

# NDBSL - Norwich & District Billiards and Snooker League



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## Alteration to our Snooker Leagues (Open & Handicap)

To all NDBSL players and members.

At a recent meeting of the NDBSL committee we have decided to alter the offering for the Handicap and Open Snooker Leagues for the forthcoming season. We will be offering the Handicap Snooker 4-Man Team League exactly as per previous years, all other leagues offered below are in a new format, a full set of rules will be made available prior to next season.

The intention is for the 2023/2024 season to commence at the beginning of November 2023 and be completed by the end of April (6 Month operating duration) with finals of all competitions to be completed by the end of May.

The one thing the committee want to eliminate is walk overs, we believe that most players want to play the frames rather than claim them. Today it is fair to appreciate that things come up that make it difficult for people to play so we will, going forward, allow games to be cancelled / postponed up to 1 hour prior to the match commencing. If a game has not been called off and no players have turned up NO walkovers will be awarded unless the player waiting to play has called up the opposing team to see if something has happened, and if there is a valid reason why they cannot attend the match should be rescheduled where possible. If the non-attending player is happy for a walkover to be awarded, then that may be claimed.

We would like to set confirmed dates for a presentation evening and the AGM prior to the season commencing.

The entire NDBSL rules will be re-written to incorporate the following offering.

## Handicap Singles Snooker League

The Singles Handicap League will consist of multiple divisions, the maximum number of players we will permit in each division will be 10, however the total number in each division will be adjusted where necessary. Upon commencement players will be allocated into divisions via a random draw.

Each player will be required to register by completing a registration form with their contact details along with an entry fee of £20. They will nominate a home venue and will play the other players in their division both home and away as per the fixture calendar.

Handicaps will be issued to every player by the committee, these will be set for the standard of each player (set as close as possible) All new players handicaps will be decided via conversations with existing players whom they are known to, over their standard. If any handicaps are seen to be incorrect, they will be altered asap and a frames allowance made by the committee. Handicaps will be altered as per the result after each match as per match result, for a 5-0 win you move down 5, for anything less you move by the difference, for 4-1 you move down 3, for a 3-2 win you move down 1. After a loss your handicap moves up by the same equation. The handicaps issued for the singles league are to be used in this league only, separate handicaps will be issued for the 2- and 4-man handicap leagues.

Matches will consist of 5 frames and are to be arranged at mutually convenient times / dates. Table fees are to be covered by the home player, however if both players agree they have the option to share these (the committee will

not get involved in any disputes over table fees) We will require the match result to be submitted with the points scores from each frame and any substantial breaks, each match will carry 1 point for each frame won.

The fixture list will require a set number of matches each month, for example if there are 10 players in a division you will be required to play 3 matches in November, 3 in December, 3 in January, 3 in February, 3 in March and 3 in April (these will obviously be adjusted if less than 10 players in a division). If a game is to be postponed, it must be reported to the Snooker Secretary asap. You can play more games each month should you wish, however ALL games need to be completed by the end of April without fail.

The League will be decided by the most points won, in the event of a tie, the total number of frames won will come into play, if still tied a play-off match will be arranged to conclude that Division.

There will be cash prizes for the highest break and for finishing 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> in each division with a perpetual trophy being awarded to the winner. The NDBSL will retain a percentage from each divisions prize pool for operational purposes.

## **Handicap 2-Man Team Snooker League**

The 2-Man Handicap League will consist of multiple divisions, the maximum number of teams we will permit in each division will be 10, however the total number in each division will be adjusted where necessary. Upon commencement teams will be allocated into divisions via a random draw.

Each team will be required to register by completing a registration form with a team name, the nominated captain, and contact details for both players along with an entry fee of £40. They will nominate a home venue and will play the other teams in their division both home and away as per the fixture calendar.

Handicaps will be issued to every player by the committee, these will be set for the standard of each player (set as close as possible) All new players handicaps will be decided via conversations with existing players whom they are known to over their standard. If any handicaps are seen to be incorrect, they will be altered asap and a frames allowance made by the committee asap. Handicaps will be altered as per the result after each match as per match result, for a 3-0 win you move down 3, for a 2-1 you move down 1. After a loss your handicap moves up by the same equation. The handicaps issued for the 2-man league are to be used in this league only, separate handicaps will be issued for the singles and 4-Man handicap leagues.

Matches will arranged at a mutually convenient time / date and will consist of 6 frames with each players playing 3 frames against an opponent (please note in the return fixture players play the other member from each team, this means everyone plays both players from the opposition teams) . Table fees are to be covered by the home players, however if both teams agree they have the option to share these (the committee will not get involved in any disputes over table fees) We will require the match result to be submitted with the points scores from each frame and any substantial breaks, each match will carry 1 point for each frame won.

The fixture list will require a set number of matches each month, for example if there are 10 players in a division you will be required to play 3 matches in November, 3 in December, 3 in January, 3 in February, 3 in March and 3 in April (these will obviously be adjusted if less than 10 players in a division). If a game is to be postponed, it must be reported to the Snooker Secretary asap. You can play more games each month should you wish, however ALL games need to be completed by the end of April without fail.

The League will be decided by the most points won, in the event of a tie, the total number of frames won will come into play, if still tied a play-off match will be arranged to conclude that Division.

Again, there will be cash prizes for the highest break and for finishing 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> in each division with a perpetual trophy being awarded to the winner. The NDBSL will retain a percentage from each divisions prize pool for operational purposes.

## Handicap 4-Man Team Snooker League

The 4-Man handicap league will be operating in the same way that it has in the past. Each team will be required to register by completing a registration form with a team name, the nominated captain, and contact details for all players along with an entry fee of £60 (please note that the maximum number of players in each team will remain at 8). Teams will nominate a home playing night and venue as before and will play the other teams in their division both home and away as per the fixture calendar.

Handicaps for existing players will be as per your finishing handicap from the previous season. All new players handicaps should be proposed by the team captain and set by the standard of ability they have. If any handicaps are seen to be incorrect, they will be altered asap and a frames allowance made by the committee. Handicaps will be altered as per the result after each match as per match result, for a 3-0 win you move down 3, for a 2-1 you move down 1. After a loss your handicap moves up by the same equation. The handicaps issued for the 4-man league are to be used in this league only, separate handicaps will be issued for the singles and 2-man handicap leagues.

Matches will be played on the home nights of each team for each week's fixture. Each home leg will consist of 6 frames with each player playing 3 frames against an opponent (please note that the match card MUST have the names of the home players in the playing order filled in prior to play commencing (ie the away team have a choice of whom they play). Table fees are to be covered by the home team and we will require the match result to be submitted with the points scores from each frame and any substantial breaks, each match will carry 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw as before.

The League will be decided by the most points won, in the event of a tie, the total number of frames won will come into play, if still tied a play-off match will be arranged to conclude that division.

There will be cash prizes for the highest breaks (plus and minus handicaps) and for finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each division with a perpetual trophy being awarded to the winner. The NDBSL will retain a percentage from each division's prize pool for operational purposes.

## Open Snooker Leagues

### Open Singles Snooker League

The Singles Open League will consist of multiple divisions, the maximum number of players we will permit in each division will be 10, however the total number in each division will be adjusted where necessary. Upon commencement players will be allocated into divisions by snooker abilities.

Each player will be required to register by completing a registration form with their contact details along with an entry fee of £20. They will nominate a home venue and will play the other players in their division both home and away as per the fixture calendar.

Matches will consist of 5 frames, to be played from scratch, and are to be arranged at mutually convenient times / dates. Table fees are to be covered by the home player, however if both players agree they have the option to share these (the committee will not get involved in any disputes over table fees). We will require the match result to be submitted with the points scores from each frame and any substantial breaks, each match will carry 1 point for each frame won.

The fixture list will require a set number of matches each month, for example if there are 10 players in a division you will be required to play 3 matches in November, 3 in December, 3 in January, 3 in February, 3 in March and 3 in April (these will obviously be adjusted if less than 10 players in a division). If a game is to be postponed, it must be reported to the Snooker Secretary asap. You can play more games each month should you wish, however ALL games need to be completed by the end of April without fail.

The League will be decided by the most points won, in the event of a tie, the total number of frames won will come into play, if still tied a play-off match will be arranged to conclude that Division.

There will be cash prizes for the highest break and for finishing 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> in each division with a perpetual trophy being awarded to the winner. The NDBSL will retain a percentage from each divisions prize pool for operational purposes.

## Open 2-Man Team Snooker League

The 2-Man Open League is replacing the previous 3-Man league. It will consist of multiple divisions, the maximum number of teams we will permit in each division will be 10, however the total number in each division will be adjusted where necessary. Upon commencement teams will be allocated into divisions by snooker abilities.

Each team will be required to register by completing a registration form with a team name, the nominated captain, and contact details for both players along with an entry fee of £40. They will nominate a home venue and will play the other teams in their division both home and away as per the fixture calendar.

Matches will arranged at a mutually convenient time / date and will consist of 8 frames with each player playing 4 frames against an opponent (please note in the return fixture players play the other member from each team, this means everyone plays both players from the opposition teams) . Table fees are to be covered by the home players, however if both teams agree they have the option to share these (the committee will not get involved in any disputes over table fees) We will require the match result to be submitted with the points scores from each frame and any substantial breaks, each match will carry 1 point for each frame won.

The fixture list will require a set number of matches each month, for example if there are 10 players in a division you will be required to play 3 matches in November, 3 in December, 3 in January, 3 in February, 3 in March and 3 in April (these will obviously be adjusted if less than 10 players in a division). If a game is to be postponed, it must be reported to the Snooker Secretary asap. You can play more games each month should you wish, however ALL games need to be completed by the end of April without fail.

The League will be decided by the most points won, in the event of a tie, the total number of frames won will come into play, if still tied a play-off match will be arranged to conclude that Division.

Again, there will be prizes for the highest break, frames cup for most individual frames won and for finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each division with a perpetual trophy being awarded to the winner. The NDBSL will retain a percentage from each divisions prize pool for operational purposes.

## Competitions

We will be looking to run the following competitions in during the forthcoming season:

Open Snooker Singles	Open Snooker Pairs	Open Snooker Over 40s Singles
Open Snooker Over 40s Pairs	Open Snooker Over 60s Singles	Open Snooker Over 60s Pairs
Handicap Snooker Singles	Handicap Snooker Pairs	

To enter we MUST have a filled in entry form containing contact information (phone and e-mail) and details of which events you wish to enter along with the entry fee. For the pairs and team events the person wishing to be responsible for organising your matches only should enter the other players for those events on their entry form. The payments should be made into the NDBSL Bank Account with your name as the reference.

Each competition will have all the entry fees collated and the prize fund for that competition will be a set percentage after a proportion is retained by the NDBSL for operating costs. Prizes will be paid for the winners and runners up in each event.

The draw will be made before play commences for each event, there will be set closing dates for each round, it will be the responsibility of both players to get the match played. Any match not completed by this date will result in BOTH players being eliminated (in the event of any issues arranging any games the tournament secretary must be notified and a decision will be made by the committee)

The finals of each event will be scheduled during finals week (we will endeavour to work with all players around their availability) and will be held at a neutral venue where a league appointed referee will take charge of the match.