

EAST KILBRIDE POOL LEAGUE

Affiliated to

The Scottish Pool Association

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Constitution & Rules

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Sponsors:

The Whitehills Bar

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1. NAME & OBJECT

The League shall be called 'The East Kilbride Pool League' hereafter referred to as 'The League.'
The object of The League is to promote and encourage the game of Pool in our area.

2. ADMISSION TO THE LEAGUE

Any Team/Club wishing to be admitted to The League must be proposed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). They must submit a Team Registration Form to the General Secretary prior to the AGM.

3. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual Registration will be paid by each Team to the League (Currently £60) at the AGM and prior to any Match commencing for the Season. Every Team will pay a monthly subscription to The League (currently £40) at each Management Meeting. Each Registered Player is also required to pay an Annual Registration Fee (currently £5) at the September Meeting. The Committee shall compile and revise a register of all league players on a regular basis. Any change of Fees will be set by The Executive Committee and the Members notified prior to the AGM.

4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An AGM will be held prior to the start of each season on a date fixed by the Committee. The business of the AGM shall be to receive an Annual Report and the Accounts and Balance Sheet as audited, to elect Office Bearers and to consider any other business as may be submitted by the Committee or any motion to be proposed by a Member Team/Club. At least fourteen days notice must be given in writing to The League General Secretary for Any Other Business. On receipt of such motions the General Secretary shall add them to the Agenda. Any Team/Club applying for Membership to the League must attend the AGM or the Management Meeting prior to the start of the League.

5. EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Under exceptional circumstances an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called by any Member Club which submits a requisition signed by Two Thirds of Team Captains eligible to attend and vote at an AGM. The requisition must state the reason for the EGM and be presented to the General Secretary. Upon receipt, the General Secretary shall call a meeting not less than 14 and not more than 21 days from the date of the receipt.

6. NOTICE OF MEETING

The General Secretary shall post notice of any EGM and the object of the Meeting to all Member Teams/Clubs at least 7 days prior to the date of the EGM. All notices will be posted on the EKPL Forum Page and will be deemed to have been read by all Members.

7. BUSINESS

Only the business in the Notice of the EGM shall be discussed.

8. VOTING

At an AGM or EGM all Registered Members are entitled to attend and vote. Each Member present is entitled to one vote. In the case of a tied vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A duly constituted AGM/EGM may adjourn as to such time the Members direct. No additional business shall be discussed following an adjournment.

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of a Chairman; General Secretary; Treasurer and Executives as deemed necessary at the discretion of the Executive Committee. They shall be elected by the Members present for a period of one year or until their successor(s) is/are appointed.

The Executive shall control the management of 'The League'. The Executive shall have the power to make decisions as they deem necessary to carry out the objects of 'The League'.

A ballot of Members present at an AGM to elect Office Bearers shall be conducted before A.O.B. for the forthcoming year is discussed.

Any Executive Committee Member failing to attend three consecutive meetings shall have deemed to have resigned unless they provide the Committee with a satisfactory explanation.

11. CHAIRMAN

The Chairman shall Manage The Executive Committee Meetings, The Monthly Captains' Meetings, The AGM, EGM, Disciplinary Meetings and any other Meeting called for the purpose of running The League. The Chairman shall have the casting vote on any tied decision.

In the absence of the Chairman, the General Secretary shall act or appoint an Executive Committee Member to Chair any meetings of The League.

12. GENERAL SECRETARY

The General Secretary is responsible for carrying out all administrative duties on behalf of The League. The Secretary shall record the Minutes of all meetings and make them available to all Captains on request.

13. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall keep records all monies received by The League from any source. The Treasurer shall keep records of all monies paid out as required and as requested by the Chairman or General Secretary. All surplus monies must be deposited in a Bank Account in the Name of the League. A small cash float may be retained to fund any small ongoing costs. The Treasurer shall provide, at each Management Meeting, a financial report on the running of The League. On Request any Team Captain may see this report. The accounts must be available for Audit given 7 days notice by The Chairman or General Secretary. The Treasurer shall supply all members present at an AGM a Trading Account of all Income and Expenditure and Final Year End Balance. The Treasurer will provide a draft Prize Fund by the November Meeting.

14. MEETINGS

All Team/Club representatives must attend the AGM to Register for the forthcoming Season.

All Team/Club representatives must attend the September Meeting to Register all Players for the forthcoming Season. This Register will be kept complete and up to date and posted on the Forum with contact details for the Captain and Vice-Captain of each Team.

The Committee will meet once per month as per usual with Dates and Times advertised. All Team Captains and Representatives are welcome to attend all meetings. Any Member paying League Dues in Cash will have to attend the Meetings. Any Captain wishing to raise an issue will have to attend the Meeting. Apart from extenuating circumstances there will be no obligation for Teams to be represented at any further Meetings and no penalties for non attendance.

The Committee Members may represent their Team/Club but forfeit their committee voting rights. A maximum of two representatives per Team/Club are eligible to attend meetings. Only one representative per Team/Club be allowed to participate at a meeting (other than an AGM/EGM). However, more players may be allowed at the discretion of the Executive Committee, provided that Team/Club does not have a contentious issue on the agenda. Only ONE is entitled to vote on behalf of the Team/Club. The Honorary President also has one vote if not representing his team. Each Executive Committee Member also has one vote. However, if there are more than one Committee Member from one team, only one may vote on any motion. Any Team/Club who fails to pay their monthly dues at the meeting are responsible for paying any arrears to the Treasurer in person, prior to playing their next match. Failure to do so will result in a ONE League point deduction.

15. MISCONDUCT OF MEMBERS

A complaint procedure can be started with a phone call to any Committee Member. Minor complaints may be settled between the parties with the Committee adjudicating. If the complaint is of a more serious nature the Committee require the complaint in writing. This can be in the form of a printable text, E-mail or letter. Any complaint should be made immediately to the Committee so action can be taken asap to resolve any dispute.

Any issues arising from disputes or misconduct will be dealt with under the Disciplinary Procedure.

See Appendix (1)

16. OWNERS/MANAGEMENT OF POOL MATCH VENUES

The Owners/Management of pool venues have the right to ban any Member from their premises for conduct within or out with pool league activities. Owners/Management can allow such players to compete in future matches at their discretion.

17. PLAYING RULES

A Separate copy of the Playing Rules (Scottish Pool Association Rules) is available on the League Website. Any updates will be clarified at a general Meeting.

18. TEAM/CLUB MEMBERS

All Team Captains should ensure that their members act in a sporting manner during games. It is the responsibility of the home team to provide refreshments and pay for any table costs. **If the Venue cannot provide food it is the responsibility of the Home Team to provide the Food. Failure to provide food incurs a £20 fine.**

19. EKPL FORUM/FACEBOOK PAGE

Each member shall use the social media in a responsible manner. Disrespect to fellow Members or to Venues or the Management of Venues can result in disciplinary action. Any offensive or unauthorised postings shall be removed by the moderators.

All information regarding the League shall be posted on the Forum. It is the member's responsibility to keep up to date on current events, competitions, rulings, etc. Sensitive information not for publication out with the League shall not be posted on Social Media.

20. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

All persons resident in the town of East Kilbride (G74 & G75) are eligible to play in the League and shall be known as Home Players. A non EK Resident who has played three consecutive years in the League and has made themselves available for the EK Super league Teams shall be deemed to have Home Player status. Reviewed on an Annual basis. Each Team is allowed to Register a maximum of FOUR Out Of Town Players for any League Season. Once the limit of FOUR is reached, no other Out of Town Player may be registered. Players are not deemed registered until they have played one competitive League or Cup frame. Any Member, current or non-playing, who is on the current register from 2015, who was once an EK Home Player, on rejoining the League, will retain their status even if they stay out with the catchment area. This will apply for as long as the Committee retain the Register of Players. Players may be registered at a monthly meeting or their name and Address be given to the General Secretary or other Executive Member 24 hours prior to playing. The Registration Fee must be paid prior to playing. **New players can be signed up to and including week 22.**

21. TRANSFERRING OF PLAYERS

After the first three games of the League Cup and prior to the commencement of the League Season, players may move to another team, but having played in the League Cup, will be Cup Tied for any future League Cup Matches.

Players may only transfer once during the League playing season, in any addition to a transfer after the commencement of the League Cup. **A player cannot transfer after the Half-way stage of the League matches.**

Transfer will result in all personal League wins not counting towards POTY. This does not affect any Team Score.

When transferring a player must pay a further £5 Player Registration and any previous team must be reimbursed any costs they incurred, by the transferring player, prior to playing for their new team.

22. MATCHES

All matches should commence at 7.30pm. The Pool Table should be available for any visiting team at 7.15pm for two practice frames. If a Team turns up late lose their practice frames. Each frame shall commence with a Lag for break as per the SPA Rules. (note each player should lag simultaneously and if one ball should hit the bottom cushion prior to the other ball being struck, the player of the first ball can request a re-lag.) The Home Team shall provide the referee for the first frame and alternate referees thereafter. If a Team has not arrived prior to 7.40pm they will forfeit the first frame and each subsequent frame every 10 minutes thereafter. Matches can commence with only one player but the second player and subsequent players

must be ready to start on time or lose their frames. Any Team failing to fulfil a fixture, (ie. Failing to turn up or provide a minimum of 4 players) will be issued with an Official Warning and One League Point followed by a £20 fine for any subsequent breach and One League Point for each breach. The default win score shall be 14-0 for each breach.

Failure to fulfil a Cup Match shall be treated the same as a League Match.

In extenuating circumstances a Match may be cancelled if both Team captains agree. Otherwise the fixture must be fulfilled. If both Team Captains agree to a cancellation, the Team that didn't cancel shall give three dates to play the fixture, one of which the cancelling team must accept.

If a Match, including a re-arranged Match, has to be continued at a later date, teams may use Registered Players who were not on the original team sheet but cannot register players for continued matches.

Outstanding frames should be completed within four weeks of the original match and in all circumstances completed before the end of week 22. The last four ties must be played within the designated week. Ie. Week 23 ties must be played before week 24 ties and so on until the end of the season. If the last League Game has to be continued it shall be completed within 7 days of the original match. Failure of two teams to complete a match will result in the loss of all prize money for that Tournament.

All disputes should be referred to the Executive Committee.

23. CUP MATCHES

All Cup Matches are played Over two sets of 7 Games as per League Rules. League Cup is a short League Run followed by a straight knockout drawn to the final depending on League Format Results

Robert Black is Played home and away with a straight knockout format until the Final.

League Cup & Silver Cup. First name from the Draw has Home advantage.

League Cup Semi-finals and Final shall be played in the Sponsors Venue (The Whitehills Bar)

Silver Cup Semi-finals venues go to the first name from the Draw. Final will be played in the Sponsors Venue (The Whitehills Bar) All Finals to be played on a Tuesday night.

Robert Black Cup and Consolation Cup. Semi-finals and Finals shall be played in the Sponsors venue (The Whitehills Bar).

League Cup and Silver Cup playoffs are over 3 single frames. Players nominated in order by each Captain.

Robert Black and Consolation playoffs are a 5 Man penalty Shootout. Followed by sudden death if required. The Captains can agree that the 5 men can go again in order or play on with other team players.

24. LOCAL RULES

Teams can play any number of substitutes in the first seven if a Player is late or fails to turn up. Teams are not permitted to play a substitute in the second seven. All Team Members on the sheet in the second seven must play their games.

In the interest of fair play and sportsmanship any reasonable request from one Captain to another to change the order of play should be permitted. (Eg. Player delayed through work; player having to leave early to go to work and requesting to play the second 7 match sooner because the Team only have seven available players, etc.)

25. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISIONS

During the course of a season disputes will arise and proposals will be made. The Executive Committee will base their decisions on all available facts and their decisions will stand for the remainder of the playing season. (See rule 10. Executive Committee) Any decision made can be challenged at an AGM with the decision being ratified, amended or overturned and this will then form part of the Constitution for the following season.

26. SUPER LEAGUE RULES

a. The Four Captains for A,B,C & D Teams are to be voted into Office at an Egm called between April and June and will remain as Super League Captains for the next two seasons covering four events. Should a Team Captain step down before a Term of Office then a replacement will be decided by a vote at a Monthly Management Meeting and that Captain will be in Office for the remaining events of the original term.

b. Captains have first choice of Players in the order of Seniority A,B,C & D.

- c. If two Teams are playing in the same Tournament then the Senior Captain will have first choice of Players. If a Player is unavailable for that Captain they cannot make themselves available for the next Captain.
- d. A Captain can request a Player from another team but the individual Player has the right to decline this request even if the Teams are playing at the same event.
- e. No Captain can request a player from any other squad within 4 weeks of an event.
- f. Each non-playing captain will have their accommodation money paid and a playing captain will receive half towards their accommodation. Currently £40 and £20.

27. Any Team or Individual who owe overdue amounts to the League shall be suspended from the League until all debts are paid. Should there be a dispute the suspension may be temporarily deferred until suitably resolved by the Executive Committee.

28. In the event of a tie Poty will be awarded jointly. Team representatives must hand in POTY stats at each monthly meetings and all team sheets at the half way point of the league.

29. Any new team formed into the League will have their Registration Fee of £60 returned to them on completion of the season. One Season only.