

Constitution and Rules of the Stockport & District Pool League '82

The League

- 1) The organisation shall be known as Stockport & 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 February 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 , twentyeight 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) a) General Meetings will be held at regular intervals (see 7).
b) A league meeting will not take place unless there is a quorum of team representatives present, once the quorum is lost the meeting will close. The quorum will be representatives from 30 teams or $\frac{1}{3}$ of the teams in the league whichever is the greater.
- 18) League fee's 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) Chairman's Report
 - b) Secretary's Report
 - c) Treasurer's Report
 - d) Election of Committee
 - e) Alterations to Playing Rules
 - f) Alterations to League Fee's
 - 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 seven 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 a roll call .
Voting slips to be used on major votes .
- 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 if the committee member is a captain , or 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) The team does not owe fines from previous seasons .
 - d) Neither team nor players have been involved in any action which could bring disrespect to 'the league' .
 - e) 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)
 - f) A player has paid into 'the league' the registration fee at the time of entry . (Except where exempt as in 33e)
 - g) 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 the 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 'the committee' , providing correct notification is made in writing , according to the General Rules .

General

- 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 is 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' .
Any such act would mean dismissal from said committee .