

Wallasey snooker Association
AGM.

Proposals for the coming season 2019 to 2020.
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Proposal no 1.
Individual Handicap System Vs. Team Handicap System.

Throughout the duration of the season 2018/19, due to various reasons, many teams were unable to field the same 6 players each week. As a result many teams suffered due to their Team Handicap not being reflective of the players available to play a corresponding fixture.

Despite being able to field a team of 6 players, a team could be considered both weaker and stronger. This therefore means that a team handicap may not reflect the overall ability of the players who play each fixture.

For example, should a 'strong' player be unavailable for whatever reason, a team could call in a player of lesser ability. Despite this, the team handicap would remain unchanged, despite the team being 'weaker'.

A team handicap could only be reflective of the ability of those team members; providing the same team members play 100% of the games, which is improbable.

In the interests of ensuring a team isn't affected favourably, or detrimentally; and to be more reflective of the 6 players who play, an individual handicap for each player would offer greater fairness for each team. This means that the handicap for the team is based only on the players who play and is not judged on the players who do not.

Using the same format of two frames per player, the handicap given to a player will be multiplied by two.

With this in mind we offer these proposals to help every team be measured on the players playing each fixture.

1 . Each team captain on Match night to nominate his six players at the beginning of the evening and use their individual handicaps to form the team handicap.

Each player's handicap would be added together and the team handicap multiplied by two due to keeping the two frame format.

For example...

Team A
Player 1 - (-10)
Player 2 - (-10)
Player 3 - (-10)
Player 4 - (-10)
Player 5 - (-10)
Player 6 - (-10)

*Two frame format

Team Handicap = Minus 120

Team B

Player 1 -(10)

Player 2-(10)

Player3-(10)

Player4-(10)

Player5-(10)

Player6-(10)

Team B handicap =120

Start for team B =240

Before a ball is struck, the handicap will be calculated in order for both teams to understand what the overall handicap is.

This way we would be able to keep the two frame format that we play now and at the end of the night the team with the most points wins in the same way as it does now.

A team cannot be handicapped on players that cannot turn up on the night.

The aggregate handicap would stay on the card and each frame would begin with 0-0 on the scoreboard.

For every game a team is unavailable to field a player, a score of 150 points is conceded by said team as at present

If a team member is to arrive late the captain still must nominate at the beginning of the evening.

If a player doesn't turn up the captain can try to find another . If the player standing in has a handicap of a better player the start must be altered accordingly . If the the new player is not as competent as the person unable to play , that new player must play off the handicap of the nominated player at the beginning of the night . No advantage can be gained once the match has begun . Meaning no matter who replaces a player they can't receive more start.

Any dispute could be resolved by a gentlemanly agreement between both Captains.

Proposal 2/

The individual handicaps of the players would be assessed at the beginning of the season and then they would be re-assessed three times in the season at the handicap meeting on a win and loss basis. Deduct 3 for a win and plus 3 for a loss in the same way as matches won and lost this season . The handicap meetings would be as they are now and everybody present could give an opinion .

Proposal no3

To cap the start to a maximum handicap of 600.

The poorest team in the league clearly needs the largest start . But giving 800 start from the best to the worst is totally unfair .

The best players can't possibly perform at their best week in and week out and also cannot be treated as a professional . The poorer teams have to play above their normal to fashion a win . It needs to be achievable not impossible . The better players have to play well agreed, but not at an unattainable level to win .

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*** An amateur player, playing in a pro-am competition would give a main tour professional snooker player would only receive a 14 points per frame start.

At amateur level, a handicap of 50points per frame (100 points over 2 frames) would also promote fairness to both teams.

This in our opinion and these proposals would make for a much fairer evening and a more exciting match.

The present system doesn't provide a handicap which is reflective of the team who plays each fixture.

A team with 'exceptional' players who stop playing, have work commitments etc. and have a limited role in the team, could hinder the entire season of a team due to personal circumstances.

By basing a team handicap on the players who represent their chosen teams each week, this is fair for every single team in the league and doesn't provide any advantage to any particular team.

These proposals are designed to make our league better and to keep the present two frame aggregate format that we all know and like.

The Birkenhead league and the Bebbington league both have individual handicap formats but only one frame, they are good but it's not as good as the two frames we enjoy in the Wallasey league.

Thank you .

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