



Trent Trophies Pool League

Constitution

Ignorance of these rules does not qualify.

All these rules were passed at our last A.G.M.

1. Any form of dispute will be settled by the governing committee, their decision being final. All disputes must be made to Mr. Tony Latham within 24hrs of the occurrence, followed in writing within 7 days. All appeals must be made to the committee within 14 days.
2. League fee's are £70 plus £2 for every signed player. All registration fees must be paid in full within one month of the start of the season.
3. Should any team to be unable to field a full side, the fixture may take place with a minimum of 4 signed players (who must be kept at home), in Premier Division, or 3 signed players (kept at home) in Div One, Two, Three and Four. You must contact opponents ASAP, and send any players arriving late to the away venue.
4. You may continue to sign players throughout the season but after June 6th you must phone/text any new player to Tony Latham before they pick up a cue to play! Tony has the option to refuse the signing if he feels the player is too good for that division! The appropriate Reg. Form must be returned at the following meeting along with a £5.00 fee. The players are allowed to sign for one team per season unless a transfer has been granted by the committee.
5. All matches should commence at 8.15pm; should any team arrive after 8.30pm; then the home team has the option to claim the game. Any team failing to fulfil a fixture they will be fined £10, and forfeit the match.
6. All matches. In the premier division the first four frames, the visiting side will break. The last four frames, the home side will break. In all cup matches the format of playing will be drawn out of the bag and placed on the results sheet. Note in Division One, Two, Three & Four a TOSS OF THE COIN followed by alternative Breaks.

7. Referees; All matches should be officiated alternately by each team. In general the referees decision will be will be final. That is unless both players disagree with the decision made, then they may overrule any decision made by the Ref.

8. Result cards must be handed in at every meeting correctly filled in with full details. Failure to comply with result in a £1 fine for everyone missing match card. For every meeting it is missing.

9. Delegates/Licensees; Names must be submitted at the start of the season. No County/Professional player may enter these merits. Only the named Delegate/Licensee may enter these merits and that Delegate must attend 50% of the meetings.

10. Anyone not playing their merits on or before the given date will be eliminated from the competition. Unless permission has been granted by the merits secretary. Then they must be played within 10 days of the date.

11. In play-offs the head to head results between the teams will decide the outcome. If however they still cannot be separated then a play off must take place. This also applies in the Sub Leagues.

12. No transfers will be allowed. That is unless the committee sees fit, under certain circumstances.

13. All major merits finals should be officiated by a committee member.

14. Match/Cup & Merits results should be text or phoned into Tony Latham preferable on the night of the match, no later that 12-00pm. Failure to do so will incur a £2 fine. (Phone or text 07766200221).

15. All clubs must pay £2 at every meeting to go into a league draw. Prizes consist of 4 x £10 draws. The remainder goes into our league funds.

16. Any team/player found to be owing the league £40 or more or bring the league/game into disrepute, will be suspended. All clubs are responsible for their players conduct.

17. All teams are requested to provide a prize for the presentation evening raffle.

18. (Applicable to doubles merits). There should be no talking between shots.

19. Delegates should stay for the duration of the meeting. Only two apologies allowed per season after that £10 meeting fine applies and an automatic one point deduction from your points total.

20. Single Merits Competition; we will be running two competitions in conjunction with one another. (Namely Premier & Subsidiary Merits) the entrance fee as follows; Premier £5 and Subsidiary £3. However, no County or professional players may enter the Subsidiary competition, you also may only enter one Competition and not both.

Any money taken for merits entries will be divided equally between the Trophies & payout.

21. Failure by any team to fulfil the first round of any cup competition will automatically disqualify themselves from the relevant event.

22. No team/player must put any other leagues matches/competition before our own. If they are found to be doing this, they will forfeit the relevant game and also be fined.

23. Eight Ball Clearance Rule; Only on a players first visit to the table, as long as all fifteen balls are on the table, will an eight ball clearance be accepted. Eight Balls will only qualify in the League & Cup matches. Also no eight ball trophies will be given out to anyone who has done less than 4. However, if it is your first one achieved in our league, we will present you with one.

24. All music/TV's should be kept to a reasonable level. Or the visiting captain may request the volume to be turned down. Failure to do so may result in the match being cancelled until the committee can review the matter.

25. Cancellation if matches; no matches are to be cancelled for any reason. Failure to fulfill a fixture will mean that the opposing team will receive a 12-4 win. Teams, whose venue is affected by football matches, may move the fixture to another venue, as long as the away team have been notified and agree to this.

26. Doubles merits & Mixed Doubles Merits. Will be played under the Scotch doubles playing format. A player from any team may enter the doubles/mixed doubles merits. If however your partner is banned during the course of the competition, you can replace the player by a player who has not entered the competition, and is already a signed player in our league. No County or Professionals may enter the Sub Scotch Doubles. Smoking during merits is not allowed unless agreed by both players.

27. Our league only plays World Rules & will have five divisions of no more that 12 teams in each division.

28. Time permitting; each division will have a division handicap, (teams will split into A & B teams). Or a charity four person tournament.

29. All signed players must reside within Staffordshire/Cheshire.

30. Merits competition; the first two rounds of both singles & double will be played on Wednesday night. After which they will be played on a bar chart system on Sunday

afternoons.

31. Mixed Doubles; Players must break alternate, with the male & female to break in turn.

32. A.G.M: No apologies will be accepted for the A.G.M: All teams must be represented or incur a £10 fine.

33. There will be no break for the Potters Holidays; you must play though.

34. Any team entering our league must meet the following requirements. Their venue where the home matches are to be played, must hold a full license and also hold a full liability insurance certificate. Also to have the facilities to hold pool matches. They also must have access to enable players to have a pre match practice on another night other than the night they normally play on if required.

35. In Pubs/Clubs with more than one table, No practising allowed once match commences.