

# STOCKPORT & DISTRICT POOL LEAGUE '82

## GENERAL RULES – SDPL DIVISIONS

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### 1. Equipment

- 1.1 All tables must be level, playable, covered with a green or blue covering and marked with a legal baulk line.
  - a) Tables must have a suitable lighting canopy above the table providing an adequate light source (bulbs to be used must be 60W or energy saving equivalent).
- 1.2 All complaints about tables may be only made on the night of the match, by phoning a league official, and requesting an inspection.  
Result at time of complaint stands.
- 1.3 Home teams must have the following match equipment available on the premises:
  - a) A spirit level of between 8" and 12" in length.
  - b) A spare cue ball.
  - c) An official S & DPL '82 template.
  - d) A Spider and a Cross cue rest (both must be made available).
  - e) Blue or Green chalk.
  - f) A suitable sized cue must be available if your table has a hazard like a wall or post, etc which does not allow for a normal sized cue to be used.
- 1.4 A set of Yellow/Red balls, a White Ball & a Black Ball that conform to EPA guidelines.  
**NOTE**  
Standard and Pro Cup balls are allowed. The Standard or Pro Cup (Spotted) white ball can be used with either set of balls. Teams are not allowed to use a mixture of Standard and Pro Cup Reds, Yellows, or Black (this is due to composite differences between sets).
- 1.5 A match card.
- 1.6 A copy of the Rules

***If any of the above equipment is not available when legitimately requested during a frame, and cannot be produced within 5 minutes, then the frame will be awarded to the away team, not the match. If after a further 10 minutes, the equipment requested cannot be produced, the match is suspended, and a fine will be imposed on the home team.***

### 2. Player Registration

- 2.1 All new players must be registered with the Fixture Secretary, **Bob Grant – 07876 565991**  
All registrations must be on official forms (applications on the back of official forms will not be accepted)
- 2.2 A player may transfer from one team to another. All transfer requests must be on an official transfer form and handed or sent to the committee, who will treat each request individually with both captains notified of the request.
  - a) The Executive Committee has the right to refuse any transfer that may be detrimental to the league.
  - b) Only one transfer per person per season is allowed.
  - c) The season is not more than half way through and transfers are completed no less than 48 hours before the 1<sup>st</sup> match of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season.
  - d) Once a player transfer form has been "signed off" by the League, that transfer stands. All players must be 100% committed to the transfer before submitting the form – there will be no exceptions.
- 2.3 Players cannot play unless their Captain receives official notice (written or verbal) from the Fixture Secretary. Postal registrations should allow at least 7 days. Only registered players may play on match nights. If a captain is unsure of the status of a player then they should ring and confirm with the fixture secretary.
- 2.4 All registration forms will now be kept by the committee. Teams will no longer be required to keep copies, but will be given a team sheet of players registered with the league.
- 2.5 If a team leaves the league owing monies, any player from that team wishing to register for another team will be subject to a £5 fine or 10% of the balance owing to the league at the discretion of the committee.
- 2.6 The transfer window opens at the completion of that seasons cup competitions. Transfers will not be sanctioned until the completion of cup competitions.  
Players can only compete in league competitions set for the Rules they have registered to (so World Rules players in World Rules competitions and S&DPL Rules players in S&DPL Rules competitions).

- 2.7 Only the League Secretary can agree new Player Registrations or Transfers and only via **TEXT** or by **official forms** posted into the SDPL drop boxes.

### 3. Matches

- 3.1 All games must be played in a **SPORTSMANLIKE** manner and in the interest of sportsmanship, captains should make themselves known to their opposite number, as should players entering a venue where they are not known by their opponents.  
**Note:** It will be understood that a “First and Final Warning” has been automatically given at the start of the match and in accordance with the EPA Rules, this is a first and final warning for coaching – any word or action deemed as coaching by a referee will be penalised by a Standard Foul, two visits (this does include using your mobile phone whilst involved in a frame).
- 3.2 7 players in each team, playing one frame each (total 7 frames).  
Teams can only field a “short” squad twice per season. The definition of a “short” squad is not having a full squad and no re-draws available to use/chosen not to be used.
- 3.3 Players must be named on the match card prior to each frame, and may be named as the game progresses.
- 3.4 If a team doesn't have a full squad for a match, then they may use a re-draw. The team in question must inform their opposition that they intend to use the re-draw and then the captain must number all his/her players (already listed on the result card) in any order. The opposition captain then calls out a number and that player then plays the re-draw game. If a player, that has already left the game, is called out, then that game is forfeit.  
NOTE: A team can only use 1 re-draw in a match and only 2 per half season (giving a maximum of 4 per season). A team will also have 1 re-draw available for each cup competition.  
If a team uses a re-draw when they do not have any available – the penalty will be the loss of all points from that match.
- 3.5 In match play the home team breaks all games. (Except K/O's, playoffs, or otherwise as instructed by the committee).  
There should be 2 referee's for each frame, 1 from each team.
- 3.6 1<sup>st</sup> game should commence by 8.30pm, failure to do so resulting in loss of frame by offending team. If 1<sup>st</sup> game claimed, 2<sup>nd</sup> game must commence by 8.45pm, failure to do so resulting in loss of frame by offending team. If the match is not started by 9pm, “the best win of the day” (for your division) will be awarded to the opposition and the offending team will not receive any points. Also, the offending team will be fined £10. Note: you can only claim a frame/match if the table is set up ready to begin play and not if the table is being used for games other than the match.
- 3.7 All players do not have to be present by 8.30pm. If a player is not present and ready by the time their game is called, then the game is given to the opposition. All games must run continuously.
- 3.8 The result card should be on the table where it is visible to the visiting team or handed to the visiting captain on arrival.  
All named players are to sign the match card **prior to playing their game**.  
Each Captain to ensure that their own player signs the card.  
Failure for a player to sign a result card will incur a £5 fine to the team involved.  
Unregistered players subject to a fine of £10 and loss of their frame points.  
Any incorrect signatures subject to a fine and a 2-match suspension for the captain/vice captain involved.  
Captains are only to sign the bottom of the result card if accepting the result.
- 3.9 Any player found playing for another team without being officially transferred to that team, will be expelled from the league.  
Any team or captain allowing a player, whom they know is registered for another team to play for their team; will be expelled from the league. In either case this will be a season long ban.

The match result **must** be received by the Fixture Secretary, from the **winning team** (in the event of a draw it is the responsibility of the home team to ensure the result is reported to the Fixture Secretary), no later than **12pm Thursday** following the fixture.

Results will be accepted by phone call or text message to: **07876 565991**, by email to: **[results@shootpool.co.uk](mailto:results@shootpool.co.uk)** or by forum pm to **rgrant** (Bob Grant - Fixture Secretary).

Whichever method is used, the result must still be received by the 1pm deadline on the Thursday following the match. Failure to record the result before the deadline will result in a £5 fine. Result cards **must** be handed in to the Fixture Secretary or put in the collection boxes on the required dates. Collection boxes will be at Replay, Stockport or The Crown, Bredbury for cards to be deposited before the set dates given. Failure to comply will result in the **winning team being fined £5. If, after a further 7 days, the card is still not received by the Fixture Secretary then a further fine of £5 per card will be imposed.** No points will be lost by, or awarded to the opposition. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WINNING TEAMS, OR THE HOME TEAM IN THE EVENT OF A DRAW, TO COMPLY AND ENSURE RESULTS ARE RECEIVED.**

*NOTE - No other person, whether League Official or not, has the authority to receive result cards from standard fixtures.*

- 3.10 One point will be awarded for each frame won, with the winning team gaining a further three points.

- 3.11 Any team dropping out during the season – **all points** will be deducted.
- 3.12 The Committee reserves the right to request the early submission of any result card without explanation.

#### **4. Fixtures**

- 4.1 All matches are to be played on fixture date only. to do so may result in expulsion of the offending team. **Teams failing to fulfil a fixture may be expelled from the league.**
- a) Neutral venues are to be used in competitions from the Semi-Final onwards. A team can not play from their home venue (regardless of using a different table) on a finals night.
- 4.2 If there is an exceptional circumstance the Committee may allow a match to be replayed on another date, providing it is played within 21 days of the original fixture date (if within 21 days of the final fixtures of a season then match must be played before the final fixtures). The following notes will/can apply:
- Only 1 cancellation per team can be considered by the committee in a year (2 seasons - defined as the dates between AGM's)
  - 7 day notice of cancellation must be given to the committee and the opposing team (in exceptional circumstances this may not apply).
  - The offended team will **always** play at home and will decide the date when the match is to be replayed. (Please refer to guidance notes)
  - If the match is not played the offended team can claim the match and will be awarded “the best win of the day” (from their division and from the original date). The offending team will get no points.
  - If the Committee does not sanction the re-arranged match, then the match will be declared null and void and no points will be awarded to either team.

**NOTE** - Exceptional circumstances is defined when a team can't fulfil a fixture due to a 'group' major event (i.e. Wedding/Funeral, some exceptional 'once in a lifetime' opportunities)

**If 4 or more players are available then the match may not be cancelled**

Guidance - In the event a team needs to rearrange a fixture the following process should be followed:

- Captain (1) contacts a Fixture Secretary to request to rearrange a fixture due to a 'group major event'
  - Fixture Secretary agrees fixture can be re-arranged or contacts other committee members if uncertain if reason for cancellation acceptable
  - Captain (1) contacts other team Captain (2) to confirm situation and asks them to consider and provide a suitable alternative date to play the fixture. Captain (2) has 7 days to contact his team and confirm a suitable alternative date. Consideration should be given to (Captain 1) but ultimately it is up to Captain (2) when the fixture will be played (in accordance with the timescales allowed within the rules). Captain (2) confirms date with Captain (1). If Captain (1) team can't play on this date then it is up to Captain (2) if they wish to try a different date or claim 'best win from that fixture week'. All effort should be made to agree a date between captains in the interests of sportsmanship.
  - Captain (1) immediately contacts Fixture Secretary to confirm date the fixture has been agreed to be played.
  - Fixture Secretary posts a message on the forum detailing the following: Reason for fixture being re-arranged, confirmation both Captains have agreed to this, date the fixture will now be played.
- 4.3 The league reserves the right to appoint an Official Referee to any fixture it desires, without notice to either team, and without objection from any party.

#### **5. General**

- 5.1 Teams are required to pay £80 League fee's per team, per season. This amount is payable on registration. The Committee reserve the right to terminate membership if these payments are not made.

There will now be 3 general meetings per season plus a New Season Pack “pick up” night. Any team not sending a representative to league meetings, will be fined £5 – excuses for not knowing dates will not be accepted (because they are in your Season Pack).

- a) Teams resigning from the league once fees have been paid will be entitled to a refund provided they have informed the committee 14 days prior to the first fixture date of that season. This is to ensure there is ample time to complete the fixtures and league format for forthcoming seasons.

Where the League has paid for a team to represent the league, and the team can no longer attend, the committee may request that the team repay any fees lost from the league.

- 5.2 All teams are welcome to come to join in the celebration of the Presentation Night. At this present time we have
- a) suspended tickets and it is free entry to all members and plus one's, however we do reserve the right to re-introduce tickets if the format of the Presentation Night changes and requires it.

- b) If a team does not send a minimum of 4 representatives to Presentation Nights when they are due prize money or trophies, any prize money will be withheld and paid back into the league funds unless apologies are provided. Trophies will also be withheld and re-used for future tournaments.
- c) If an individual / doubles pairing / 3 man team are not present at Presentation Night to receive their trophy / any applicable prize money (doubles pairings / 3 man team need at least 1 person present). The prize money will be withheld and paid back into the league funds unless apologies are provided. Trophies will also be withheld and re-used for future tournaments.
- d) SDPL Rules Teams Only: Teams who win/runners up in the league divisions are given the option of receiving house trophy for 6 months plus Individual trophies for up to 8 players, or house trophy for 6 months and a cash prize amount in line with what the trophies would have cost.
- 5.3 Compensation for food – teams not attending matches can be fined for the cost of the food up to a maximum of £15.00. Teams claiming compensation will be required to present a bill to the league and it will be paid (credited to your account) when received by the offending team.
- 5.4 All complaints (except as Rule 1.2) must be made by letter within **4 days of match**, to be received by **either Secretary, or email ([complaints@shootpool.co.uk](mailto:complaints@shootpool.co.uk)) otherwise complaint is not valid.**  
If a valid complaint is received by the committee that involves a team or division that a committee member is involved in, then a sub committee will hear the complaint. The sub committee will be made up of five captains from other divisions in the league. The sub committee will hear from the complainant first, then the defendant before passing judgement.
- 5.5 There will be no automatic promotion into the Premier Divisions. Entry into these divisions will be done on an invitation/request basis. Any team wishing to leave the Premier Divisions will be offered a place in the bottom division playing S&DPL '82 Rules.
- 5.6 Teams, who at the end of a season are on level points at the top or bottom of a division, will have a frame count up to decide the final position, with the top 2 teams going up a division, and the bottom 2 teams going down a division (except into Premier Divisions).  
**Note - If there are 11 or more teams in a division then the top 3 teams go up and bottom 3 teams go down.**
- If on a frame count teams are still level, then a count up of the frame scores for the matches between such teams will take place. In the event of all points being equal then match wins will be counted, if it is still tied a play off between the two teams will take place.  
**Note:**  
Should a team drop out of the league at the end of a season, thus creating a space in any division - the third from bottom team (ie 8<sup>th</sup>) will play a "play off" against the 4<sup>th</sup> place team from the Division below. This process will carry on through any remaining Divisions.
- 5.7 Each winner and runner up team will receive a House Trophy and 8 trophies. If additional trophies or awards are required  
a) they will be supplied at full price. 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams will not receive any award, only promotion.  
b) The following prize money will be paid for players who finish top of their respective division, players averages. Premier 1 - £50, Premier 2 - £40, Premier 3 - £30, Superleague - £50, A Division - £40, B Division - £30. Averages will continue to be decided by games won, and then win percentage.
- 5.8 All league members must adhere to the licensing laws.
- 5.9 All entry forms, result cards, and additional literature from S & D.P.L. '82 must be adhered to.
- 5.10 Any misconduct by a player/team leading to disrepute of the Stockport & District Pool League could result in the offending team/player being excluded from the league, issued with a fine and/or a deduction of points, at the discretion of the Committee.
- 5.11 **The Executive Committee has full power on all matters not provided for within these rules.**

**RESULTS TO 07876 565991 NO LATER THAN 12 NOON ON THURSDAY FOLLOWING MATCH  
or fines will be levied as per the rules.**

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