

LEWES AND DISTRICT BILLIARDS & SNOOKER LEAGUE

June 2011

CONSTITUTION

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1. NAME: The League shall be known as "The Lewes and District Billiards and Snooker League."
2. OBJECTS: The objects of the League shall be to promote the interests of the games of Billiards and Snooker. To organise and carry out Competitions between Teams and Individual Players in Membership with the League, and to award Trophies and Medals or the like as may, from time to time be determined. Also to enter Teams in Senior and Junior Inter-League Championships where possible.
3. OFFICERS: The League shall consist of the following Officers:-
President. Chairman. Secretary.
Treasurer. Results Secretary. Competitions Secretary.
Press Secretary.

Such Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the League and serve for a period of one year on each occasion.
4. COMMITTEE: The affairs of the League shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the Officers and a Member from each Club plus up to four other Members elected annually at the AGM and to serve for one year.
A Quorum shall consist of SIX, including Officers, and the Committee shall have the power to co-opt other League Members as deemed necessary.

The Committee shall have the power to act fully on all matters concerning Championships, Competitions and Finance within the League. It shall not be permitted to inflict any fine not covered by these rules, to amend any rule, or to make new rules, without first submitting same to a General Meeting to which all Teams have been invited to attend.
5. SUBSCRIPTIONS: Each Snooker Team shall be required to pay an Annual Registration Fee of £ 75.00 and each Billiards Team £ 50.00. Fees shall be due for payment not later than the date stated on the 'Teams Registration Form' sent to each Venue before the start of each new Winter Season. Additional teams may enter the Summer League and/or Cup Competitions on payment of £15.00 per team prior to the start of these competitions.□

No more that SIX snooker Teams may play from any one Venue
6. LIFE MEMBERSHIP: At an Annual General Meeting, the Members present are empowered to bestow LIFE MEMBERSHIP on any Member, who has given outstanding service to the League or any Member, who has played consecutively for a great number of years.

7. REGISTRATION
OF PLAYERS:

Professional Players are not permitted to register for the League.

There shall be no restriction with regard to age or sex of Registered Players as far as the League is concerned.

Each person registered for the winter leagues must be in possession of a Registration Card, in the form of a Fixture List, which is made available to all Venues by the League at the start of the winter season.

The Member should enter their name and the Team for which registered on the front of the List, and may be called upon to produce it by an Officer of the League.

No Member shall be allowed to play for any other team (whether or not it is at the same Venue) in any Division of the League, during the course of one winter or summer season. The Member may however play for one Venue at Snooker and another at Billiards or the same Venue at both. Also members may register for different teams and clubs when these competitions do not run concurrently (e.g. Winter and Summer leagues).

Members of Teams, who are subject to promotion or relegation are not allowed to register en bloc in the same division, which they leave.

If any Member wishes to transfer from one Team to another during the course of a season, whether or not the new Team is in a different Division of the League, that Member must apply in writing to the League Secretary and such application will be dealt with by the Committee, whose decision shall be final.

8. CONDITIONS
OF GAMES:

All games shall be played under WPBSA Rules.

Billiards: A team shall consist of THREE players; each match shall be of three games of 150 up. Points shall be awarded as follows:-
150 - 5pts. 125 - 4pts. 100 - 3pt. 75 - 2pt. 50 - 1pt.

Winter Snooker: A team shall consist of FIVE players and each match shall be of five games of ONE Pyramid each. ONE point shall be awarded for each game won.

Summer Snooker: A team shall consist of THREE players, each playing two frames against a single opponent. ONE point shall be awarded for each frame won. If a knock-out competition match is drawn (3-3) then the winning team will be decided by a frame using 3 reds only, which will form a triangle behind the pyramid spot, contested by a player nominated by each team captain.

In all Winter League matches the HOME Captain shall enter his Player's name first, before handing the Result Card to the opposing Captain to enter the name of his Player. In all Summer League and Cup matches opponents will be randomly drawn before play commences. The actual order in which the matches are played can be varied from the order in which they are drawn if both teams agree.

Each Team shall play every other Team within the Division a minimum of two matches during the season (at least once at Home & Away), according to the Fixture List prepared by the Secretary and advised to each Team.

Tables must be brushed and ironed before the commencement of play of the first game. The starting time for all League and Cup games to be 7.30 pm. In the event of a representative of a team not being ready at that time then the first game will be forfeited and subsequent games at 30 minute intervals thereafter.

In the case of postponed matches (Also see Rule 15), irrespective of circumstances, it will be the responsibility of the HOME Team Captain to arrange the alternative date on which the game is to be played. Such re-arrangement must be done so that it is played within FOUR WEEKS of the due date, or ONE WEEK after the last League fixture, whichever is the earlier.

In the event of any dispute arising over the above conditions the matter shall be reported in writing to either the League Secretary or League Chairman, who will call a Committee Meeting to decide on the dispute. In such cases the disputing Team may be asked to attend and it will be the Team's responsibility to ensure they have a representative present.

In the case of a Team habitually turning up at matches short of Players, or in the extreme, failing to turn up at all, then the Committee shall be empowered, at their discretion, to dismiss the Team from the League, deleting all relevant results to date. Such Teams will not be eligible for a refund of fees.

9. AWARDS AND TROPHIES:

The Team attaining the highest aggregate number of points in each section shall be awarded the League Trophy as follows:-

BILLIARDS:- The Lewes & Newhaven Billiards League Challenge Cup.

WINTER SNOOKER:- Div. 1. - The 'UNCLE WHITE' Snooker Trophy.
Div. 2. -The 'TED JENNER' Cup.

SUMMER SNOOKER:- Div. 1. - The 'JOHN SUMMERS DIVISION 1' Shield.
Div. 2. - The 'JOHN SUMMERS DIVISION 2' Shield.

There shall also be Individual Championships for Billiards and Snooker during the winter season. Participants in the competitions must be team players. All registered Players may enter for the Billiards and Snooker Individual Cups, and also the Oakley Pairs Trophy. Players aged 24 or less on September 1st may also enter the Young Players Snooker Championship for that season. Players aged 55 or more on September 1st may also enter the Senior Snooker Championship for that season.

A minimum of eight entries must be received for a Competition to be run. There shall also be the following Tournaments held:-

FRED MARTIN CUP - This shall be a Team Knockout Tournament open to all registered Teams in the various divisions of the Winter Snooker Section.

JOHN SUMMERS CUP – This shall be a Team Knockout Tournament open to all Teams in the various divisions of the Summer Snooker Sections.

OAKLEY PAIRS CUP - This shall be open to teams of TWO Players from the same Club who are registered with the League.

GREEN & WADE

SPORTS CUP -

This shall be a Team tournament open to all registered Teams in the Billiards Section. The format of this competition shall be decided by the Committee year by year.

An award will be made for each Snooker Division for the Players attaining the highest number of breaks in the Winter League matches of 25 and over for Snooker Division 1, 20 and over Division 2 and 25 and over for Billiards.

A further award will be made for the highest break in a League match in each Division of both Billiards & Winter Snooker & Summer Snooker. The CHARLIE SYLVESTER CUP will be awarded to the Snooker Player with the highest single break during the Winter season.

The awards will be presented to the winners subject, in all cases, to the winning Venues accepting liability for the safe custody of the relative Trophy/Trophies for the duration of the next year

In the event that two or more Teams in the same Division obtain an equal number of points, the Team with the greater number of winning matches shall be deemed the winner. In the event of a complete tie on both points and winning matches, then the number of drawn matches will be taken into account. If teams are still equal, then the team winning most points in the matches between the tied teams will be placed higher. If the teams are still equal then the Committee shall arrange a play-off to decide the outright winner of that Division. The number of Teams PROMOTED and RELEGATED will be decided, where possible, at the Annual General Meeting.

10. RESULTS: It is the responsibility of the HOME Team to ensure that the result of any match is advised to the Results Secretary, as soon as possible, and NOT LATER THAN TWO DAYS after the match on the official Results Card or by e-mail. The Results Card must have been signed by a representative of both sides before posting.
11. TABLES & BALLS All matches must be played on an approved Full-Sized Table and with Super-Crystalate or Amarith Balls.
12. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS: In the event of a Team playing an ineligible player or players, then the offending Team will concede the game or games to the opposing side.

At the same time, the Committee is authorised to impose a fine on the offending team.
13. REFEREES: The HOME Team shall be required to provide a Referee/Marker for each game, mutually agreed by both sides.

That person shall act as referee for the duration of the game and their decision on all points affecting the game shall be final. In view of the inexperience of some Players on all the Rules of Billiards &/or Snooker, it is permitted that they may call for advice in the event of uncertainty of rules or in the event of dispute as may be deemed necessary.
14. DRESS: Players must at all times be suitably attired and it is the responsibility of the Captains to ensure that their Players abide by this requirement. Lady Players are recommended to wear trousers or a long dress.
15. LADY PLAYERS &

PERSONS UNDER
18 YEARS:

Where a Venue is unable to accept such players then Home advantage for the game or match will be forfeited, or the relevant games conceded. This applies to all League Games and Competition Matches.

16. ALTERATION
OF FIXTURES:

Any alteration of the designated fixture date for matches, must be notified to the opposing side not less than 24 hours prior to the due date, at the same time the League Secretary must be notified. Non-compliance with this requirement shall make the offending side liable to total forfeiture of the match and a fine at the discretion of the Committee.

17. INFRINGEMENT
OF RULES:

The Committee is empowered to deduct league points from any Team who infringe the League Rules.

18. PROTESTS &
DISPUTES:

Any protest or dispute arising between Venues, Teams or Players, whether or not it is covered by these rules, must be referred in writing to the League Secretary or Chairman, within THREE DAYS. The matter will then be considered by the Committee, whose decision will be final, and will be notified to all parties in writing.

19. MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION:

Application for Membership of the League must be made in writing to the Secretary, who must bring the matter before the next Annual General Meeting of the League following the application date.

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All matters not covered by this Constitution shall be dealt with by the Committee and settled as it deems fit, but shall be referred to the next Annual General Meeting, where it may be considered for addition to or amendment of the Constitution.

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