



League Rules & Constitution 2019/20

TITLE – The league will be called ‘**The Rhymney Valley Snooker League**’

- 1. AREA** – The league will cover the Rhymney and Sirhowy valleys, from Rhymney and Tredegar to the north and Taffs Well and Rogerstone to the south. Teams from outside this area can participate with the approval of the League Management Committee.
- 2. LEAGUE FUNDS** – Funds to be deposited in a bank. Cheques to be signed by Treasurer and Secretary or Chairman. Committee should ensure the league remains solvent at all times and maintained at a level of at least £100 credit if possible.
- 3. LEAGUE RULES** – All games to be played in accordance with the rules of the **W.P.B.S.A.** with league Rule amendments.
 - a. These additional rules can only be changed or amended at the Annual General Meeting.
 - b. A team becoming a member shall accept all league rules.
 - c. **The Foul & Miss Rule (League Modified)** can only be called 3 times & calling Foul & a Miss 3 times.
Guide: After replacement of the cue ball for the 4th time this then become the player's final attempt. If the player fails to hit the object ball the referee should only call a foul.
The Oncoming player has then an option of playing from where the cue ball comes to rest or passes the shot to his opponent.
If however, the referee believes in their opinion, that there was not attempt to hit the object ball,(Deliberate) then the referee should warn the player and call Foul & a Miss or Free-Ball whichever applies.
- 4. LEAGUE COMMITTEE** – The committee will be formed by each team having one representative with full voting powers.
- 5. LEAGUE OFFICIALS** – The league shall appoint at the AGM the following officials;
Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. These officials may represent a team at meetings but only the Chairman will hold a casting vote.
- 6. LEAGUE FEES** – To be announced by the treasurer and agreed by all delegates annually at the AGM.
- 7. TEAMS AND PLAYERS MEMBERSHIP–**
 - a) All teams that join the league will honour all of the constitution and honour all of its rulings.
 - b) All teams and players involved within the league will agree to having any match LIVE STREAMED without seeking prior agreements.
 - c) Teams to be registered at the AGM or within 7 days of the AGM.
 - d) Players must be listed by first meeting of the season and can only play for the team they have been registered with.
 - e) Registration of new players close on the **31st^h December.**
 - f) Transfer of players will be at the discretion of the league committee.
- 8. LEAGUE FORMATION** – The league will comprise of two divisions with top two teams being promoted from the second division to the first and the bottom two teams in the first division being relegated to the second division at the end of each season.
If divisions become unequal due to teams entering or leaving the league, the number of teams promoted or relegated may alter to level up the divisions.
New teams entering the league will be placed in a division at the discretion of the committee, but on the whole new teams will automatically commence from the lower division.
A fixture list will be provided by the Secretary before the start of the new season.

9. CONSTITUTION OF TEAMS – Five players will make up a team.

- a. If a team only has three available players for the match, the match must go ahead and the team will concede two points.
- b. **If a team has 4 players for any LEAGUE match then a draw will be made to determine a player to play the 5th frame.**
- c. **The Draw for the 5th frame must be completed before the match commences.**
- d. **The rule above (9.b) DOES NOT apply to any Cup Match whereby 5 individual players must participate.**

10.POINTS – One point will be awarded for each frame won in a match. **W/O** to be entered on result card for any frame not played.

The League tables will be determined by most points collected by the teams.

Final Positions: to determine relegation or promotion positions: In the event of teams becoming equal at the end of the season then a play-off will take place at the first possible date. This will be organised by the Results Secretary.

11.MATCH NIGHTS – All Matches to be Played on Wednesday Nights and commence at 7.30pm.

- a. Matches cannot be cancelled except in cases of inclement weather.... The League secretary must grant any such cancellation.
- b. Matches can be played before the date scheduled as long as its before the date.
- c. Failure to fulfil a fixture will impose a fine (See Fines Below).

12.MATCH NIGHT PROCEDURE -

- a) Total Points for each player to be entered on result card, Breaks to be entered and signed by both Captains.
- b) Results to be texted / or photo of card to be sent to the Result Secretary on night of match.
- c) You can Scan the result card and send as Picture message.
- d) There is no need to post if scanned. Bring card to the next meeting.
- e) Providing a player arrives before the end of the last frame, he should be allowed to play.
- f) Home team will mark 'spot' for the duration of match. Opponents selected by draw.
- g) Order of play can be agreed by Captains. Any disputes play as per draw.
- h) Home teams to provide referees, result cards completed by home captain & signed by both team captains then forwarded to the result Secretary to reach him by the Saturday following the match.
- i) Late Results and Cards will impose a fine. (See Fines Below)

13.COMPETITIONS

Paperwork will be issued at the relevant meetings to ensure registration for any tournament is done in time.

Paperwork will contain return date and will be classed as the deadline date. Failure to return the form at the scheduled date will forfeit any entry into the tournament.

- a) All Draws will be made electronically Live at each Meeting. On Occasions the draw will not be possible to be done at a meeting. The Draw will be made via video link and posted on the website.
- b) **LEAGUE AND HANDICAP CUPS –**
League Cup.....Opponents to be selected by Electronic draw and played as per draw.
Handicap cup.... Captains to decide order of play of their teams then match them up.
- c) **SINGLES & DOUBLES COMPETITIONS –** All players are responsible for arranging their matches which **must** be played by the closing date for each round Which is usually the Next general Meeting Date.
- d) **U21's Tournament- format, dates and Venue/s to be decided annually.**
- e) A Schedule of frames per round is issued on the Draw Sheet & fixture sheet.
- f) **Dates for Semi Final / Finals** will be issued at the commencement of the season. Dates issued on the Fixture Sheet cannot be moved or rearranged.
- g) Any difficulties contacting their opponent You must contact & inform the Secretary immediately.
- h) **Dress Code for Tournaments -All players will abide by a dress code** i.e. to wear trousers, collared shirt or polo shirt in all semi finals & Finals..

Failure to comply with the dress code will result in the player being excluded from the match.

14.VENUES FOR SEMI FINALS / FINALS-

Sponsors have a certain amount of respect as they help with keeping the league running. With signed agreements in place with sponsors on occasions it may clash with a player having home advantage.

The league will do all it possibly can to uphold fairness to all players. However if an match involves a match being played within a players home venue then all players agree that this is the case due to sponsorship and NO objection can be made.

We the committee, will endeavour to arrange play on a neutral table if possible.

15.LEAGUE MEETINGS – Meetings will be held at regular intervals, Usually the First Thursday of each month. Dates will be set out at the start of the season and Shown on the fixture list.

Should a reason arise for a special meeting, the Secretary will inform all clubs of the date.

ATTENDANCE – Each team must have ONE delegate at any meeting. Failure to attend will impose a fine. (See Fines).

16.FINES – The following fines will be imposed for the following;

Late Result/ Card -	£1.
Failure to fulfil Match Fixture-	£20 plus food cost (£10)
Missed Meetings -	1st - £5 2 or More £10 each
Late Payment of League Fees -	£10 (Must be paid by December Meeting).
Missed AGM -	£20

17.TROPHIES & PRIZES – Each year the league will provide trophies (6 in total for each team) or prize Money to the winners - runners up and **3rd position of league matches** (funds permitting). it may on occasions unable to award certain cash prizes due to lack of sponsors /Funding but the league will issue prize format at commencement of each season.

It was agreed at season 2018-19 to introduce cash prizes. All award winning teams will be given the choice of cash or award.

18.PRESENTATION NIGHT – Will take place at a venue and on a date decided by the league committee.

- All Awards, must be collected at the presentation night.
- Players unable to attend due to work commitments should notify the Secretary in advance and nominate someone to collect their prize on their behalf.
- Any prize not collected on the night, will be kept or disposed of by the league.

19.LIVE STREAMING-

All players joining and participating in the league will agree, without seeking prior permission to having certain matches LIVE STREAMED.

20.PRIVACY POLICY-

The League operates a PRIVACY POLICY which was legal requirement and operational by the league from 1st August 2018. This policy can be seen via the website, also downloadable. or you can request one by sending an **email to: brian@rhymneysnooker.co.uk**

21.All decisions concerning league matters will be decided at the delegates meetings and all decisions by the delegates will be regarded as final. Any matters arising not covered by these rules will be dealt with at the delegates meeting.

2019/20 Season Amendments:

9b	New Team Format explained
13d	New Tournament introduced
17	New Prize Position Introduced
18	Detailed