

## Central Somerset Pool League Rules

### Matches

Tuesday night is match night. All league games will be scheduled for match night. Teams are not permitted to play scheduled league matches on any other night.

There is no rearranging of any team match to be played on match night. The only exceptions to this rule are for extreme weather and venue closure reasons. Exceptions must be agreed by the committee.

### Racking of Balls

The home team nominate a person from their venue to rack the balls. For team games, this must not be either player in play.

### The Break

For all matches, the Home team or player breaks first. In the event of a deciding frame, a coin shall be tossed to determine who breaks.

### Team Rules

Matches consist of 4 (FOUR) players each playing an opponent in a best of 3 frame individual match. Plus one Scotch Doubles match best of 3 frames

Score cards to be completed by both the home and away teams and sent in separately to the leagues nominated recipient.

Player names from each team to be placed on separate score cards by Captains prior to the start of the match, then cards swapped. Names must be written in full, or Initial & Surname.

Minimum number of players to constitute a team is 2 (TWO).

A team must be present in order to start a match.

Teams to arrive at the venue for 7:45pm ready for an 8:00pm start.

For each 15 minute delay, the opposing team is entitled to claim two frames.

Any changes to playing order during the match must be agreed by both captains.

Disagreements on the night to be settled by team Captains.

Results to be phoned/emailed/scanned/texted through to the nominated secretary on the night of the match

### Results & Scorecards

All scorecards to be returned to the designated collection point no later than the end of the day on the Saturday following the match.

It is the Captains responsibility from each team to ensure that all match results are communicated back to the fixtures & results secretary on the night of the match in order to claim the points won.

Acceptable methods as follows:

- WhatsApp
- Text Message
- Phone Call
- Email

Results not communicated back to the fixtures & results secretary IN FULL by the Sunday following the match will result in a warning. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> and future warning(s) the offending teams' points will not be awarded.

Warnings will be communicated in writing by the committee.

### Team KO

For team KO matches, in the event of a draw, team captains should select a Scotch Doubles partnership from those remaining at the venue to play in a best of 3 frame deciding match. Team KO Matches to start at 8pm.

Failure to show for a team knockout match without notice will result in a deduction of 5 league points from the offending team.

### Doubles Rules

Players may talk prior to a visit, but not during.

All doubles matches are a best of 5 frames.

Draws for doubles matches will be made on match night by 8pm. Only players at the venue shall be entered into the draw.

### 3-A-Side Rules

3-A-Side teams comprise 3 players from each team that play each other in a single frame shootout. The order of play is determined by the provided score card.

3-A-Side matches to be played on a Tuesday night may not be rearranged. 3-A-Side matches to start at 8pm.

### Singles Rules

All singles matches are a best of 5 frames until the final where a best of 7 frames applies.

Draws for singles matches will be made on match night by 8pm. Only players at the venue shall be entered into the draw.

### Competition Rules

It is recommended that teams provide 24 hours' notice of cancellation.

Where a team fails to provide at least 1 hours notice to cancel a match, and no effort has been made to notify their opponents, a deduction of 5 league points will be made to that players team. This may be waived in the event of extraordinary circumstances. Extraordinary circumstances must be documented and submitted to the committee in writing within two weeks of the event. These will then be discussed at the next committee meeting. Appeals to any decision must be made in writing.

No competition match is to start after 10:45pm. Matches starting close to this time will be at the discretion of the committee.

Competition tables are to be allocated by the organising committee only. (Not players).

### Table Fees

It is the responsibility of the home team to pay any table charges for the match. Where a neutral venue is used, any fees should be shared amongst the players.

### Pool Table Access

It must be possible to cue clearly from at least 3 sides of a pool table in order to enter the league top division.

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League Rules Amendment History:

Revision	Author	Date	Comments
Rev. 1	Dan Caruso	25/01/2012	Initial Revision
Rev. 2	Dan Caruso	03/05/2012	Updated after initial committee response for AGM.
Rev. 3	Dan Caruso	06/07/2012	Updated after a committee meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2012
Rev. 4	Dan Caruso	04/10/2016	Updated after a 2016 AGM agreed at 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 meeting.
Rev. 5	Dan Caruso	13/8/2018	Updated to include new start time of 8pm for all competitions and change in match format to 4 singles and one Scotch Doubles