



Pompey Pool League Constitution

1. **Name.**

The name of the League shall be the Pompey Pool League, hereafter referred to as the League.

2. **Purpose.**

The League is formed for the purpose of promoting the game of English 8-Ball pool amongst all playing members in Portsmouth and to organise (individuals, pairs & team knockouts) competitions. In addition it will:

- a. Promote and maintain the highest standards of technical competence and etiquette in the sport.
- b. Uphold the rules of the game.

3. **Management of the League**

The League shall be managed by a committee that is elected by the members of the League.

- a. There will be four officers elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) reflecting the four on/four off principal. These officers will hold term for a period of two years. Should there be less than four committee members with remaining tenure at the AGM, the tenure of the previously elected officers with the highest number of votes at the time they were elected, will have their term of office extended for one year, to make up the 4 remaining officers.
- b. The AGM will be held Annually.
 - i) All members and/or teams are eligible to vote.
 - ii) Eligible members and teams are defined as all players and teams who have been signed up and played in the League during the previous Winter and/or Summer Seasons.
- c. The officers will be elected by the members, the duties of the officers will be voted by the committee. Officer's roles will consist of a minimum of Chairman, Vice Chairman, League Secretary, Results Secretary, Treasurer and Web Master.
- d. The retiring officer's committee membership will be open for election at the next Annual General Meeting providing nominations have been received within twenty eight days of the A.G.M.
- e. All retiring members will be eligible to stand for re-election.
- f. Membership of the Committee is limited to a maximum of two representatives per Public House. Should more than two representative from a single public house stand for election, the candidates voted third place and below will be removed from the election.



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- g. 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.
- h. The committee shall have full authority to make any decision that, in their opinion, is deemed necessary or beneficial to its members.
- i. The Chairman, Secretary and the Treasurer will be entered on the bank mandate. Two of the three must sign all cheques.
- j. All monies shall be lodged in a bank account in the name of the League.
- k. The Treasurer will provide a properly scrutinised balance sheet, two weeks prior to each A.G.M. The balance sheet will be scrutinised by two independent members.
- l. The Treasurer will present at each meeting of the Committee the ledger, showing all income and expenditure, since the last meeting of the Committee.
- m. Honorariums may be paid as agreed by the Committee but with a maximum of £100 per year. Honorariums may only be paid if previously agreed by the members, at the AGM.

4. Annual General Meetings

- a. Annual General Meetings will be held at the periodicity defined in section 3.b
- b. Any alterations to the constitution and playing rules can only be done at an Annual General Meeting of the League, after giving the relevant details of intended changes to Secretary twenty eight days prior to the date set for that meeting, amendments are to be in the hands of the Secretary seven days prior to the set date for the meeting. Any alterations to the constitution require a two thirds majority vote of teams present, with 1 vote per team.
- c. Voting rights are defined in section 3.b.ii. General votes will be 1 per member. For election of committee members, voting will be 1 vote per team per committee vacancy and for amendments to the Constitution, 1 vote per team.
- d. The Agenda will follow the minimum:
 - i) Receive and confirm the minutes of the previous minutes.
 - ii) Presentation of the Leagues financial accounts of the year.
 - iii) Presentation of the Leagues projected financial situation for the forthcoming year, and the setting of all fees.
 - iv) Presentation of Chairman's Report.
 - v) Election of Officers to the Committee.
 - vi) Any other business brought before the meeting which has been submitted in writing to the secretary not less than seven days prior to the AGM, and any other business deemed relevant by the Chair Person.

5. Extraordinary General Meetings



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- a. An Extraordinary General Meeting (E.G.M) of the League may be called by a minimum of 25% of the Eligible members. The request must be put in writing to the Secretary, and signed by each Team Captain requesting the E.G.M. This must be accompanied by the reason they request an E.G.M.
- b. The Committee, upon receiving a request to call an E.G.M, will give a minimum of 7 days' notice in writing, to all Teams with an agreed date for the E.G.M. and the reason for the meeting.
- c. At the E.G.M any member may require the committee to give a full account of any action taken by the committee.
- d. No Motion will be read to the E.G.M unless it has been received by the Secretary 7 days before the said E.G.M.

6. Committee Meetings

- a. The League will convene regular committee meetings.
- b. Each committee member will hold one vote. In addition, the Chairman will hold the casting vote.
- c. A quorum for committee meetings is 4 members.
- d. Minutes of these meetings will be published on the web site within 7 days of agreement of the minutes by the committee.

7. Suspension, Refusal or Termination of Membership

- a. The League Committee shall be entitled to:
 - i. Refuse any application for playing on the grounds that such membership would be prejudicial to the objectives of the League as set out in Rule 2 of this constitution.
 - ii. For good and sufficient reason to refuse renewal of any existing player or terminate or suspend any player provided that the player concerned shall have the right to be heard by the full management committee before a final decision is made.
- b. The player may apply for reinstatement at the next general meeting.
- c. Any player under suspension shall be barred from taking part in any match or event under the control of the League.
- d. The management committee shall inform the player in writing of any decision to terminate their right to play.
- e. Notification of the termination of a player will be forwarded to Hampshire Pool Association.

8. General

- a. All members will endeavour at all times to play to rules supplied by the League.
- b. Teams who wish to play in the league must register each season. Registration forms must be filled in correctly and must be legible with the names in block capitals. All names must be signed by that player. Each team must consist of at least 6 players with the appropriate fees paid. The catchment area for all



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team's playing venues, for all teams participating in Pompey Pool League, leagues and competitions, is defined as Portsea Island, with no exceptions.

- c. All players must be aged 18 years or over with the exception that junior players of 15 years and over are allowed to play in the league on the understanding that;
 - a) No more than 2 juniors may be signed to any team
 - i. In the absence of a parent / legal guardian the team captain shall be responsible for ensuring the law is strictly upheld with regard to the purchase and consumption of alcohol and for the general behaviour of the juniors.
 - ii. If away the landlord / manager of the opposing team is informed of the junior/s at least 24 hours in advance. Juniors may only play at the discretion of the landlord / manager.
 - iii. The person responsible for the junior/s will not leave the junior/s on the premises unaccompanied.
 - d. No player can sign for more than one team in the League. If they do, they will forfeit the remainder of the season and any overlapping games unless;
 - i. The player has not played a game for any team in the current season
 - ii. The player has written to both teams involved and the committee explaining who they are playing for.
 - e. A team / captain / representative cannot sign a player without that players consent.
 - f. The rules of play will be the "Official UK 8 Ball Pool Rules" published by the United Kingdom Pool Federation 1992 with paragraph 4(e) changed to read "If no ball is pocketed from a legal break, then the player who breaks must clearly nominate his/her choice before play continues. Failure to do so will have the penalty of a foul." This applies to all leagues, division and competition playing under the umbrella of Pompey Pool League.
 - g. A review of the Rules of Play will be undertaken every 5 years. The Committee will gather proposals for changes to the Rules of Play from the Teams during the Winter Season.

The Committee will decide which changes to the Rules of Play will be trialled in the following Summer Season.

Each proposed for change will be voted on at the following AGM and those changes that are agreed will be implemented for the following Winter Season. Voting will be one vote per team per proposed change.
 - h. 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 fines will apply:
 - 1st Occurrence - £5
 - 2nd Occurrence - £10
 - 3rd Occurrence - £15 and 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 fines will apply:

- 1st Occurrence - £5
- 2nd Occurrence - £10
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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).

9. The Dissolution of the League.

- a. Any resolution to dissolve the League may be passed at any General Meeting provided that:
 - i. the terms of the proposed resolution are received by the Secretary at least forty two days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward, and that:
 - ii. at least twenty eight days of the proposed resolution shall be given in writing by the secretary to all team captains, and that
 - iii. Such a resolution shall receive the assent of two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

Upon dissolution of the LEAGUE, after all LEAGUE liabilities have been cleared, all remaining financial and material assets shall be given or transferred equally among the MEMBER TEAMS/PUBS in the league at the time of dissolution.