

Cardiff and District Conservative Snooker League

(CDCSL)

GENERAL RULES

1. Composition of the League

1.1 A **Registered Team** shall consist of at least five but no more than 12 **Registered Team Members(Players)**.

1.2 **Five** of the **Registered Members(Players)** shall be required for league matches, each playing one frame.

1.3 **Registered Teams** will play three rounds of matches, playing each other registered team once per round. Matches will be played in alternating format, i.e. either home-away-home, or away-home-away. This format will reverse each season, e.g. home-away-home becomes away-home-away.

1.4 League matches shall be played on **Monday** evenings except when a Public Holiday falls on that Monday, when no league matches shall be played. The only exceptions to this shall be where a host club has arranged an **AGM** or **SGM(EGM)** or a **Registered Team Member (Player)** suffers a bereavement and the postponement has been agreed in advance by the **Committee**.

1.5 **The Registered Teams** that comprise the **CDCSL** shall be formed into One Division.

2. Team and Team Member Registration

2.1 Team registration and individual competition entry fees shall be discussed and decided upon during an **AGM** or **SGM**.

2.2 The agreed fees shall be paid in full at the **Registration Meeting** for the following season.

2.3 Teams shall only be accepted into the **CDCSL** if: -

2.3.1 Fees are paid in full at the **Registration Meeting**.

2.3.2 A fully completed **Registration Form and Eligibility Declaration Form** signed and dated by the **proposer** are submitted by the **proposer** at the **Registration Meeting**.

2.3.3 The **Committee** are satisfied that the proposed team has suitable and appropriate equipment and a venue suitable and appropriate to host **CDCSL** league games, any competition games and any other **designated games**.

2.3.4 The **Committee** are satisfied that the proposer and proposed team has been granted authority from their member club or institutions Committee to use that club or institutions **equipment** and **venue** to host **CDCSL** snooker games and **NO FEES** shall be payable by the **CDCSL** to that club or institution for the use of their equipment or venue for such snooker games.

2.4 Additional team members may be registered throughout the season up to and including the January **Monthly Meeting** provided the following are adhered.

2.5 Additional team members must be registered with the Secretary at least 12 hours before playing in any league match.

2.6 **Registration Forms** must be fully completed by the proposer, ordinarily the **Team Captain**.

2.7 The **Registration Form** must clearly state: -

2.8 Full names and dates of birth of the nominated **Team Captain** and **Vice-Captain** for that particular team.

2.9 Full names and dates of birth of all team members.

2.10 At least one contact telephone number for each team member.

2.11 Contact email address for each team member, where available.

2.12 Each team must nominate at least one team member will be responsible for providing match results as required.

3. **Handicaps**

3.1 The maximum handicap that can be allocated to any **Registered Team Member(Player)** is **+49**.

3.2 The **Committee** shall have responsibility for formulating a fair and just process for decisions around handicaps for **Registered Team Members(Players)**.

3.3 **Handicaps will be reviewed periodically throughout the season by the Committee and will be published on the website and communicated to each Team Captain.**

3.4 New Players to the **CDCSL** who are not known to the league and whose handicap cannot be adequately assessed by the **Committee** will be provided with a handicap of not more than **+21**.

3.5 Professional players shall not be allowed to participate in any **CDCSL** league game or competition. A professional player is defined as any player, who at the time of the league registration has submitted an application for professional status, or who has already been granted it. Once accepted as a professional, league registration shall be terminated.

3.6 No **Registered Team Member(Player)** may represent more than one **Registered Team** in the league or team competition without the prior agreement of the **Committee**.

3.7 Any **Registered Team Member(Player)** who has not played at least **5 CDCSL** league games in the current season shall not be allowed to enter into any team competition match.

3.8 Any **Registered Team Member(Player)** who has not played at least **3 CDCSL** league games in the current season prior to the tournament draw date shall not be allowed to enter any single or doubles tournament.

3.9 Any **Registered Team Member(Player)** wishing to transfer from one team to another during the season can only do so with the prior agreement of the **Committee**.

4. **Conduct of League Matches.**

4.1 All League matches shall be played on the dates as published in the fixture list displayed on the **CDCSL** website.

4.2 The draw for all three rounds of league matches shall be made as follows:

For the **first two** rounds of league matches the Home **Team Captain** shall inform the away Team Captain of their selected 5 players and the order in which they shall play. The away **Team Captain** will then match their selected 5 players in any order they wish.

For the **third and final** round of league matches each **Team Captain** shall write down their selected 5 players for that particular league match and will then marry them up with the opposing team captains list. Games shall be played in the order formed by this process unless **both** Team Captains **agree** to an alternative order.

- 4.3 Play must commence not later than **7.30pm**.
- 4.3.1 Any **Registered Team** failing to arrive by 7.45pm shall forfeit the first frame.
- 4.3.2 Any **Registered Team** failing to arrive by 8.00pm shall forfeit the second frame.
- 4.3.3 Any **Registered Team** failing to arrive by 8:15pm will forfeit the match.
- 4.3.4 Any **Registered Team** failing to present a full team by 8.45pm or at the end of the fourth frame, whichever is the later, shall be deducted one league point for each player short and the team will incur a financial penalty of **£3** to be payable at the next **Monthly Committee Meeting**.
- 4.3.5 In applying this rule, due account will be taken of any unforeseen circumstances such as accident or severe weather conditions.
- 4.4 In the event of a team not turning up for a match, the defaulting team will have 5 league points deducted and will incur a financial penalty of **£5**.
- 4.5 The **Committee** shall rearrange the match to be played on an alternative date and venue.
- 4.6 It is envisaged that on occasions delegates an **AGM** or **SGM** may pass a motion to discard certain rules of the game of snooker as published by the **WPBSA** (World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association.) On these occasions **all** matches played in the **CDCSL** will be played by the most up to date rules as published by the **WPBSA discarding** the rules determined in those **AGMs/SGMs**. All rules discarded by the **CDCSL** will be recorded by the **Secretary** of the **CDCSL** and published on the website.
- 4.7 Clubs and Institutions used to host **CDCSL** league and competition matches must display a copy of these rules in the snooker rooms used to host **CDCSL** matches and must display a list of any discarded rules determined by the **CDCSL**.
- 4.8 **Registered Teams** playing at "Home" shall be responsible for providing a competent and diligent referee to officiate at each game. Unless otherwise arranged by the home team the referee shall also serve as the marker.
- 4.9 Where a decision of the referee is disputed **Only Registered Team Members(Players)** and their respective **Team Captain** shall be permitted to make representations to the referee. Any representations must be concise and made **BEFORE** any further play continues. Where no quick resolution can be found **The decision of the referee shall be final** and play will continue.
- 4.10 In the event of a dispute, affected player(s) may appeal to the **Committee**.
- 4.11 Notification of intention of such an appeal must be communicated by the **Team Captain** to the **Secretary** of the **CDCSL** in writing **within 48 hours** of the dispute occurring.
- 4.12 The players and referee concerned may be required to attend the **Monthly Committee Meeting** at which the dispute will be resolved by the **Committee**.

- 4.13 One point shall be awarded to the winner of each frame of a league match.
- 4.14 The team with the most points of the league match shall be deemed the winners of that particular match.

5. **League Winners**

- 5.1 League winners shall be the team(s) scoring the highest number of points at the conclusion of all league matches..
- 5.2 In the event of a tie on points, the tie shall be resolved by the number of match wins by both teams, the highest being the winner. If still no decision, the **Committee** shall arrange for a play-off to take place on a neutral table.

6. **Conduct of individual (singles and doubles) Competition matches.**

- 6.1 All rounds of competition matches will have a date by which they must be completed. The date will either be on the competition draw sheet or fixed by the **Committee**. Competition Draw Sheets will be available to view and download from the website.
- 6.2 All rounds up to and including the semi-finals shall be played over 3 frames with the winner(s) being the first to win 2 frames.
- 6.3 The finals match (**designated games**) shall be played over 5 frames with the winner(s) being the first to win 3 frames.
- 6.4 It is the responsibility of the home player(s) to arrange dates for competition matches. A choice of at least **three** dates on which to play the match shall be offered to the away player(s) by the home player.
- 6.5 If the away player(s) fails to agree to play on one of the offered dates both players must contact the Competition Secretary as soon as possible and in any case at least **TWO** weeks prior to the date of completion of that particular round of the competition.
- 6.7 Where the Competition Secretary has to arrange any match in this manner a maximum of two further dates and times will be provided to both home and away player(s) and if a resolution cannot be sought must refer the matter to the Committee for decision.
- 6.8 All Finals shall be played on neutral tables specified by the **Committee**.
- 6.9 **Committee Officials** shall officiate at the finals providing **referees** and markers.

7. Conduct of Team Knockout Competition matches.

7.1 All rounds of competition matches will be played on the dates specified on the draw sheet.

7.2 Matches are to commence no later than 8pm.

7.3 **Team Captains** shall ensure that their 5 nominated players are at the venue of the match at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the match.

7.4 Any team not providing 5 players at the start of the match present at the venue will forfeit a frame and subsequent point for each player they are missing and a draw will be made for the remainder of the frames if any are still to be played.

7.5 Format

7.5.1 The Team Knockout Competition shall be played over 4 frames; 2 singles matches followed by one doubles match followed by a final singles match if required.

7.5.2 1 point to be awarded to the winner of the singles matches and 2 points awarded to the winners of the doubles match – The team with 3 points will win the match.

7.5.3 Both Team Captains will provide the names of 5 of his/her elected players to the opposing Team Captain and a blind draw will be made; the order that the names are selected will serve as the match order.

8. Results

8.1 League

8.1.1 Both **Home** and **Away Team Captains** or **Nominated Team Members** shall be responsible for sending a complete match result to the **Competition Secretary** to be received by no later than **Midday** on the **Wednesday** after the league match.

8.1.2 A complete match result shall include the full names of each player, the score of each frame, the final match score, details of any breaks over 30 and the player making it and any other information deemed appropriate by the relevant team Captain.

8.1.4 Any **Registered Team** failing to provide results on time or at all risk have sanctions imposed upon them by the **Committee**.

8.2 Individual Handicap Singles Competitions.

8.2.1 Both player(s) shall be responsible for providing a complete match result to **The Competition Secretary** as soon as possible after the match and in any case by the last day the match has to be played by according to the draw sheet.

8.2.2 Handicaps to be used are the handicaps as displayed on the **CDCSL** website at the time the match takes place.

8.2.3 Both player(s) shall be responsible for the refereeing of their match.

8.3 **Individual Open Singles Competitions.**

8.3.1 Both player(s) shall be responsible for providing a complete match result to **The Competition Secretary** as soon as possible after the match and in any case by the last day the match has to be played by according to the draw sheet.

8.4 **Handicap doubles Competition.**

8.4.1 One nominated player from each pair will be responsible for providing match results to **The Competition Secretary**, as soon as possible after the match and in any case by the last day the match has to be played according to the draw sheet.

8.5 **Team Knockout Competition.**

8.5.1 **Team Captains** shall be responsible for providing a complete match result to **The Competition Secretary** to be received no later than **Midday** on the **Wednesday** after the match.

9. **Trophies and Awards.**

9.1 The **CDCSL** awards Trophies **and/or** Cash payments to the winner(s) and runners up of the following competitions: -

- League Competition
- Team Knockout Competition
- Handicap Doubles Competition
- Handicap Singles Competition
- Open Singles Competition
- Most consistent league player

9.2 The **CDCSL** awards a Trophy **and** Cash payment to the winner(s) of the following competitions: -

- Highest Break in any League Match.

9.3 Where Competition trophies are awarded to teams/individuals, that team or individual shall be permitted to have the trophy displayed at their Club premises.

9.4 The team/individual shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all trophies awarded to them by the **CDCSL** and shall ensure that prior to the commencement of the following seasons competition the trophy is returned to **the Secretary of the CDCSL**. Any costs for damage or loss to any such trophy shall be met in full by the team/individuals concerned.