



League Rules & Constitution 2022-23



1. **TITLE** The League shall be called the Merthyr & District Snooker League.

2. **LEAGUE FORMATION**

The League will consist of Teams Accepted by all current delegates and with an application prior to any AGM. Teams will only be permitted to join by a clear satisfied vote.

- If registration is accepted then the joining team/s are obliged to accept all rules that the league carry.
- All Teams Must be presented at the monthly Scheduled Meetings.
- The League will issue a full schedule of dates prior to any season. Including information regarding Contacts, Web addresses and any Procedures.
- All teams joining the Merthyr Snooker League agree to abide by all the League Rules plus automatically grant permission for allowing Live streaming of events within the League.

3. **LEAGUE COMMITTEE**

The League committee will be formed with Officers and Sub Officers, All Officers to be voted into position within an AGM, thereafter holding their position for 2 years. All Sub Officers are made up within teams of the league, Past or Present and are voted annually.

- Only 1 Person from each team may join the committee.
- Officers Roles will constitute the following positions
President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary/Fixture Secretary, Treasurer.
- Members must be Minimum of 2 Representatives.
- All above positions hold voting powers as long as a delegate from their respective team is absent.
The chairman is the exception to this rule who will have a casting vote in the event of any tie.

4. **FINANCE / FEES**

The treasurer will be responsible for all finances and ensure all funds are held within a bank Account approved by the League Committee.

- A Report will be issued at all Monthly Meetings by The treasurer outlining current funds.
- Any Withdrawals/ Cheques issued to be Signed by Treasurer & 1 other Officer.
- Treasurer will ensure Solvency at all times, Possibly by depositing surplus funds into a higher interest account.
- Season Entry Fees to be determined at every AGM and notified to all Teams, **CURRENT SEASON ENTRY FEE IS £25.00 per team.**
- The Entry Fee allows registration of 12 players, If a team/s uses more than the limited registered players then a £2 charge is payable for Each New Player.
- All Individual Tournaments are paid in addition to the entry fee. These amounts will be determined at Every AGM.
- ALL Fees Must be cleared by MID SEASON 31st December. Failure will impose Fines (See Fines).
- Fines -Fees Chart

Late Match Card (After 5 days of Match)	£2
Un-authorized Player Used	£5 + (-2pts)
Missed Meeting	£5 then £10
Match unattended -(Less than 24hr Notification)	£20
AGM not Attended	£20
Late Fines/Fees Cleared (past Mid Season)	£5 per month

5. **CONSTITUTION OF A TEAM.**

- A team will be made up by ⁶ ... Players (determined annually).
- In the event of a game being played and one side not having a full team then the match will stand with the defaulting team forfeiting the points. (These become Wins for the opposite side and count as 1 point).
- A Match will go ahead with a minimum of 4 players.

6. REGISTRATION OF TEAMS & PLAYERS

- a. All new team(s) wishing to enter the league must be approved by the management committee & New team(s) will be placed in a division of the league at the management committee's discretion if necessary.
- b. All teams for the forthcoming season must be registered at the A.G.M and a delegate must be Present.
- b. Each team must register ALL players on the registration date or when notified of alternative date.
- c. New player Entries cease on January 31st that being the last month that any registration can be accepted by the secretary. No club can play a new player without first obtaining permission from the League.
- d. Players can only play for one club only.
- e. Teams may register up to two players outside the normal area subject to the conditions laid down in the Rules.
- f. Player transfers require permission from the secretary, If a player has played in the current season then they are not permitted to transfer for the entire season. If the Transfer is granted then a **£2 fee** is payable.
- g. All players are eligible to play in any fixture as long as they are comply with 6c. Any player that has not participated in the league or Played 4 matches throughout the season will not be permitted to play in Semi Finals or Final.

7. LEAGUE STRUCTURE & FORMAT

- a. All Matches to be Played on a Monday Night.
- b. The League Will be made up of 2 Equally balanced Divisions, More Divisions if required and determined each season upon registration entries with all teams playing under the WPBSA Rules (Amended 2021).
- c. The League operates the Full (Foul & Miss Rule) The League operates a variation for Lower division Team Fixtures only which are:, Foul and Miss can be called for a maximum of 3 times, if the ball on is not achieved legally within the 3 TIMES. It can be replaced for the last time.
- d. Rule 7c above is not applicable in Cup Matches, these are All played to Full WPBSA Rules.
- e. Fixtures will be published by the fixture secretary before the commencement of any new season.
- f. Team Fixture dates may be postponed **Only after the Secretary grants permission** and also its Not Less Than **48 Hours Notice**.
Any Postponement of a Match Must Be Played within **14 days** of the original scheduled date & it is the responsibility of the defaulting team to ensure the match is rescheduled in time
- g. If for any Reason the Match is postponed and the Committee has to intervene then their decision is Final.
This decision will be made by the committee who has the Final Decision.
- h. **NO POSTPONEMENT of Matches are Permitted Within the last 4 Weeks of the SEASON.**
- i. All dates are set for the entire season including individual Tournament dates which must stay static without any amendment unless for extreme circumstances. (Secretary must be informed ASAP).

8. AWARDING OF POINTS.

- a. Each match is awarded on frames won, One Point per frame will be awarded.
- b. League tables will be maintained by the league throughout the season, If Teams are equal on points at the end of any season then Play-offs will be required to determine positions.
- c. Points will be awarded for frames as long as players are registered. Any Player not registered will revoke any winning Point gained.
- d. Points Awarding Table Below

League /Team match Frames Won	1pt
Postponed match not Completed within 14days (Voided)	0-0 or 6-0 if defaulted
Team Failing to Turn Up (Awarded to Team Present)	6-0
Team Failing To Turn Up (Deduction + Fine (See Fines))	-2pts

9. DURATION OF GAMES

- a. All matches to commence by 7.15pm for Venues with 1 Table Use.
Other Venues with 2 tables Use must start at 7.45pm.
- b. Providing a player arrives before the last game is ready to start he should be allowed to play.

10. MATCH NIGHT PROCEDURES

- a. See (9a).
- b. To determine the draw for the night Both Captains will Place into a hat their team Players Names and then the Captains will Draw each player from their opponents, out of the hat and Write the name accordingly onto the match card in order they are selected.
- c. If a team has insufficient players then BLANKS must be included into the draw. Blanks become Byes.
- d. The Opposite captain then repeats this procedure, doing the same on the Match Card.
- e. The HOME captain then selects the order they wish to play each frame from the Paired Frames on the card.
- f. If one or more frames are not played, no score/Data should be entered other than a point per frame.

- g. Any Player arriving late are permitted to play as long as they arrive before their frame commences. Captains are required to inform their opponents if a player is late before matches commence.

11. RESULTS CARDS

- a. Results Cards will be issued by the the fixture secretary at the beginning of the season.
- b. It is the responsibility of the home captain to ensure the results sheet is properly filled out on the night of the match and signed by both captains with all Score data correct including any breaks.
- c. Home Captain must forward the Match card, On night of match or latest 24hrs of the Match, to the Secretary by electronic means, SMS etc.
The Hard Copy of the result sheet then to be handed in at the next Meeting.
- d. FAILURE to comply with this will incur a fine of **£2 or Possibly Deduction of Points**.

12. TEAMS FAILING FIXTURES

- a. In the event of a team failing to turn up without giving 48 hrs notice or granted Postponement will be fined not less than **£10.00p** with any justifiable expenses claimed by their opponents The match will then be awarded 6-0 to the opposing team and the Failing Team Deducted 2pts.

13. LEAGUE MEETINGS / ATTENDANCE

- a. League meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month unless the committee decide that, because of month ending, it should be held earlier. Should it be deemed necessary to call a meeting at any time (EGM), it is the secretary's responsibility to inform all clubs of the meeting by text or Phone Call.
- b. Each team must elect its own representative and if this person is unable to attend, another person should be nominated as a replacement to attend any meeting. Should a team fail to send a delegate for two successive meetings, 1 point will be deducted from the team's division total. In addition, the first meeting missed will impose a £5 fine and £10 thereafter.

14. INDIVIDUAL SINGLES & DOUBLES TOURNAMENTS

- a. All **Home drawn players** in any singles or doubles matches must offer within **SEVEN days of the published draw**, three dates to their opponent(s). Should problems arise in arranging a match, the fixture secretary must be NOTIFIED immediately. (Failure to notify will lead to the matter not being addressed/Possible Scratched).
- b. The Fixture Secretary will then take control of any problematic matches. Where players fail to observe this rule (14.a), both sides will automatically be scratched from the competition unless evidence is provided to the secretary that all attempts have been made.
- c. The Committee will provide a decision on all Matches that are reported. The Committee decision is Final.
- d. Any Singles or Doubles match that results in Both Players / Pairs being eliminated from a tournament will not be permitted to enter the Individual Tournaments the following season. (Banned for 1 Season Only).
- e. Any Player/s awarding a match, Without playing it, will not automatically qualify for any Plate Draw.
- f. All Deadline Dates issued at commencement of the Season for each round MUST be maintained. If any match is not played by the date set will become void subject to rule (14.b)
- g. Full Rules are applicable in Individual Tournaments. There is no Handicaps or Modifications for these events.
- h. Draws for Singles & Doubles will be made at the Monthly league Meetings and published within 24hrs of the Draw.
- i. Venues will be allocated for each event, however, initial rounds , Not including semi finals or Finals are played as First Drawn Played at Players Home Venue.
- j. Semi Finals & Finals are DRESS CODE applicable, also venues will be allocated nearer the scheduled date taking into account Neutral Venues for all Players concerned. The League will also attempt to provide a referee and TD for all Semi's & Finals.
- k. Any High breaks achieved in these Tournaments are not permitted as entries onto the High Break ladder.

15. CUP COMPETITIONS

- a. League Cup Draws will be made at a monthly meeting where possible, Cup rounds other than the Final and Semi-Final will be played on a home and away basis. The first team drawn out will be the home team for the first leg and the away team for the second leg.
- b. Final and Semi-Final matches will be played on the tables of neutral clubs on a basis of one frame per player. The first and second legs will be played on the dates of which will are set on the Fixture Sheet.
- c. All Finals matches will be played on a 1 frame at a time basis. (Single Table).
- d. Handicaps are applicable to Teams in Lower Divisions who Play a Higher division side, (Mainly designed for the Consolation Cup Only). In this Instance the Lower Division Players receive 15 points per player and entered onto the scoreboard prior to commencement.
- e. Players eligible to play in a Team Cup match must have played at least 4 occasions through the current season.

16. TROPHIES AND AWARDS

- a. Each year the league will provide (funds permitting), Cash Awards, medals or plaques to the league champions, and suitable presentations to all the winners of league organised competitions.
The league will also (funds permitting) provide suitable runner up awards for all its competitions. All trophies being of equal value.
- b. Annual Trophies are to be returned to the league prior to new seasons presentation in the same condition it was received.
- c. If for any reason a Cup is lost or Damaged the league will issue a request to the last Winner/s of the Trophy for re-imburement of a New replacement Trophy of the Same value. This also applies for any repair of a returned Trophy.

17. HIGHEST BREAKS / MOST WINS (Best Stats)

- a. Each Season the league will award a suitable award to the players, top break from each division. who makes the highest break in any league Fixture matches ONLY, a Single frame match.
- b. High Breaks within Individual tournaments will not be included.
- c. A new Award commencing 2022/23, will be for Most wins,(Best Stats) in each Division, Sponsored by J.G Property Developing. A shield and cash award will be presented however the shield is returnable annually & Rule 16c applies..

18. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Presentation night will take place annually if elected to do so at the AGM. A venue will be sort and date allocated for the event. All Delegates will be issued with posters to advertise the event. Any player absent on the presentation night, without a valid excuse or representation by another, will not receive their award/prizes.

19. CLUBS RESIGNING OR EXPELLED

- a. In the event of a club either resigning or being expelled from the league, all players affected, if they wish, can sign for another club for a fee of £1 per player before the closing date of 31st of September.
- b. The said clubs record shall be deleted from the competition unless, in the opinion of the league management committee, the deletion of the clubs record towards the end of the season will tend to give an advantage or upset the clear and just claims of the champions and runners-up of that league. The settlement of the league table shall be left in the hands of the league management committee.

20. AMENDMENT TO RULES

- a. No Amendment may be made to any league rules except by the decision arrived at/in the AGM meeting .
- b. Any Suggestion of amendment to any rule held within this constitution or rules must be made in writing and supplied to the League secretary.
- c. Any change of Motion must be in writing and supplied 7 days before an AGM

21. USE OF CLUBS

- a. All clubs may have restrictions in place; it is the responsibility of the Captain that they are aware of ANY RESTRICTIONS THAT CAUSE THEM NOT TO BE ABLE TO PLAY IN ANY VENUE.
- b. In the case of matches having to be arranged by the league on neutral tables, clubs are requested to co-operate by placing their facilities at the disposal of the league. Permission to sell raffle tickets etc. must be obtained from the relevant club committee before any tickets are sold.

22. MATTERS NOT COVERED

- a. Any matters arising, which are not covered by the rules, will be dealt with by the league management committee.

23. AGM

- a. All Teams must attend the annual AGM, A delegate can be appointed to attend.
- b. Non attendance of an AGM by any delegate will impose a £20 fine, Any Delegates/Teams that do not attend have 7 Days to inform the secretary that they wish to register for the forthcoming season. If this procedure is followed then relegation will not apply.

24. PROTESTS

- a. All protests must be made in writing and lodged with the League secretary not later than 72 hours after the incident has taken place.

All decisions by the League Management or its Officers will be regarded as final.