League fines are payable at General Meetings, unless otherwise decided by 'the committee'.
- 37) Teams or players not paying fee's or fines when required, may face further fines and/or suspension at the discretion of 'the committee'.

- 38) League fee's and fines shall be levied at a rate decided by an A.G.M. or E.G.M. (Except as stated in 34). The rates will stand until the next A.G.M. or E.G.M.

GENERAL RULES

- 39) The General Rules are a set of rules for the basic administration of match nights, but do not constitute playing rules. (See 42)
- 40) The General Rules may be added to, deleted or amended at the sole discretion of 'the committee'.
- 41) Members may make suggestions for alteration of the General Rules, at any General Meeting. Such alterations do not require the vote of a meeting.

PLAYING RULES

- 42) The Playing Rules are the rules governing conduct of play for the duration of each game.
- 43) The Playing Rules may only be added to, deleted from or amended, by a majority vote at an A.G.M. or E.G.M.
- 44) It is up to the discretion of match referee's as to the interpretation of the rules.
- 45) When a correct interpretation of the rules cannot be given by the match referee's, a referee appointed by 'the committee' may be approached to give his interpretation of the rules, and/or settle any dispute concerning the rules.
- 46) The decision of a referee appointed by 'the committee' is final and binding. (See 48)
- 47) Any member of 'the committee' is deemed to be an official referee.
- 48) Disputes with regard to matches may be brought before committee, providing correct notification is made in writing, according to the General Rules.

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- 49) 'The committee's' decision on any aspect not covered by the rules and constitution is final unless voted upon at an A.G.M. or E.G.M.

- 50) Once elected to committee, neither 'the committee' nor individual committee members have the power to;
- a) Make any decision which is likely to affect the democratic process, or constitution of 'the league'.
 - b) Make any decision which would allow a committee member (or members) to gain financially from being on 'the committee'.
 - c) Make any decision which prejudicial to the well being of 'the league' or its members.

Any such decisions must have the majority vote of the captains of 'the league'.