

# LEEDS WEST POOL LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

Last amended 17 January 2010.

## OBJECTS

1. The name of the league shall be the Leeds West Pool League, hereafter known as the League.
2. The League is formed for the purpose of promoting pool amongst all players within the Leeds area. The League shall organise team competitions, individual and pairs competitions.

## THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. The League shall select a management committee to undertake all League business.
2. The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and up to five other members drawn from the affiliated teams. Additionally, any Interleague team captain shall be a member ex officio.
3. The three main officers will be responsible for the finances of the League; all cheques must have two signatures in accordance with the bank mandate. The Treasurer will maintain adequate records of income and expenditure and at all times observe proper banking procedures. The accounting year shall end on the last day of the month immediately preceding that in which the AGM occurs.
4. The three main officers will hold office for two seasons. Other elected members of the Committee will hold office for one season. The retiring members will be eligible for re-election without nomination. The Committee will appoint any member of the incumbent committee to fill any vacancy that may occur. The Committee may also co-opt any person whose appointment would be beneficial to the League.
5. The Committee shall hold a meeting at intervals conducive to efficient management of League business. At all Committee meetings three members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of carrying on the business of the League.
6. At a Committee meeting all Committee members present shall be entitled to one vote (except where Discipline Rule 5 applies). In the event of a tie the chairman shall have an additional deciding vote.
7. Any member of the committee may call a meeting after giving 48 hours notice and reasons for doing so to the rest of the Committee.
8. Subject to this constitution (as amended at any AGM or EGM), the Committee shall have full authority, to make any decision that, in their opinion, is deemed necessary or beneficial to the League members.
9. The League will endeavour to reimburse all reasonable expenses incurred by any member of the Committee while conducting business on behalf of the League, such expenses to be approved by the Committee.

## CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS

1. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held by the League, before the start of the new season, at which the election of the Committee will be held, and at which any member can charge the committee to give full account of any action taken by the committee.
2. Any member wishing to add any item to the agenda, or make a nomination for the Committee, must notify the Secretary, in writing, at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting. The Committee must inform members of the time and venue of the AGM in good time.
3. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be requested by at least 50% of the teams in the League on application to the Committee. Any letter of request for an EGM must contain signatures of current members from at least 50% of the Leeds West Pool League teams. Such meeting should take place under the same conditions as for an AGM. An EGM shall take place if at any time the Committee feel it necessary, or if circumstances reduce the committee such that a quorum cannot be achieved.
4. General meetings usually take place every 4 to 5 weeks. These meetings are held to keep teams up to date with the season's progress and are the starting point for any disputes.
5. The following people will be entitled to one vote each at a General Meeting:
  - All elected members of Committee present (subject to there being no other representatives of their team in attendance).
  - All ex officio members of Committee present (subject to there being no other representatives of their team present).
  - All team representatives present, up to a maximum of one vote per team.
  - If there is more than one member of any single team on the committee, only one of them will have a vote upon any issue, excepting the chairman in the event of a tie, and then he/she will have an additional casting vote.

## LEAGUE ORGANISATION

1. Membership shall be open to all teams, clubs and public houses in the Leeds area.
2. The Committee reserve the right to refuse membership to any team or individual if for any reason they consider that granting membership shall be detrimental to the league.
3. All teams shall pay fees as agreed at an AGM. Only fully paid up teams will be entitled to enter any competitions organised by the League.
4. All monies held by the League will, after deductions for legitimate expenses, be used for the benefit of all League members.
5. All competitions run under the auspices of the League will be played to the official EPA World 8 Ball playing rules, as amended from time to time, and also under the League General Rules. The League has the right to make changes to the League Rules at any league meeting. However, any changes to the Constitution must be made at an AGM or EGM. The Committee shall promulgate copies of all current relevant rules to member teams.
6. Prize money and trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner up in any competition where an entry fee is required. This does not include registration fees. Trophies will be awarded to the winners and runners up in all other competitions. In team events other than the 3 man team competition, eight trophies will be awarded to the qualifying teams. Any team that requires more than eight trophies must let the committee know prior to the time of ordering the trophies.

## DISCIPLINE

1. All members shall endeavour at all times to abide by the rules of the League.
2. The Committee reserve the right to suspend, fine or expel any individual or team for breach of these rules or any other rule that the committee makes at any future time or for any act deemed to have brought the League into disrepute. Any member/team will be afforded every opportunity to defend themselves or explain themselves to the Committee.
3. Any team expelled from the League will forfeit the whole of any subscriptions and bond paid for the current year, and any rights accorded to them as members of the League.
4. All arrears owed to the league must be paid by the first league meeting of the season for the team to be eligible to play in that season.
5. Any member may request the committee to mediate in any dispute they may have with any other member/team within the League. Any major disputes will be dealt with by the committee, following an appeal and after receiving notification in writing to any member of the committee within seven days of the League meeting where the dispute was heard. A committee meeting will take place where both parties will be asked for their versions of events. No committee member will be allowed to sit at the meeting if they are team members of any party involved in the dispute. Any decisions reached by the Committee will be final and binding on all parties.