



Cannock & South Staffs **POOL LEAGUE**

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Constitution 2026–2027

Cannock and South Staffs Pool League

The official league constitution for the 2026–2027 season, incorporating the decisions carried at the 2026 Annual General Meeting.

Adopted 20 September 2026

1. RULING BODY

- 1A** The ruling body shall consist of Nige Wilby (Chairman), Jason Bolas (Vice Chairman), Lee Grout (Secretary), Lee Grout (Treasurer) (to be known as the Executive) and 6 Committee members. Executive positions are held for 3 years, then re-election at AGM.
- 1B** A quorum of 4 (including at least one executive member) must be present to hold a meeting.
- 1C** Meetings will be held at 6 Pockets in Oct, Dec, Feb, April, June and July and will commence at 6:00pm on the first Sunday in that month if possible. Any executive missing three consecutive meetings without apologies will be expelled from the ruling body. Any vacant positions may be filled by co-opt.
- 1D** The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary will each receive £100, £150, and £250 respectively, at the end of each season. The secretary will be reimbursed for telephone expenses to be agreed by the committee. The committee will also be paid expenses for each meeting attended. The committee must pass any expenses incurred by the executive before payments can be made.
- 1E** All information is now readily available via the league website www.cannockpoolleague.co.uk, competition forms will be made available at the monthly meeting as normal and is required back in at the next meeting.
- The Chairman is to assign committee members with their jobs.
- 1F** All league funds are to be banked (by treasurer) within 24 hours of league meeting. All cheques issued are to be agreed by the committee, two signatures on all cheques. Bank statements to be made available for inspection. Treasurer to provide financial report at the AGM.

2. LEAGUE BOUNDARIES

- 2A** The league boundaries are as follows:
- Cheslyn Hay, Great Wyrley, Churchbridge, Boney Hay, Chase Terrace, Norton Canes, Hazelslade, Rugeley (Town), Penkridge, Brewood, Featherstone, Bloxwich, Poets Corner
- 2B** Any new team wishing to join, or existing team wishing to move outside league boundaries will not be allowed unless voted in at AGM or league meeting.

3. LEAGUE MEETINGS

- 3A** Monthly league meetings will be held at HQ 6 Pockets on the first Sunday in months Oct, Dec, Feb, April, June and July @ 7:00pm (unless bank holiday, will be moved to second Sunday). All teams to be represented, failure to do so (with or without apology) will be fined £10.00.
- 3B** All league fees, player registration, competition fees and fines to be paid to Treasurer during each meeting.
- 3C** Up to date league tables, cup draws, individual knockout competitions to be made available weekly via the league website and Facebook Group

4. LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

- 4A** League membership shall be open to all players of any age (it is the responsibility of the team captain to obtain permission for players under 18 to play at any said venue).
- 4B** New teams entering the league will pay £5 registration fee. This fee is non-refundable.
- 4C** Each individual player will pay a fee of £3 per night.

- 4D** Team registration forms for new and existing teams will be issued each year at a designated league meeting, to be completed and returned by AGM.
- 4E** Players are not allowed to register solely for the purpose of cup matches and individual or team competitions (singles, scotch doubles, trebles and the team competition).
- 4F** New players can sign for a team as and when they like during the season. However, they are not allowed to sign for teams purely to play in the cup matches. If a player signs for a team, they must play at least three league matches before they play in the semi and final of cups unless they were signed from the start of the season.
- 4G** Transfers of players will not be allowed unless a written request (signed by BOTH captains) is received via the secretary. The ruling body will then give permission to transfer. A £3 transfer fee will be applied, payable at the next meeting. Any player transferred who has played in a cup match, will be 'cup tied' to the original team.
- 4H** The ruling body may refuse, at their discretion, any team or individual player wishing to enter the league.
- 4I** All match tables are to be of a standard size: approx. 6ft x 3ft (playing surface).

5. LEAGUE FORMAT/COMPETITIONS

5A SUNDAY:

League - 8 Singles, 1 Scotch Doubles (You can now talk during the doubles frame)

Stuart Lee Memorial – 8 Singles and 1 Scotch Doubles knockout cup.

Archers Groundwork Cup – 8 Singles and 1 Scotch Doubles, knockout cup.

There will be a separate knockout cup for the losers in the first round of the Stuart Lee Memorial and Archers Groundwork Cup

5B WEDNESDAY:

League - 8 Singles, 1 Scotch Doubles. (You can now talk during the doubles frame)

Jason Hopton Memorial Trophy – 8 Singles, 1 Scotch Doubles, knockout cup.

Solberg Cup – 8 Singles, 1 Scotch Doubles, knockout cup.

**ALL MATCH CARDS ARE TO BE UPLOADED TO THE WEBSITE ON THE NIGHT YOU PLAY!
MATCH CARD MUST BE UPLOADED FROM THE WINNING TEAM UNLESS AGREED
BETWEEN THE TWO TEAMS**

Alternative Breaks throughout All Nights. First 4 players are to be written down/selected by the captain, you will then lag for the break. After the first 4 players have played, the captains will write their next four players down and you will lag again. When you get to the doubles frame (frame 9), you will write the teams down and lag again for the doubles frame.

5D INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM COMPETITIONS

All draws for individual competitions will be conducted live. Draw details and viewing information will be published through the league's official communication channels.

Singles: Best of 5 frames in the opening rounds.

Last 16 & Qtr's: Best of 5 frames.

Semi-final and Final: Best of 7 frames.

Scotch Doubles: Format and race lengths will be confirmed before the competition begins.

Trebles: Best of 9 frames throughout.

Team Competition: The International 8-Ball Rules Singles and standard Doubles competitions have been replaced by a team competition. Its format, entry arrangements and playing dates will be confirmed in the official competition information.

Singles and Scotch Doubles will begin earlier in the season. Trebles will retain its existing position in the season schedule.

Finals dates will be set before the season begins and published in the official fixtures. All qualifying rounds must be completed by the published deadlines.

All semi-finals and finals in cup, individual and team competitions will be played on the published dates unless the ruling body authorises a change.

Entry into the above competitions will be restricted to league members who have played a minimum of 3 league matches, or who were signed from the beginning of the season on the team registration form. Any registered league player not fulfilling these criteria must obtain permission from the ruling body before entering.

All results must be messaged to the secretary within 48 hours of the match being played; otherwise BOTH players or teams will be eliminated. It is the winner's responsibility to report the result.

5E STARTING TIMES

All matches (league, cup, individual) to start at 8pm PROMPT.

Players for the first half of match to be named and exchanged by 8 pm. The remaining players to be named and exchanged after completion of the first half. If away team has not arrived by 8.05pm, the home team may start to claim frames (1 frame every 5 minutes) unless prior arrangements have been made.

HOWEVER, SPORTSMANSHIP MUST PREVAIL AT ALL TIMES.

Match card details shall become official when exchanged between captains and the results shall be binding when signed by both captains.

6 LEAGUE FEES/FINES

6A League subscriptions shall be £140 per team. These are to be paid as follows - £50.00 (Oct), £30.00 (Dec), £30.00 (Feb) and £30.00 (April). Player Registration is to be paid during these four meetings. If the league fees aren't paid on time a fine of £10.00 per team will be applied for non-payment.

6B Singles Competition £3 per player.

Trebles Competition £9 per team.

Scotch Doubles £6 per pair

6C Non attendance at league meeting £10.

Non-payment of league fees £10.

Late match cards £5.

Non return of trophies £10. Any team damaging or losing an annual trophy will be liable for replacement or repair charges at the committee's discretion.

Teams not turning up for league/cup matches without notification £20 (plus any other reimbursement agreed on by the ruling body). The match will be awarded to the other team to nil.

Playing an illegal player £20 plus any disciplinary action decided upon by the ruling body. If any team is found to have played an illegal player (i.e. unregistered, under aged) the above fines will be

imposed and the match awarded to the other team to nil. All the individual players in the offending team will have their wins reversed.

Player registration is to be paid by Xmas. If it isn't paid by then a fine of £1.00 per player will be added.

7 RE-ARRANGING MATCHES

- 7A** 48 hours must be given to the opposing team captain.
- 7B** It will be the responsibility of the team captain who has cancelled the match (for whatever reason) to notify the league secretary. It will then be the responsibility of that captain to rearrange the match within one month of the fixture date. Ideally the match is to be played before the fixture date. Failure to play will result in the match being awarded depending on the circumstances. (In special circumstances, providing the secretary has been notified, the ruling body may extend the time or fix a date for the match to be played.)
- 7C** Teams are allowed to cancel/re-arrange one match at a time. You are not allowed to cancel another match if the one you have previously cancelled is still outstanding. Cancelled/re-arranged matches must be played within one month.
- 7D** Non league matches (individual competitions) must be played before the scheduled date. If not the secretary must be notified and the ruling body will make a decision based on the circumstances given.
- 7E** If you are the home player/team in the individual competitions and you cancel for whatever reason, you will then relinquish your home advantage and you **MUST** play away at your opponents venue.

8 REFEREES/DISPUTES

- 8A** Two referees to be appointed by the captains (1 home/1 away).
- 8B** In the event of a dispute only the players involved in the frame may question the referee's decision.
- 8C** If an official referee is present, he may advise on the rules if requested.
- 8D** If a decision cannot be agreed on, the frame will be abandoned, and the match will carry on. **THE OFFENDED CAPTAIN MUST NOT SIGN THE MATCH CARDS** otherwise no appeal will be heard.
- 8E** An appeal must be entered in writing to the secretary within 5 days of the match being played, together with a £10 appeal fee. If no fee is included, the appeal will not be discussed. No disputes will be allowed from the floor at meetings.
- 8F** In all matters arising from the appeal, the decision of the ruling body will be final, no other appeal will be allowed. In the event of the appeal being successful the fee of £10 will be returned.
- 8G** The referee now has the authority to put the doubles frame on a 60 second shot clock if they feel there is slow progression or too much talking while playing a shot. The referee will give you a warning before they put you on the clock for the next shot.

9 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 9A** An AGM will be held each season at a date set by the ruling body.

- 9B** Written nominations for executive/committee positions and proposals to be with the secretary in writing 14 days before AGM. The executive and committee to be accepted at AGM together with any new nominations.
- 9C** Voting cards will be issued, one per team.
- 9D** No proposals will be allowed from the floor at the AGM.
- 9E** The Chairman will read the minutes of the previous AGM; these will be accepted and seconded by delegates.
- 9F** The chairman, secretary and treasurer will each provide a report to be read at the AGM.
- 9G** An EOAGM may be called during the season either by the ruling body or delegates stating the reason for the meeting.

10. GENERAL

IN ALL MATTERS THE DECISION OF THE ELECTED COMMITTEE IS FINAL AND BINDING ON ALL PARTIES INVOLVED. NO MATTER WILL BE PUT TO THE FLOOR OF A MEETING FOR ADJUDICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE. THE COMMITTEE IS TOTALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MATTERS CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEAGUE.

All individual competitions plus cups etc... From the semi-final stages onwards must be played at the nominated venue. If for any reason the match needs to be re arranged this needs to go through the League Secretary. Once the match has been re arranged, the League Secretary needs to be informed. Failing to do so will make the match null and void and will need to be re played.

Pro Cup Balls are now to be used on all nights. Failure to provide pro cup balls will result in the match to nil.

The constitution is binding when passed and can only be amended at an AGM or an EOAGM.

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