

SDBSL RULE AMENDMENT PROPOSALS FOR AGM-2017.

New/Amended Rules

3) All players must be registered with the Match Secretary **for a current team and allocated a league handicap before they can play in any league or KO competition.** ~~before playing their second game in the SDBSL.~~

12) For the ineligibility of players, player short and for instruction of players in play (after warning), the following scores can be awarded against them by the referee:

Billiards Division 1: 100 v 0

Billiards (other Divisions): 75 v 0

Team KO Competition: Total points for frame v 0

Snooker Division 1: 60 v 0

Snooker (other Divisions): 42 v 0

Team KO Competition: 147 v 0

16) In all league and team competitions the match shall be played to the order of the card. If one team believes they will be short of players, the opposition team captain can determine which position on the card is to remain blank. In the case of a player playing the wrong opponent, should the frame be completed, then the result stands. **It is not allowed under any circumstance to unfold the match card and see the opposition order until both team orders have been recorded. If this occurs, then it will be deemed as 'gaining an advantage' and a blind draw should be made for the offending team.**

16b) In all league divisions apart from the first division. If one team is short of players, the opposition team captain can either agree to one player in the team short of players playing two games (by blind draw and to be entered on the match sheet as DRAWN) or determine which position on the card is to remain blank. If a player is drawn to play two games in a match then only the players first frame result will be used for the purpose of merit award or player rankings and aggregates.

17) League matches can be pre-arranged and played before their original date without informing the Match Secretary. ~~If there is a requirement to be flexible with fixtures on an individual basis, then these will be fully reviewed on each occasion. This may lead to teams fulfilling fixtures prior to scheduled dates or fulfilling fixtures over additional dates, these will always be prior to the last match of the season.~~

18) **The postponement of matches is not allowed and teams failing to contest a match as fixed will forfeit all games and be subject to a fine. Exceptions to this rule will only be permitted in the event of adverse weather conditions or extreme circumstances. Teams can turn up on two occasions per season short of players but on the third occasion and every occasion after shall incur an administration fee of £10. Any team captain requiring the postponement of a match should first seek the opposing captain's agreement. If agreement is received he should also obtain a new date to play that must be within 28 days of the original date or before the final league fixture of that season, whichever is the sooner. The Match Secretary must be advised of the postponement and the rearrangement at least three days prior to the original date of the match. If no agreement is possible between the captains involved the Match Secretary must be advised of the circumstances in good time and he will consult with the Management Committee. The matter will be reviewed by**

~~Committee members not directly linked with any of the teams involved in the dispute. The Management Committee decision will be final. With the exception listed in Rule 17, a club postponing a match without permission or failing to contest a match as fixed shall forfeit all games and be subject to a fine.~~

25) In Billiards, the points total played for in each division will be set by the management committee as required depending on the league structure in force at the time. Where the handicap system is in operation, the handicap shall be applied as defined in rule 49 or as directed by the management committee depending on the league structure or competition entrees. ~~Division One will play to 150 points. Division Two will play to 125 points; all other Divisions will play to 100.~~ In Snooker, all divisions will play one frame per player and in Billiards, all divisions will play one game per player. (This is subject to team entries)

25b) In Billiards, where the handicap system is in operation, a player is still required to score the points total for the division. Under this scheme the better player will receive the higher handicap. The handicap will be applied as demonstrated in the following example:

~~In division 1:-~~

~~Player A has a handicap of 40 and Player B has a handicap of 80.~~

~~Player A would need to score 150 (total for the division)~~

~~Player B would need to score 190 (total for the division + handicap difference)~~

46) All Knockout competitions are open to SDBSL registered players and entrance fees will be set by the Management Committee. **To be eligible for a KO competition all players must have played at least 3 league matches.** In a team knockout competition only players who have played in a previous round will be allowed to play in a final. Any deviation from this rule is at the discretion of the Match Secretary.

49) Handicaps awarded shall be determined by the Management Committee and are subject to alteration at any time. In individual handicap matches any start should be marked on the scoreboard before each frame. In Team Handicap Matches, ~~played between Snooker Division 1 teams;~~ any start should not be marked on the scoreboard and each frame treated separately. In this case the combined handicap for the team should be entered at the top of the match results card and this combined handicap is then added to the aggregate frame scores. ~~This is necessary so that the miss rule if played is applied correctly for division 1 teams.~~

~~54) All Knockout matches postponed in the correct manner, (see League Rules 17 and 18) must be completed within 7 days of the original date. Where neutral clubs and tables have been booked for the latter stages of knockout competitions, these matches cannot be postponed unless exceptional circumstances exist, and only then with the agreement of the Management Committee or their appointed representative on these matters and the League Match Secretary.~~

In all competitions, Semi-Finals and Finals will be set when the entry date for that competition has passed, but will be issued prior to the first round of each competition. On that basis, players can withdraw from competition without any financial penalty. Semi-Finals and Finals dates and venues will be fixed and can only be changed if extreme circumstances exist. Failure to attend, or failure to inform the Match Secretary within 72 hours of the scheduled date of non-attendance of a Semi-Final or Final may incur a fine and or a ban from competing in any S&DBSL competition for a period not exceeding twelve months.

60) The Miss Rule shall **not** be applied to any Division One of the SDBSL ~~only and shall be directed annually by the Management Committee.~~ This rule does not apply to Inter Town snooker matches which are subject to the rules administered by the STAFFORDSHIRE AND WEST MIDLANDS BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER ASSOCIATION.

65) A Stafford A and Stafford B team will be entered each season. The top **20** ranked players ~~in the previous season~~ **based on a three-year rolling MOST WINS total will be identified by the Match Secretary and presented to the management committee before June each year.** ~~invited to represent the Stafford A team, with the top ranked player accepting to play, taking captaincy for the A team.~~ **The management committee shall select the two team captains in July and invite them to the August committee meeting to select their teams of ten players per team. The selected captains shall then invite their chosen players to represent the Stafford A and Stafford B teams. On feedback from these invitations, if any of the players cannot or do not wish to represent the town then the next ranking positions will be considered. The team captains shall confirm their team selection to the Chairman and Treasurer in September where upon the entries will be registered with the STAFFORDSHIRE AND WEST MIDLANDS BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER ASSOCIATION.** ~~On feedback from these invitations, if any of the players cannot or do not wish to represent the town then the next ranking positions will be considered. The same process shall be followed for the B team going down the list of MOST WINS. In the event of players having to cancel at the last minute (e.g. on the day of the match), each team captain has the option "wild card" selections but these must be approved by the League Match Secretary.~~