



Hampshire Pool Association

Interleague Rules & Guidelines (2017)

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These Rules and Guidelines are not subject to paragraph 7(a) of the HPA Constitution (HPA001) in respect to any changes needing to be agreed at an AGM or EGM. The HPA executive committee may change them as and when circumstances dictate.

Section 1

General points.

- 1.1 The interleague will only take place at the discretion of the HPA executive committee.
- 1.2 All interleague matches will be played using the current "World 8 Ball Pool Federation" playing rules and must be played on a standard 7 foot table that conforms to all current EPA regulations.

Section 2

League affiliation.

- 2.1 Only leagues that are affiliated to the HPA may apply to enter teams into the interleague.
- 2.2 The affiliation fee is currently £50 for the 2017 season.
- 2.3 Affiliated leagues may enter up to two (2) inter league teams per season.
- 2.4 Applications for entry into the interleague will be considered on a case-by-case basis and the HPA retain the right to refuse applications subject to ratification at an Executive Committee meeting.

Section 3

Players.

- 3.1 Teams must consist of a minimum of twelve (12) players who are registered with a league affiliated to the HPA.
- 3.2 All players participating in an interleague match must have a current and valid EPA registration status.
- 3.3 All players are to be formally registered with the HPA registrations secretary before the start of the season or by new registration (see 3.4 below).
- 3.4 Players may be added and/or deleted to each team up until the midway point of the season. This date will be advised to all Captains prior to the start of the season. New player's details must be in the hands of the HPA registrations secretary before that player can play.

- 3.5 Playing an unregistered player will result in the loss of any frames in which the non registered player competed plus an additional 1 point penalty per offender from the team's points total.

If as a result of the awarding of frames using the above criteria the final result of a match is affected then the result will be adjusted on the relevant published league table.

- 3.6 Once a player has played for a team they may not play for another team in that season.
- 3.7 Only one (1) professional player may play in a team in any one match.
- 3.8 Any spectators who attend an interleague match become the responsibility of that team and local league in respect to behaviour, conduct and language. If this league is affiliated to the HPA, then the penalties/disciplinary actions that the HPA could impose will be in line with those normally taken against leagues and county players and will also be applied to any spectators who are registered players of the league/team involved.

Section 4

Player and team fees.

- 4.1 All players will be required to pay for EPA registration for the year in which they wish to participate. The cost of said registration is currently £15 per year for an adult and £10 per year for a junior.
- 4.2 The team entry fee is £50 per team for 2017.
- 4.3 Each team will be required to pay a retention fee of £70 which must be paid by the entry deadline. The retention fee can either be returned to the team at the end of each season, less any fines incurred, or held over by the HPA for teams wishing to compete in the following season.
- Any request from a team concerning the return of any outstanding retention fee money must be made in writing to then HPA interleague secretary within four (4) weeks of the final match of that season; otherwise the money will automatically be carried over if that team enters the following season or forfeit if the team does not.
- 4.4 If a team that was expelled from the league in the previous season applies to register for the current season they will only be accepted if the following criteria are fulfilled:
1. The application is granted by the HPA executive committee.
 2. The team pays an additional £20 entry fee, which is non returnable.
 3. The team pays an additional 50% of the current retention fee as defined in section.

Section 5

Match format and points.

- 5.1 Each match will involve 9 players from each team playing a maximum of two (2) single frames against a different opponent. In the event that a team has less than 9 players the opposing team will be awarded those frames provided they have 9 eligible players present.
- 5.2 In order to fulfil a fixture a team must have a minimum of seven (7) players present (see 5.6).
- 5.3 Three (3) points will be awarded to the winning team, in the event of a drawn match each team will receive one (1) point and losing teams will receive no points.
- 5.4 The league will be run on a normal home and away basis. In the event that more than eight (8) teams enter the league then these will be organised into two (2) or more league groups with respect to geographical location so as to minimize travelling. The top two (2) teams of each group will then playoff to determine the final team positions. The HPA committee will determine the playoff format.
- 5.5 The playing order is to be entered onto the result sheet with the home team playing order remaining the same for the second 9 frames. The away team playing order for the second 9 frames will be:-3, 4, 1, 2, 9, 8, 5, 6, 7.
- 5.6 In the event that a team is playing with less than nine (9) players, but this cannot be less than seven (7), see section 5.2. The blank spaces in the playing order will be as follows:
- 8 players Home team blank space 7. Away team blank space 4.
- 7 players Home team blank spaces 7&1. Away team blank spaces 4&8.
- 5.7 Up to three (3) substitutes may be entered on the result sheet in addition to the other nine (9) players. These substitutes may be used during the second session of a match by replacing players already on the sheet.
- 5.8 **Signing the result sheet:** All players and reserves must sign both team result sheets and have their EPA barcode on both sheets in order for that result sheet to be valid and the players scores recorded and an appearance awarded for that match.
- Any team found to be falsely recording a player's availability or signature on a result sheet; will be suspended until an Executive committee meeting has decided the penalty for each offence.

- 5.9 The Home team is responsible for meeting any table costs and it is expected that sandwiches or snacks are also provided to the away team at no cost, other than a voluntary contribution through a blackout or raffle.
- 5.10 The Away team players are responsible for refereeing each frame; the Home team players are responsible for time keeping each frame, unless either team provides a qualified referee.
- 5.11 Both team captains are required to send a readable copy of their result sheet, by either text or email, to the interleague secretary by 6pm on the Saturday following the match.
- 5.12 Original result sheets must be with the league secretary within 2 weeks of the match.

Only results received on the official and current years result sheet will be recorded. Both captains are responsible for ensuring that they have an official result sheet available on the match night. Each team captain is to complete the result sheet, in the required manner.

The result sheet fine system will be applied as follows:

All errors excluding the falsifying of player details or signatures see rule 5.8, will be subject to a £5 fine and will only be applied once per sheet and to the team/captain who fills in that result sheet.

Example 1 If a player fails to sign the result sheet that then incurs a £5 fine if 2 players fail to sign the result sheet, that is still only a £5 fine because it is the same error.

Example 2 if a player fails to sign the result sheet then that incurs a £5 fine, if a players barcode is missing then that is also a £5 fine because they are different errors and would then total £10 in fines.

All fines imposed because of errors on a result card will be taken from that teams bond money, a team may be required to top up there bond money during a season if the HPA deems there is insufficient funds available.

All late cards will be dealt with on an individual basis. The penalties will be set by the HPA Executive committee, and may be reduced following a successful appeal, as long as that appeal is lodged with the Inter League Secretary within seven (7) days of the offence or the team receiving notification of the penalty.

- 5.13 Player Rankings: a list of inter league player rankings will be produced throughout the season for the league only and will be subject to the league secretary receiving the result sheets in a timely fashion from all of the team captains.

- 5.14 League tables will be issued by the interleague secretary at regular intervals throughout the season with the teams ranked by total points as achieved as per 5.3.
- 5.15 At the end of each season the winners and runners up will be awarded trophies subject to confirmation by the HPA executive committee.

Note: The HPA will present 9 trophies to each team that either wins or are second in either the league or team knockout, any additional trophies required by a team will be available at a subsidised cost and must be ordered in time to be included with the County trophy order.

- 5.16 In the event of teams finishing the season level on points then the following criteria will be used in order to decide the final placings:-

1. The aggregate score of the match or matches between the tied teams.
2. Total match wins.
3. Most frames won.
4. Highest frame difference.
5. Least match losses.

In the event that teams are still level using the above criteria then a play off will be organised with the format to be set by the HPA executive committee.

Section 6

Match nights.

- 6.1 All interleague matches will be scheduled for Friday Nights.

- 6.2 Fixtures will commence at: **20:00 Hrs**

Note: early starts to aid travel are acceptable subject to the agreement of both captains.

- 6.3 It is advised that teams arrive at the venue a minimum of 20/30 minutes prior to the allotted start time to allow for the completion of the result sheets and a prompt start to the match.
- 6.4 In the event of a team turning up late i.e. after the allotted start time of the matches see 6.2, it is at the discretion of the non-offending captain as whether to claim a penalty frame(s).

- 6.5 The first penalty frame would be available following non-arrival within fifteen (15) minutes of the allotted start time see 6.2 and subsequent frames every ten (10) minutes thereafter.

If the score reaches 4-0 using this method i.e. 45 minutes late then the match will be abandoned and the matter referred to the interleague secretary for resolution.

Section 7

Fixtures.

- 7.1 A fixture list will be produced by the interleague secretary with consideration being given to section 6.1 and will be sent to each registered team captain at least two (2) weeks prior to the start of the season. Each team will then have until one (1) week prior to the date of the first fixture of the season to advise the interleague secretary of any fixture date(s) should their venue not be available for a home match.
- 7.2 In the eventuality of 7.1 occurring the interleague secretary will rearrange as required and advise all teams.
- 7.3 Each team will have the provision to move one (1) fixture per season. Dispensation may be granted by the League Secretary or by the HPA Executive Committee in exceptional circumstances should this provision have been already used.

All captains should endeavour to play all fixtures on the original scheduled date however in the event of a problem. A fixture date can be moved provided the following criteria have been met:

1. That the team has not already used its provision to move a fixture, unless dispensation has been granted by the HPA executive committee.
2. The interleague secretary is informed by the team captain proposing to change the fixture date prior to them contacting the opposing team captain.
3. That the opposing captain is contacted no later than 48 hours before the fixture is due to take place.
4. The rearranged fixture is played within the confines of the dates of the round of fixtures in which that fixture falls i.e. not before the date of the previous round of fixtures and not later than the following round of fixtures.

In the event of a dispute over points 7.3, 2 or 3 above the inter league secretary shall have the power to impose an alternate date or compel the captains to complete the fixture on the original scheduled date.

- 7.4 Any team failing to fulfil a fixture i.e. failing to have at least seven (7) players present or failing to give at least 48 Hrs notice will be deducted 4 points from their total and fined £50 plus expulsion from the league for the second offence.
- 7.5 All fines will be deducted from the team's retention fee, any fine not covered by the team's retention fee or that remains unpaid by a team expelled from the league will be divided amongst the players of that team and must be paid to the association before any players connected with that team can play in subsequent years. All players will be added to the HPA banned players list until the whole of the outstanding fine is paid.
- In addition to these penalties the offending team will be given 6 frames against and no frames for and the non-offending team will receive 3 points for the win and 6 frames for but none against.
- 7.6 Any team that suffers financial loss as results from not being given 48 hours notice by their opponents can put in a claim to the HPA if they wish to be reimbursed. This claim must be received by the interleague secretary within 7 days of the fixture date; all such claims will be dealt with at the next available HPA committee meeting and handled accordingly.

Section 8

Teams leaving or being expelled from the league.

- 8.1 In the event of a team either being expelled or withdrawing from the league before the midpoint of the season all previous and future fixtures involving such teams will be totally discounted. If this occurs after the midpoint the first half results will stand but all second half results will be discounted.
- 8.2 Players from the expelled or withdrawn team(s) are not permitted to play for another team in that season.
- 8.3 Any monies paid to the HPA by a team being expelled or withdrawing will be forfeit to the HPA.
- 8.4 The association reserves the right to withhold any prizes, awards or prize money from any team that have failed to complete the full season in which that prize, award or prize money was achieved.

Section 9

Interleague knockout cup competition.

- 9.1 It is at the discretion of the HPA executive committee whether an interleague knockout cup competition will be held each season in addition to the normal league format.
- 9.2 The HPA executive committee will determine the date, venue and format of this event dependant on the prevailing circumstances.
- 9.3 The intention, however will normally be to run this event at a single venue over one or two Sundays with the preferred format being round robin groups followed by playoffs to determine the first to fourth placed teams.
- 9.4 There will be no additional entry fee for this competition.
- 9.5 Invitations for places in this event will only be given to those teams currently registered and actively playing i.e. not expelled or withdrawn from the corresponding interleague competition.
- 9.6 In the event of the event being held on one day each round of matches will be treated as independent as far as player registration is concerned.

Any registered players, or new registrations, if the event falls before the deadline can be played in any match on the day even if they were not present at the time of the previous round.

Section 10

EPA interleague finals.

- 10.1 The EPA holds national finals for both the interleague itself, normally in the April of each year and the team knockout, normally in the October of each year, the team knockout is held in the same year as the event whilst the interleague finals are held in the following year.
- 10.2 The HPA reserves the right to substitute any team that qualifies for either national final if that team is either expelled or withdraws from the league or knockout event in the season that qualification was gained.
- 10.3 The number of places requested each year for each event will be decided by the Executive Committee. The interleague secretary will contact the captains of the eligible teams to establish their availability prior to the request for places being submitted to the EPA.

If any team is unable to attend or field a team for either event it is preferable that this team declares this before any request is submitted in that team's name.

10.4 The qualifying teams must be prepared to meet the full costs associated with attending the finals.

10.5 All players wishing to take part in either national final must satisfy the 50% appearance criteria as laid down by the EPA.

1. Have played in or been a named reserve in at least 50% of their teams possible interleague matches up to the date of the national final event, league and team knockout cup combined in the season that relates to that teams qualification. As per section 5.8.

2. Have played in and be able to provide documentary evidence of at least 50% of possible appearances in the matches of their affiliated local league.

Criteria 1) Will be administered by the interleague secretary whereas it will be the responsibility of the qualifying team captain to obtain the required documentation for criteria 2). A detailed list of required documents will be provided by the interleague secretary to all the interested parties. It is advised that any captains wishing to be considered for the finals make arrangements with their local leagues well in advance of the Yarmouth deadlines.

10.6 Any teams qualifying for, and attending, the national finals must be aware of their responsibilities in that they are representing not only Hampshire but Region 7 on the national stage.

Any players found responsible for anti-social behaviour of any description at these events may be subject to sanctions upon their return to the HPA interleague.

These sanctions may include fines, suspension of themselves or their team or in extreme cases expulsion from Hampshire Pool.

Section 11

HPA Interleague "Closed" Singles.

11.1 It is at the discretion of the HPA committee whether an interleague closed singles event will be held each season in addition to the normal league and team knockout.

11.2 The HPA executive committee will determine the date, venue and format of this event dependant on the prevailing circumstances.

- 11.3 Entry will be open to all registered interleague players that have played in or been a named reserve in 50% of the interleague matches to date, league and team knockout combined and whose team is still active within the league i.e. not withdrawn or expelled.

Also all players that have represented Hampshire in EPA run interleague events in that year, in the case of the Hampshire ladies interleague team their appearances will be calculated on their county appearances.

- 11.4 The entry fee will be set by the HPA committee each year.
- 11.5 The interleague secretary will be responsible for collecting all pre-paid entries. The closing date for entries will be one week in advance of the event and will be advised by the interleague secretary. No entries will be accepted on the day of the competition. All entry fees are non transferable.
- 11.6 The draw will be done in advance of the event and where necessary staggered start times will be issued to participating players.
- 11.8 The format of the event will be dependent on the number of entries but it is hoped that the final will be best of 9 frames the semi finals best of 7 frames and all other matches best of 5 frames.
- 11.9 Prize money will be paid to the first 4 places on 32 entries and to eight places on 64 entries and above.

The Hampshire County Pool Association Executive Committee reserves the right to rule on any matters arising throughout the league that are not specifically covered in these rules and guidelines.