

## WORCESTER AREA INVITATION BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER LEAGUES

### RULES 2015/16

1. That the league be called the Worcester Area Invitation Billiards and Snooker Leagues. (W.A.I.B.S.)
2. The league shall be controlled by a Management Committee composed of a Chairman, Vice — Chairman, Secretary and seven Committee members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting to be held in the month of May. Dates of the Management Committee meetings to be advised by the Secretary. Five members to form a quorum. The Management Committee has power to co — opt a member of the committee in the event of a vacancy occurring during the season.
3. That each team pay a membership fee to be decided at the A.G.M. All fees to be payable when returning registration forms provided to be in the hands of the Secretary by the first Saturday in July. Teams withdrawing after this date to forfeit all fees paid.
4. That home and away fixtures of four players playing games of 100 up to be played in the Billiards League. All sets of billiard balls for the league and cup matches will be Pro Cup type, with each ball spotted (red spot on white and yellow) and that it is the responsibility of the home team captain to provide such a set wherever possible. Games to be played on a handicap basis, one point being awarded for a win. The championship to be decided on points. In all divisions of the Snooker Leagues, home and away fixtures of five players playing games of one frame each will be played, one point per game to be awarded for a win, the championship to be decided on points. The two top teams to be promoted and the two bottom teams relegated. If two or more teams are level on points at the end of the season, matches won shall decide the winners. In the event if still tied, a play-off may be organised by the Committee. If any team, prior to the commencement of a match, knows that they will be short of a player or players, they shall forfeit the last leg or legs of the match.
5. That all players be bona-fide members of the club, or employees of the works they represent, signed for and registered one day before being eligible to play.
6. Requests for transfer of players must be received by the League Secretary, in writing, 24 hours before the player is eligible to play. Transfers to be left to the discretion of the Management Committee. An acknowledgement email to the League Secretary will suffice.
7. Any team playing an ineligible player will forfeit all legs of the match to their opponents, plus a fine of £5 for each offence. 8a. Postponement of either Snooker or Billiards fixtures shall fall into one of two categories and there will be no exceptions to this arrangement.

#### 8.i) **Force Majeure**

It is agreed that short notice postponements may take place, and the match be subject to rearrangements rules with no penalty to either team. Such Forces shall

cover Acts of God, Adverse weather or team illness (where recognised symptoms are apparent), power failure and the like.

#### **8.ii) Insufficient Numbers**

Postponements will be permissible should the required number of players not be available to make a team. The team postponing shall be deemed the "Offending" team and shall automatically suffer an immediate 2 point deduction for failure to fulfil the fixture on the allotted date. These penalties, and the fine of £10.00 shall be enforced, and any "Bonus Point" award shall not be available to the offending team if the rearrangement falls outside that allowed by the Rule (8 and 8a), whatever the stated period be. This rule shall not be applied should dates prior to the fixture in question be offered as alternatives.

The "Non-offending" team shall be required to play the fixture within the allotted time provided that:

- Sufficient Notice is given of Postponement.
- The rearrangement dates given by the "Offending" Captain are in accordance with Rule 8.
- There is a table available at the Home venue on which to play.

In the event of non-compliance with any of the above criteria, both Captains will be required to give a full, written statement and to personally attend a hearing, if so requested by the committee.

It is also noted that 48 hours' notice of postponement is required. The allotted time allowed in which to rearrange a postponed fixture is 14 days of original fixture date. This arrangement must be made within 24 hours of the original fixture.

Rearrangements outside this period are subject to Rule 8.2 above. Sole discretion is to be that of the Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding. Under no circumstances can any fixture be played after the final week of the fixtures league.

#### **9. Fulfilling Fixtures**

A minimum of three players constitute a snooker team, two for billiards, provided the games for which the Offending team has not any players are forfeited. Less than three players (two for billiards) shall constitute a walk-over for the Non-offending teams, who shall be awarded the match 5-0 at snooker or 4-0 at Billiards

10. Teams failing to fulfil a fixture on the night as specified in the League Fixtures List, unless 48 hours notification has been given to league Secretary and opponents, shall be fined the sum of £5.00.

11. Matches to commence at 7.30pm prompt. If match is not commenced by 7.45pm, either captain may claim the first game against the offending team. In the event of any team causing a further delay of more than 15 minutes during a match, the opposing captain may claim each game so delayed. Any dispute arising from this rule to be notified to the League Secretary within 48 hours.

12. The home team to appoint a referee, whose decision is final. It is also recommended that a marker be appointed.

13. That the home team be responsible for good order being maintained during all matches
14. In both Billiards and Snooker Leagues before the match commences the captain, or his representative, will nominate his team in proposed order of play, without knowledge of opposition's intentions. No alteration to be made unless by mutual consent.
  - 14a). Once the players order has been nominated, by captains' mutual consent, a later frame may be brought forward with the players' names to remain unaltered. The frame being replaced is then moved down a slot in the playing order.
15. All matches in the Billiards League to be played on Wednesday evenings. In the Snooker League on Thursday evenings, but in certain cases teams may be authorised to play on an alternative evening from the league Fixture List.
16. All players' registration fees are included in league entrance fee. Each player will receive a copy of the League Handbook.
17. In the event of a complaint of any kind, full particulars of such must be sent (in writing) to the League Secretary within 7 days of its occurrences.
18. That all league clubs shall obtain Billiards and Snooker Control Council rules of Billiards and Snooker, and all games be played under these rules.
19. That results and details of all matches to be made out by the home team on cards provided for that purpose. The information can either be delivered or posted (league results will not be accepted by telephone) to reach the Results Secretary by noon Saturday following the match. Defaulting teams will have 2 points deducted for each offence. Results may be emailed to the Results Secretary but must be followed by the official scorecard within the permitted time should the scorecard not be received within 7 days of the match any legs won by the offending team shall be forfeited.
20. All trophies are the property of the Leagues and must be returned in a clean and undamaged condition to the League Secretary by the 31<sup>st</sup> March annually. Defaulting clubs or individuals will be responsible for the loss or damage of such trophies.
21. Clubs may become members of the Leagues by invitation only. Any club wishing to enter the leagues must apply, in writing, to the League Secretary 14 days before the A.G.M. Clubs desirous of entry of entering extra teams may do so if accepted by the A.G.M. The actual composition of the leagues each season shall be decided by the Management Committee.
22. That any proposed amendments to rules for A.G.M. should be forwarded to reach the Legal Secretary 14 days before the A.G.M.
23. Teams forfeiting legs may be fined at the discretion of the Management Committee, except as covered in Rule 11.
24. Any snooker player who has entered the professional ranks will be handicapped in league matches as well as in any competitions. Any professional

player will not be eligible for the highest break trophies nor the top of the averages awards.

25. A discretionary power shall be given to the Management Committee to meet any circumstances not provided for by these rules. The decision of the Management Committee on all matters to be final.

26. There shall be a qualifying number of matches in order for a player to be eligible for any individual honours or merit awards. This shall be no less than 60% of the season's league matches.