

## S.D.B.S.L. RULE AMENDMENTS 2014.

### **Grammar Changes**

- 8) Correction to grammar:  
Line 1 & line 4, change days notice to days' notice
- 13) Correction to grammar:  
Line 3, change days notice to days' notice
- 18) Correction to sentence 4, 5 & 7:  
If no agreement is possible between the captains involved the Match Secretary must be advised of the circumstances in good time and he will ~~inform~~ **consult with** the ~~S.B.D.S.L. Management Committee decision will be final.~~ **The matter will be reviewed by involving** Committee members not directly linked with any of the teams involved in the dispute.  
With the exception listed in Rule 17, a club postponing a match ~~(es)~~ without permission or failing to contest a match as fixed shall forfeit all games and be subject to a fine.
- 25) Typographical correction:  
Repeat of "will play to" in line 1.  
Remove semi-colon and replace with comma in line 3
- 26) Word correction:  
Line 1 should read "In all aggregate matches a **game** cannot be conceded and the frame must be completed"
- 35) Re word sentence:  
Replace 'via Email' with 'either by letter or email
- 37) Word correction:  
Sentence should read "Rule 35"
- 48) Typographical error  
Remove the letter o in line 1
- 54) Typographical error  
Line 2 should read, "these **matches** cannot be postponed"
- 59) Words added:  
Add the words "In billiards" at the beginning of line 1

## New rules

- 5b)** New Rule 'Management':  
"In the event of any office becoming vacant, the Management Committee shall have the power to appoint an interim successor until the next Annual General Meeting."
- 14b)** New Rule 'Finance':  
"The offices of Treasurer & Match Secretary shall be paid an honorarium, decided at the Annual General Meeting and paid quarterly."
- 14b)** New Rule 'Penalties'  
Any player who has a handicap imposed as a result of moving to a lower division is still eligible to compete for the division merit or high-break award, unless specifically excluded by the Management Committee.
- 25b)** New Rule 'Conditions of play'  
"In Billiards, where the handicap system is in operation, a player is still required to score the points total for the division. Under this scheme the better player will receive the higher handicap. The handicap will be applied as demonstrated in the following example.
- In division 1:  
Player A has a handicap of 40 and Player B has a handicap of 80.  
Player A would need to score 150 (total for the division)  
Player B would need to score 190 (total for the division + handicap difference)
- 27b)** New Rule 'Conditions of play'  
"Under normal circumstances all league matches will be scheduled to be played on a Wednesday night. Where a club has several teams and it is not possible to play all league matches on a Wednesday night then an alternative night can be scheduled in agreement with the match secretary"
- 48)** Rule amendment 'Knockout Competitions'  
"Matches will be played at the home Club of the first named team or player(s) except where a neutral venue is named for the final stages. ~~The Committee shall provide Referees/Markers for the finals, the fixtures dates for which cannot be rearranged.~~ The Committee in conjunction with the club at which finals are to be played shall provide Referees/Markers for the finals. In general, where a finals fixture date has been published then it should not be rearranged. However the Committee will consider requests to rearrange dates on the following basis;
1. A request to change is considered reasonable by the Committee
  2. All players left in the competition agree to the requested change
  3. If a previous request to change has been refused then a further request cannot be considered."