

## SDBSL RULE AMENDMENTS AGM-2015.

### **Grammar Changes**

**50)** Correction to sentence 1:

In Snooker, where aggregate scores or handicap matches are involved, **if** the match ends in a tie the last two opponents **shall** play out a re-spotted black to determine the winner. The player winning the toss shall have the choice of strike. In no other frames, where aggregate scores or handicaps are concerned, shall the black be re-spotted.

**52)** Correction to sentence 1:

Teams fielding player(s) short in Snooker team ~~knockouts~~ **knockout** matches will have deemed to have lost that particular frame. The penalty incurred will be the same as Rule 12.

**57)** Correction to sentence 1:

The Management Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the ~~Constitutional~~ **Constitution** and Rules of the SDBSL.

## New/Amended Rules

### 33) Rule amendment 'Match Results'

Match Results must be forwarded to the Match Secretary ~~home address~~ by E-MAIL, PHONE or POST (Affix stamp) by the winning team captain within 3 days of the match. Match Cards shall be duly signed as correct by both captains and any alterations initialled. The match card shall be retained for a period of 12 months by the winning team captain as a back-up record. All late results will incur a fine, determined by the Management Committee

### 48) Rule amendment 'Knockout Competitions'

[Comment: This amended rule was presented at the 2014 AGM and rejected as it was seen to conflict with rule 54. I have therefore modified the rule to retain the part of the change that is not in conflict.]

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. Venues for the final stages will be allocated where practical at the start of the season. ~~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.~~

### 49) Rule amendment 'Handicap Matches'

Handicaps awarded shall be determined by the Management Committee and are subject to alteration at any time. In individual handicap matches any start should be marked on the scoreboard before each frame. In Team Handicap Matches, played between Snooker Division 1 teams, any start should not be marked on the scoreboard and each frame treated separately. In this case the combined handicap for the team should be enter at the top of the match results card and this combined handicap is then added to the aggregate frame scores. This is necessary so that the miss rule is applied correctly for division 1 teams.

### 53) Rule amendment 'Doubles Competition'

In doubles or team events, a side may consist of players from different clubs, provided they are registered and members of those clubs. In these instances home matches shall be played at the club of the first player listed. No player may play for more than one pair in the Doubles Competition, nor will a substitute partner be allowed after the pair has played its first match. At the start of a Doubles Competition match, choice of first strike shall be determined upon the toss of a coin. Each side shall then open alternate frames, but the order of play shall be determined at the commencement of each frame.

**55) Rule amendment 'Competition Results'**

~~Winning players/captains are responsible for the result cards that must be in the hands of the Match Secretary within 3 days of the match played. All players/teams concerned may be eliminated if this rule is infringed.~~

Competition Results must be forwarded to the Match Secretary by E-MAIL, PHONE or POST (Affix stamp) by the winning team captain or player within 3 days of the match. Match Cards shall be duly signed as correct by both parties and any alterations initialled. The match card shall be retained for a period of 12 months by the winning team captain or player as a back-up record. All late results will incur a fine, determined by the Management Committee and may also lead to elimination from the competition.

**56) Rule amendment 'Trophies'**

All trophies are perpetual Challenge trophies and must be returned to the Management Committee on request. ~~Clubs shall be responsible for the safety and upkeep of such trophies and will be charged for any replacement or renovation if necessary.~~ If a trophy is lost or damaged whilst in the possession of a player or club, then that player or club will be charged for the cost of any replacement or renovation necessary to restore the trophy to its original condition.

**New Section: Inter-Town Snooker Championship**

**64) New Rule 'Match Venues'**

Matches must be played at venues providing two tables and Teams shall consist of seven players, who shall play one frame each

**65) New Rule 'Stafford Teams'**

A Stafford A and Stafford B team will be entered each season. The top 10 players in the previous season MOST WINS will be invited to represent the Stafford A team, with the top ranked player accepting to play, taking captaincy for the A team. On feedback from these invitations, the top 8 players will become the Stafford A Team squad and then the same process for the B team can then proceed going down the list of MOST WINS. In the event of players having to cancel at the last minute (e.g. on the day of the match), each team captain has the option "wild card" selections but these must be approved by the League Match Secretary.