

Kirkham & District Pool League Constitution

The League Committee shall have full power to deal with matters not covered by these rules.

Structure of the Competition

1. Each team will be charged an entry fee of £40 for the Winter season and £25 for the summer league and this will include entry into any team KO competitions that they may qualify for. This allows each team to submit 10 player names and any additional names can be added at £4 per player. Additional players MUST be registered before they play. All fees for additional players must be paid by the following monthly meeting and failure to pay will make them ineligible, with the obvious possibility of point deductions. The landlord/steward will be free of charge. But can only play for one team.
2. In the winter season, teams will consist of 7 players and the match will be of 7 single frames. The players of games 1, 3, 5 and 7 to be chosen by the home captain, the players of games 2, 4 and 6 to be chosen by the away captain and to break in the same order. Captains to supply referees when it's their team's break.
3. The format for the summer league is 5 singles frames, followed by two doubles. Captain's can field a team of between 5 & 9 players, as players may play in both the singles and doubles.
4. Points awarded are, 1 point per frame won, plus 2 extra points for match win, i.e. 4 - 3 = 6 - 3. There is no win bonus in the summer league, just the frame tally and each doubles frame attracts 2 points.
5. The League Committee will not interfere with a landlord's right to refuse a player into his/her premises, regardless of minimum age to play in the league (14 years). Should any team have a player aged between 14 and 18 years, then that team must obtain permission from the licensee, allowing the player to enter and play. Any player under 16 must vacate the premises before 10.00pm. Some pubs/clubs may be subject to variation of these conditions and it is the responsibility of the captain to ascertain any variations and abide by them. We as a league, cannot interfere with the rights of the licensee, but would request that declining entry permission ought NOT to be based just on age.

Matches & Fixtures

6. All matches must start by 8.30pm. The official has the right to claim a frame every 15 minutes.
7. All teams must have 3 registered players at the venue before 9.30pm. Failure to do so will result in the defaulting team losing the match. Any frames won by the defaulting team will still count. Please note that the 15-minute rule still counts from 8.45pm. (See above rule 4).
8. Teams are NOT allowed to miss more than TWO consecutive fixtures, otherwise they could face ejection from the league with a fine of £20 and a warning over future inclusion in the league. Postponements are allowed but these must be with the agreement of both teams and MUST be played before the next scheduled league match is due to be played. The captain requesting the rearrangement, must give a MINIMUM of 48 hours notice. If no rearrangement can be agreed, then teams unable to field a full side on the scheduled date of the match must still fulfill the fixture and the penalty will be the appropriate loss of frame (s) due to shortage of players. Any captain in this position must advise the opposing captain prior to the match commencing.

9. All teams MUST play their final THREE fixtures of the season. Failure to do so could result in the loss of ALL POINTS and a fine imposed, plus a review of future inclusion of the league. Should any team fail to fulfill a team match be it league or cup, then the offending team may NOT be invited into any of the team knock out competitions for the following season and could face either a fine or points penalties or both.
10. If a team drops out at the halfway stage, all points won or lost in the first half by their opponents will remain, and the second half matches will be byes, unless a substitute team can be found to take up the fixtures. If a team drops out during the first half, all points won will be deducted.

Results

11. Score cards must be handed in within 72 hours, failure to do so will result in 2 points deducted. It is the responsibility of the winning captain to hand in the scorecard. (Do not leave it with someone else; it could result in a fine if they forget to hand it in). OR a detailed e-mail to either David Eyre or Jason Oldfield with a picture of the card or via the website using the jotform system. We must have this information by the Monday midday, to avoid a points penalty. A picture of the card on the facebook page is also acceptable.

Registrations & Transfers

12. Registration of players, each team must submit a list of player's names at the beginning of the forthcoming season, i.e. before the first match. Names will not now be accepted off result cards. Any team playing unregistered players will have 25 points deducted per occasion, (and under old rules) could be liable to disqualification. See AGM 1/6/82. The word disqualification means the rest of the season.
13. Team captains can register new players by either text or email to any committee member before 8pm on match nights, after 8pm they must wait until the following week to be able to play. It is the interest of each captain to keep a record of his/her registered player's names, so as to avoid the embarrassment of losing 25 points, or whatever penalties the Committee and/or delegates deem necessary.
14. Every and all players must be registered for their team and cannot play for another team in the Kirkham Pool League, or any other pool league on league and cup nights, as all Kirkham League Fixtures take precedence on league and cup nights to any other league.
15. Licensees entering new premises during the season, will automatically be registered to play, if they so desire.
16. The transfer of players will be allowed in the winter section, (up to and including the January meeting) subject to committee and both captains approval, but only at the monthly meeting.
17. A player may only apply for one transfer per season and both captains must attend the meeting relevant to that transfer request and any player who transfers after the first cup match will be cup-tied).

Promotion, Relegation & Merits

18. Promotion and relegation will be on a two up two down basis, for as long as there are at least four divisions and the bottom two teams in Division 3 will have to apply for re-election to the league.

19. Play offs are now introduced for each division and the 3rd bottom team will play the 3rd top team from the division below in a one off match on a neutral table and the winning side to either retain their divisional status, or gain promotion via this route.
20. The divisional merit winner will now be decided on most games won and in the event of a tie, will play off at a neutral venue to decide the winner. The singles competition will take place divisionally, with the income per division going back to the winner and placed players. Winners and runners up will be invited into a grand final for trophy purposes only.

Tables & Equipment

21. All tables must be adequately lit and the set of match balls are to be used and be of acceptable condition.
22. Equipment - all venues must provide rests and this must consist of a normal X rest and either a spider or a swan neck, in view of the fact that some clubs have larger tables.

Refereeing

23. Captains are allowed to referee any frame with a responsible nominated player available, in case of a dispute.
24. Any referee with more than one complaint against him will not be permitted to referee again that season.
25. Each team should nominate a referee to go on a league panel to referee the more important games.

Conduct & Behaviour

26. Captains are responsible for their players conduct and must report all cases of misconduct to the League Secretary or the Committee, who will take whatever action deemed fit. Any player(s) guilty of joining or causing violence within this or any other league will be expelled forthwith from the league and the use of drugs or illegal substances will be treated similarly.
27. We are also a non tolerance league regarding any act or form of racism. In line with current pub watch ruling (May 2016), any ban relating to violence, drugs or illegal substances will carry an automatic 2 year ban effective immediately. In addition to the above, the committee will have full power to deal with any disciplinary measures on a one off basis and will be entrusted to penalize teams and/or individuals based on the nature of any offence and is not subject to judicial rules or process. Any offences dealt with by the committee will be reported back to the team captains at the next monthly meeting following the offence and action.

Other violations interpreted as unsporting conduct are;

- Foul and abusive language.
- Throwing articles around – e.g, cues, drinks and/or pool balls etc.
- Arguing with an opponent, spectator, team mate or the referee.
- Continuously disagreeing with the referee's ruling.
- Interfering with - or putting off an opponent when shot's are being played.
- Not moving away from the table when the opponent is in control of the table.

28. To alleviate any confusion, ANY person or player who posts on any social media network any material deemed to be of a foul, disrespectful or unacceptable nature, directed at anyone connected to our league, will face an immediate ban and the team they are associated with may have 25 points taken from their points and could also be considered for expulsion from the league.

Committee & Meetings

29. The Annual General Meeting will be on the first Tuesday in June, unless otherwise stated.
30. All monthly meetings must be attended and one apology per season will be allowed. 1 point will be deducted for the 2nd missed meeting and 5 points for any thereafter. Only one delegate will be allowed to represent each team at a delegate meeting. Venues with more than one team can have one person attend for that pub/club, unless it's an AGM or EGM, where all teams have to be represented. One vote per team only.
31. Anyone wishing to apply for a position on the committee must observe the following procedure;
 - A) The request must be in writing and seconded by an existing committee member.
 - B) The 14 day ruling for AGM proposals is to be adhered to.
32. The committee will then have the chance to interview the person before the AGM to determine their suitability, or otherwise.

Knockout & Individual Competitions

33. Individual, Doubles and 4 man team competition. Names and venues to be drawn prior to the monthly meeting irrespective of whether a player gets a home venue or not. Entrance fee to be £2.50 per player in the singles, doubles and mixed doubles competitions. The 4 man team event also £2.50 per player, making £10.00 per team, with all 4 players playing and these are payable at presentation of names at the meeting. Any person failing to pay will not be entered NO PAY - NO PLAY. The entrance monies will be divided into cash prizes for the winners, runners up and semi-finalists.

Format for the 4-man team is as follows:

Best of 9

- i. Singles (Player 1)
 - ii. Scotch Doubles (Players 2 & 3)
 - iii. Singles (Player 4)
 - iv. Standard Doubles (Players 1 & 3)
 - v. Singles (Player 2)
 - vi. Standard Doubles (Players 2 & 4)
 - vii. Singles (Player 3)
 - viii. Scotch Doubles (Players 1 & 4)
 - ix. Blackball Shootout – Best of 5 then sudden death - All Players in the same order
34. During competitions, all teams and players must be at their venues by the stated time, or face ELIMINATION from the competitions. (currently 8.30pm for singles, doubles & Four-Man).
The Best of the Best has a start time of 8.00pm on both nights.

35. Team KO draws will be conducted at a captains' meetings and in rounds prior to the semis and finals, the first team drawn out will be the home team in each fixture. Should an establishment have more than one team and they are both drawn a home, then the first one drawn out will take priority and the other team will have to play the fixture the night before (if possible) or they could reverse the fixture (if agreeable), or choose an alternative venue if one is both available and acceptable. In any event this fixture MUST be played on or by the round draw date. Both semi-finals and finals of all team competitions will be played on neutral tables.

Financials

36. Any and all outstanding fines, i.e. late results and non-attendance of meetings, plus league fees MUST be paid PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE LEAGUE SEASON, OTHERWISE DEFAULTING TEAMS WILL NOT BE REGISTERED. A list of fines will be published at the meetings.
37. The Committee WILL DISQUALIFY DEFAULTING TEAMS from Cup-ties for non-payment of dues. (See above rule).
38. All lists of players and monies can only be accepted at a meeting and a receipt must be obtained ensuring the smooth running of the league and its competitions.

Movement of Teams

39. If a team wishes to change venue, subject to the league vote count, may retain their divisional standing if they want to move by choice. If a team have to move through no fault of their own, they will retain their divisional standing. In the event of this request, both the captain wishing to transfer the team AND the landlord/licensee/manager who will be losing the team, MUST attend the relevant meeting to state their case and this will be heard ONLY at an EGM or an AGM.

Sundries

40. The use of the captain's e-mail circulation list is given to the league by the members, for the sole purpose of the committee to communicate to captains and players. No one is to use this list (unless authorized by the committee) and any abuse of it will be treated as with rule 26.
41. All registered clubs must abide by all fund raising schemes; failure to do so will result in expulsion from the league.
42. A copy of these rules must be available at all matches, either on a notice board or in loose form.