

# Stafford & District Billiards and Snooker League

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## 2015 AGM – Competition Proposals

Proposed changes, with the committees reasoning, to the running of competitions are detailed within this document.

### KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

The committee is concerned that the league loses money on the knockout competitions and that the prize monies are being bolstered by income from league games. The treasurer, Dave Bishop, has analysed where the support has come from for knockout competitions we have offered in 2014/15. He has also provided a spreadsheet (attached) detailing the actual amounts received and the monies paid out for each competition.

#### Snooker 2015

Club	Number of teams	Entries
Perkins	2	12
Institute	2	6
Kennys	2	15
Constitutional	4	29
Woodseaves	1	11
Universal	2	1
Derrington	3	12
Rugeley	1	3
Blymhill	4	4
Bradley House	3	9
Burton Manor	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>103</b>

#### Billiards 2014

Club	Number of teams	Entries
Institute	3	6
Perkins	2	6
Constitutional	4	12
Rangers	2	3
Woodseaves	1	7
Derrington	2	7
Blymhill	2	0
Rugeley	1	0
Bradley House	3	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>47</b>

## Current competitions and proposals:

### Billiards Season

**Lotus Festival Cup** – the league's flagship billiards competition which is now the worst supported competition held.

**Proposal** – It is changed to a handicap competition.

### Les Williams

**Proposal** – the competition should only be run if 12 or more entries are received for each event.

**Snooker Handicap doubles** - Poor support and conflicts with Denham Doubles competition.

**Proposal** – Discontinue competition.

### Snooker Season

**Division 2 and 3 knockouts** - were originally created to give lower division players the opportunity to compete at their own level in a knockout situation as an alternative to entering the Hatfield Cup. They have never been well supported and retaining them actually works in conflict with the Hatfield Cup.

**Proposal** – Discontinue both competitions and run one or more evening events where a knock-out competition, for each League, is held.

**Hatfield Cup** – the league's flagship snooker competition receives reasonable support but we need to encourage more entries from all divisions. The committee would like to make this a sponsored competition.

**Proposal** – No Change

**F J Fairbrother Shield (under 25s)** – This is a free competition at present.

**Proposal** – Only run the competition if a minimum of 8 entries received.

### Denham Doubles and Grand Masters

**Proposal** - Only run the competitions if a minimum of 12 entries received.

### Roy Goode Secretaries and Captains Cup

**Proposal** - Only run the competition if a minimum of 8 entries received.

## 2015 Snooker and Billiard Seasons

**The committee proposal is to change to the start dates for both competitions as follows:**

The snooker season starts the beginning of September 2015

The Billiards season to start after the Snooker Season has completed.

Why: Because the Management Committee see it as being beneficial to the longevity of SDBSL

It brings the league into line with the professional game, when there is more exposure to the game on TV and the most likely period where we will gain new people interested in joining the league. It brings into line with the majority of other local leagues.

Allows more flexibility in arranging additional competitions and fixtures

A few statistics to consider:

The 2013/2014 season had 26 Snooker teams over three divisions and 5 players per team. This adds up to 130 players plus reserves. Whereas the Billiards season had 20 teams of three players, this adds up to 60 players plus reserves. The Snooker League season finished on the 13<sup>th</sup> May which we know caused issues with some teams, they had to play a number of matches before the end of the season. This caused problems not just for them but for the opposing teams.