



Pompey Pool League



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Note: *exerts from and references to, the Pompey Pool League Constitution are included within this document, in italics, for completeness.*

1. **Rules of Play.**

This rule is governed by paragraph 8f of Pompey Pool League Constitution.

2. **Rules.**

a. **Match Starts.**

All Matches start at 8:15 pm.

If two Team players have not arrived by 8:15, one game will be forfeited. If a team has not arrived by 8:30, this will be considered a no show.

No shows will be registered as 0-9 loss for the team that does not show. The attending team must complete a results sheet to register the no show.

If a player who is selected to play a frame in a match, has not arrived at the match venue at the time in the match when the frame is ready to be played, the opposing team may claim that frame as a win.

If a Team drops out during the first half of the League, all results will be nullified. If a Team drops out during the second half of the League, all the first half results will remain, all second half results will be nullified and the leaving Team's points will be set to zero.

b. **Play and Team Sheets.**

Match format is 6 singles followed by 3 doubles, all one leg. To start the match, the home Team completes the Team Sheet for the single matches. The singles matches are then completed by the away Team. This procedure is repeated for the doubles matches after singles matches have been completed. After completion of the Team sheet, no names may be changed without the agreement of both Team Captains.

If a team is playing a match with less than 6 players, the team will fulfil as many games as possible. In each group of games (singles and doubles), the first matches on the results sheet will be those fulfilled, with the last match(s) being forfeit.

c. **Refereeing and Breaking.**

Refereeing and Breaking will be alternate between Home and Away. Away will break the first game and Home will referee first game. This alternates throughout the match. This applies to all League Matches, Knockout, Singles and Doubles Competitions.

For Matches played on neutral tables the Home Team is the first name recorded on the fixtures sheet.



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The only exception to this will be the final game of a match played on a neutral table, where the final break will be decided by the toss of a coin. The Referee's decision is final. (Except in extreme circumstances where both Captains may overrule the decision).

d. **Results Sheets and Results Reporting.**

The results sheet must be signed by all players for the all games and the captain to confirm the result. Players must sign the result sheet at the end of their game. Any game on a result sheet not signed by the winning player will be void. Names of player on the result sheet must be completed in the format 'Name (or Initial) and Surname', and is to be completed in block capitals.

- i. The player is only signing to confirm they are a registered player.
- ii. The Captain signs the match result to confirm the results and that the players are all registered. The Captain is defined as the registered Captain or his/her designated representative on the night.

Match Results must be texted on the night of the Match to the designated phone number. This is the responsibility of Both Captains. Any results not texted, will result in the match being Void. Results sheets must be returned to the designated place(s) within one week of the Match. If the results sheets is not returned by the winning Team within one week, the winning Team result will be Void.

Further action that will be applied for Teams failing to text results or return results sheets are covered by paragraph 8h of the Constitution.

For information paragraph 8h of the Constitution reads as follows:

8h. If a Winning Team fails to provide a result by text message within 1 day of a match being played, following a reminder within 2 days, the following will apply:

1st Occurrence - Warning to be issued

2nd Occurrence - Final warning to be issued

3rd Occurrence - Will result in expulsion from the League

If a Winning Team fails to provide a results sheet within 1 week of a match, or a 3rd/4th copy not being provided within 2 weeks of the match being played then the following will apply:

1st Occurrence - Warning to be issued

2nd Occurrence - Final warning to be issued

3rd Occurrence - Will result in expulsion from the League



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Any pub team failing to fulfil a fixture will be required to pay the league £10 fine one each occurrence. Three occurrences will result in expulsion from the League

Any Teams with outstanding monies owed at the end of a Season will only be able to join the following season if all outstanding money is paid.

Any Team that make a late sign on entry to the League will be subject to a £10 fine.

Any pub/team expelled from Pompey Pool League for any reason will not be eligible to enter for the next year (Winter and Summer League).

e. **Postponed Matches.**

Any match may be postponed with the agreement of both Team Captains.

The League must be notified of any agreed postponement by the postponing Team.

Any away team postponing or re-arranging a match, after 12:00 noon on a match day will be required to pay the league £10. This money will be paid to the home venue, to contribute towards their food costs.

Any Teams with outstanding monies owed at the end of a Season will only be able to join the following season if all outstanding money is paid.

f. **Registration of additional players.**

Additional players must be signed on by the submission of an additional registration form or by the signing of a results sheet. Players names must be printed, along with a contact phone number and the registration must be signed by the player.

g. **Playing Conditions.**

All home teams are expected to provide a clean, level table together with a good set of balls and triangle. If a guest team believes that the table offered fails to meet a suitable standard, the match will still be played but arbitration will be undertaken by the League if requested by the guest team.

h. **Change of Captain or Contact Details during the playing Season.**

Should a Team change their Captain or contact details after it has registered for the season, it is the responsibility of the new Captain to inform the League of the change and provide updated contact details.

3. **Promotions/Relegations.**

Promotions and Relegations between each Winter league will be two up/two down.



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4. **Playing Seasons.**

The target timetable for the Winter League will be October to April and Summer League, May to September.

Winter divisions will be based on the previous year's Winter League results.

All new teams entering the Winter League enter in the lowest division but this may be varied at the discretion of the Committee.

5. **League Format.**

In the Winter league in addition to the standard league format the following competitions will be available:

- a. Knockout Cup – Entry optional. This will be provided at no additional cost
- b. Single & Doubles competition – Entry optional. An additional nominal entry fee may apply.

The Summer League format may be varied at the discretion of the Committee.

If Teams finish level in their Summer or Winter Leagues, the final position will be determined by the aggregate scoring of the two team's matches. Should this still result in a draw and if the diary does not allow time for a playoff, the final position will be determined by the toss of a coin.

6. **Affiliation.**

The League will be affiliated to the Hampshire Pool Association.

7. **Presentation Nights.**

At the end of each season there will be a Presentation Night. The venue for the Presentation Night will be rotated through different venues at the discretion of the Committee.

8. **E-Mail Policy.**

All general circulation e-mails will be distributed using 'Blind Carbon Copy' (BCC), addressing only. This is to protect personal privacy.

9. **Competition Rules.**

- a. All Competitions (Singles, Doubles, Cup Matches, etc.) will be drawn in public.
- b. All Teams will be entered into the first round of the Cup competition. All teams losing the first round of the Cup competition will be entered into the first round of the Shield or Plate competition (unless rule 9f applies).
- c. The first team drawn for any Cup, Shield or Plate Match will be the home team. If a venue is already fully occupied as a result of earlier parts of the draw, the home team will be switched to play as the away team, at the away team venue.

Should both venues be fully occupied as a result of earlier parts of the draw, earlier draws may be reversed as the first option or the venue to be used will be at the discretion of the Competitions Secretary.



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The finals of all Competitions will be played at neutral venues, unless both drawn teams are from the same venue, in which case, the home venue will be selected.

- d. All participants in the singles and doubles competitions will be drawn to play at a neutral venue, unless both drawn participants are team members from the same venue, in which case, the home venue will be selected.

Depending on the number of participants featuring in the singles and doubles competitions, the venues will be drawn at random until the quarter-final stages of the competitions.

From the quarter-final stages of the competition, the venue selections will be prioritised to the representing venues of the remaining participants but maintaining neutral venue selection; unless there are multiple participants from one venue.

For example, if the quarter-finals consist of participants from 8 different venues then these 8 venues will be randomly drawn to provide a neutral venue for each match fixture.

If the participants are predominantly from one venue then an additional random venue(s) will be selected to accommodate the match fixtures.

- e. All Cup, Shield and Plate matches will be played on Wednesday, unless otherwise agreed by the Competitions Secretary.
- f. Any team not showing for first round of the Cup will not be entered into Shield or Plate competition.
- g. The format for singles and doubles competitions will be the best of 5 games for all preliminary matches, 7 games for the Semi-Finals and 9 games for the Finals.
- h. Standard rules for results reporting apply to Cup, Shield and Plate Matches, as per paragraph 2e.
- i. All Singles/Doubles results are to be reported to the Competitions Secretary.

10. Trophies.

- a. The League will award returnable Trophies at the end of each season for the winners and runners up of each Winter League and the Cup(s), Shield or Plate, singles and doubles competitions for both Winter and Summer Leagues.

The award of non-returnable trophies will be at the discretion of the Committee.

- b. Teams, individuals and hosting venues entrusted with returnable trophies are responsible for returning these trophies to the League the following year. Should a trophy not be available for return to the League, hosting venue



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entrusted with that trophy will be responsible for compensating the League for the cost of replacement of the trophy.

11. Committee Meetings.

Rules covering committee meetings are covered by paragraphs 2g, 2h, 2l and 6 of the Constitution.

For information these paragraphs of the Constitution reads as follows:

2g. The committee may second any member on to the committee to fulfil any defined role. The person seconded into that role will only be acting in that role until the next A.G.M.

2h. The committee shall have full authority to make any decision that, in their opinion, is deemed necessary.

2l. The Treasurer will present at each meeting of the Committee the ledger, showing all income and expenditure, since the last meeting of the Committee.

6a. The League will convene regular committee meetings.

6b. Each elected committee member will hold one vote. In addition, the Chair will hold the casting vote. The meeting chair will be held by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, League Secretary or Treasurer depending upon individual availability (in that order of precedence).

6c. A quorum for committee meetings is 4 members.

6d. Minutes of these meetings will be published on the web site within 7 days of agreement of the minutes by the committee.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Subjects affecting play and operation of the league that are dealt with exclusively by the Pompey Pool League Constitution are referenced as follows:

Players Age – Paragraph 8c

Registration – Paragraphs 8b and 8e

Rules review – Paragraphs 8f and 8g

Signing for more than 1 team – Paragraph 8d

Suspension, Refusal or Termination of Membership – Paragraph 7