

BASILDON DISTRICT INDEPENDENT CLUB POOL LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION (Amended 2022).

THE LEAGUE

Section 1

- a) **The League will be known in full as the Basildon District Independent Club Pool League. For administration purposes it shall be abbreviated to BDICPL.**
- b) **The League should be governed by a League Committee which will have no more than 9 members in total. The League committee will comprise of 3 Senior Committee members, namely, a Chairman, a League Secretary, a Vice League Secretary. There will be a Treasurer plus “up to” a maximum of 5 committee members that are deemed necessary by the senior members.**
- c) **The League Committee shall control all aspects of the games of BDICPL Pool and Competitions. No more than 2 members from any 1 pool team shall be permitted to serve on the committee at any time together. No more 1 club landlord from a registered pool team shall be permitted to serve on the committee at any time. All divisions will try to be fairly represented.**
- d) **All committee members are expected to attend competition events during the season to assist in the refereeing duties and any league duties that are required. Should they not, it will be at the discretion of the Senior Committee members, to decide whether a committee member will be asked to step down at the AGM or with immediate effect.**
- e) **The League Committee will be elected at the Annual General Meeting, the previous Committee having to block resign after a period of one year, this being called the term of office. Any person having previously held a term of office may be re-elected again but must be proposed and seconded by a Senior Committee member.**
- f) **General League Committee meetings will normally be held every 2 months on the first Sunday of the month to discuss matters in relation to the League. These meetings maybe subject to change and the Chairman will notify each member of meeting dates. A minimum of 5 committee members must attend a meeting. Apologies for absence much be received from those not attending. Failure to attend at least 2 Committee meetings will lead to the Committee asking said member to stand down at the next AGM.**
- g) **All nominations to stand for any Senior Committee positions must be made in writing, stating the nominated person and the position they wish to stand for at the AGM and handed by the nominee to the League Chairman a minimum of 21 (twenty-one) days before the Annual General Meeting is held.**
- h) **All League issues that wish to be discussed and voted on must be made in writing to the League Chairman a minimum of 21 (twenty-one) days before the Annual General Meeting is held.**
- i) **At any meeting where a motion is decided by general vote, each BDICPL team will be restricted to two votes only, normally by their duly registered team Captain and Secretary. Only those present will qualify for votes and the count will be final.**

- j) Any team or person involved in a discipline hearing will be judged by the duly elected League Committee, their ruling will be made available on the website. Any team or person having had a ruling against them for breach of discipline may appeal in writing. The appeal should be sent to the League Chairman no later than 7 (seven) days after its decision.**
- k) The Pool League itself shall consist of one or more divisions. The number of divisions for each season shall be calculated by dividing the number of registered teams as evenly as possible. Placement of teams regarding promotion and demotion will where possible be defined as, three teams promoted, three teams demoted, unless the number of registered teams at the start of the season prohibits this. Although due to disciplinary action a team could be demoted by League ruling. Under exceptional circumstances a team may wish to remain in their previous division. Committee ruling will decide the nature of this last items.**
- l) All pool matches will always be played in the best sporting manner. Any disrespectful behaviour by any individual, any team or any supporter, including cheating, will be reported to the league.**
- m) Sandwiches are now provided on a voluntary basis by each BDICPL club venue.**
- n) The BDICPL have adopted the Old EPA eight ball rules and amended some rules by AGM voting. These rules will be known from now on as “Old EPA with amendments” or simply “Old EPA”.**
- o) There are 2 sets of rules played in the BDICPL. IPA “Blackball” rules are played in the Premier Division and will only be played in Premier League matches and competitions where specified. “Old EPA” rules will be played in Divisions 1 and 2 and all other competitions including Charity Cup and Combination Cup where specified.**
- p) All funds paid to the League must be held within an outside organisation, these are only accepted as a bank or building society. Two signatories are required and compulsory.**
- q) The treasurer will provide a statement of accounts at the AGM, any person wishing a financial update is to put in writing their precise request, this is to be addressed to the League Chairman who must respond to this request within 14 (fourteen) days.**
- r) Emergency General Meeting can be called by the League Committee giving 14 (fourteen) days notice to all teams. Teams can only call an EGM if they have in writing the backing of 75% of all League Captains. They must forward their complaint in writing to the League Chairman who must give a date for the EGM in writing no later than 21 days but no earlier than 14 (fourteen) days.**

PLAYERS and TEAMS

Section 2

- a) At the beginning of each Winter Season a minimum of 6 (six) players must register for each team. A registration fee which will be decided by the committee at the AGM each year. There is no maximum number of players that can registered for any one team. No more than 3 County "A" players or players of higher standard can be registered to play for any one BDICPL team.**

- b) All league games and cup competitions are included in the registration fee. Dates of these will be available on the website once the League fixtures are known. Singles and Doubles individual competitions have prize money and hence there is an (optional) entrance fee which is decided each year by the League Committee at the AGM. The League Committee will also decide prize money amounts after knowing the number of entrants.
- c) Any team may register extra players during the first half of the season at the cost of the full registration fee per player and during the second half of the season the fee for registering players will be reduced to 50%. The cut-off date will be up to and including 6 (six) league games remaining of the League Season.
- d) Players may transfer between teams during the season providing there are 6 (six) league games remaining of the League Season.
- e) All new registrations and player transfers must be made in writing and with the knowledge of their captains. A minimum period of 48 hours must pass before a player is eligible to play in a new BDICPL team match.
- f) Postponement of matches can only be done with the full permission of the League Secretary and the only reason for postponement is for a bereavement. Under no other normal circumstances will matches or individual competitions be postponed. The only exception is under exceptional circumstances beyond control. E.G Power cuts, Snow, etc...
- g) A team for a League match, Charity Cup or League Cup match, must have a minimum of 4 (four) players attend or the match will be forfeit.

DISCIPLINE

Section 3

- a) Basildon & District Independent Club Pool League are committed to a drug free and violence free league, any person or team brought for discipline before the committee under these circumstances will be dealt with in the strongest way possible.
- b) Any person or team already under disciplinary must have their case reviewed before the League Committee, only then will it be decided if the player or team can be reinstated.
- c) All teams are responsible for the conduct of their players as well as their supporters, whether at their home venue or away to a venue, this includes all competitions.
- d) The League Committee or League Committee member will act on any reports of bad behaviour amongst players and deal with them as they see fit at that time, reporting to the League Committee at the next meeting. The penalty imposed by a League Committee member will be subject to ratification by the full Committee at that meeting.
- e) Any team playing unregistered players will have any accrued points deducted, the offending captain and player will be banned for a period to be decided by League Committee but not less than 1 (one) year.

MATCHES

Section 4

- a) Each League match shall be contested by two teams of 6 players. The League match consists of a maximum 18 (eighteen) frames in a night. These are played in six individual matches. Each individual match will be in the format of best of 3 (three) frames. Each individual match won will win a point for the winning team.

- b) Individual and team scoring will be awarded per individual match (best of 3 frames) as follows: -

<u>Player A</u> Frames	<u>Player B</u> Frames	<u>Player A</u> Points	<u>Player B</u> Points	<u>Team A</u> Points	<u>Team B</u> Points
2	0	15	0	1	0
2	1	10	5	1	0
1	2	5	10	0	1
0	2	0	15	0	1

Example: Any player winning their individual match 2 (two) 0 (nil) will be given the third frame as a bonus without having to play it. Their individual point score for the individual match being 5 (five) points for every frame won, plus a bonus award of 5 (five) points for winning 2 (two) 0 (nil).

If a team cannot field 6 players, but can only field 4 or 5 players, for each player absent a score of 2 - 0 will be awarded of the opposing team and 1 (one) match point. A complete league match is forfeit if a team does not field 4 or more players.

- c) All League matches, Charity Cup and League Cup matches will be scheduled for Tuesday evenings, commencing no later than 20:00 hours, failure to start the match on time will result in a penalty being administered to the offending team. For every 10 (ten) minutes that a team does not turn up 1 (one) frame will be deducted to a maximum of 3 (three) frames where upon the team present will claim the match 6 (six) individual matches to 0 (nil).
- d) Team selection is to be started at 19:55 hours. The players order of play is to be drawn out by both captains alternatively. All the player registration cards must be shown at that time to satisfy each captain. Any player without a valid BDICPL registration card will not be permitted to play that evening.
- e) Only by mutual consent of both captains can the running order be changed I.E player going to work and must go on first. If a captain changes the order and the affected player does not leave the venue for the given reason at the given time, the team will be reported to the League Committee to be disciplined. The discipline will be a deduction of points or ban.
- f) If a captain indicates a player will be arriving after 9:30 the opposing captain can choose which of his players from his team will play the late incoming player. That best of 3 game will then become the 6th game of the draw.
- g) A reserve can be nominated at the start of proceedings and put into the running order only if, that player being replaced has not turned up. The replaced player will not then be eligible to play that evening.

- h) All home teams are responsible for the completion of their fixtures on time, if any home team at any venue fails to conclude their match after due warning, because time has been called by the home venue manager or that the time has exceeded 23: 15 hours, then the remaining matches will be awarded to the away team.**
- i) Each team must provide suitable referees at all matches who will be actively mobile around the table to be able to see each shot. Referees may stand as close as necessary to a player without interfering with play. Referees must not be distracted or use mobile phones whilst refereeing a match. Refereeing is to be alternated between the home and away side. If for any reason there is a refereeing dispute captains can arbitrate and amend the referee's decision, if no decision can be reached then the original refereeing decision is final. No player may ref more than one best of 3 frame match per night.**
- j) The home team at each venue is to accept the cost of the table play during an official league match or competition.**
- k) The start of each individual match will be decided by the toss of a coin, the call being offered by the referee to the referee's opposing team first, if the individual match is drawn 1 (one) 1 (one) the referee will toss the coin for the deciding frame, the referee's team player being offered the call.**
- l) Result cards will be provided by the League and all sections must be completed and players names filled in by both sets of players and endorsed by their captains. The winning team (or home team if the match is drawn) are responsible for the texting a picture of the result card to the League Secretary's BDICPL Mobile. Both captains are required to take a picture of the result card and text it to the League Secretary in case a result card is not submitted or lost which results in a dispute. The card is to arrive no later than the following day of the League match. Failure to comply will result in a possible deduction of league or individual points.**
- m) The card is to arrive no later than the following day of the League match. Failure to comply will result in a possible deduction of league or individual points. The League Secretary's BDICPL Mobile number is available on the BDICPL website.**
- n) The information given on the result card is final, no individual points can be changed after both captains have endorsed the result card and a picture is taken. If an 8 ball(s) clearance is achieved both captains need to confirm this by checking that a figure 1 or 2 is beside the players name on the new result cards, before the match captain signs the card.**
- o) League points will be determined by awarding 3 (three) points for a match win and 1 (one) point for a match drawn. In the event of teams having equal points, League positions will be decided based on the difference between games won and the frames lost and then the number of matches won.**
- p) Any team that must rearrange a fixture with the permission of the League Secretary must complete this fixture before the end of the playing season. If this is not possible the game will be forfeit by the team who cancelled, and a score of 6 (six) 0 (nil) will stand.**

COMPETITIONS

Section 5

- a) The BDICPL Pool League shall include, but is not limited to, the following competitions: -

Charity Cup

A team knockout competition based on 1 (one) match. Each match to be the best of 18 (eighteen) frames, comprising of 6 (six) sets of best of 3 (three) single frames, if required a 1 (one) single frame play off will decide the result of a tied match, both captains choosing their own nominated player. Blackball rules apply.

Divisional Cup

Only teams in their relevant divisions are entered for the Divisional Cups. This is a team knockout competition based on 1 (one) match. Each match to be the best of 18 (eighteen) frames, comprising of 6 (six) sets of 3 (three) single frames, if required a 1 (one) single frame play off will decide the result of a tied match, both captains choosing their own nominated player. Blackball played in Premier & 1st cup only.

Combination Cup

It is a 6 (six) player best of 9 frame matches. It is played in a team handicap format. The format will be 6 singles and 3 scotch doubles. Scotch doubles partners may confer quietly at any time whilst an opponent is visiting the table. After the cue ball has come to rest at the end of the opponents visit, partners may confer until they touch the table and take control. They cannot confer again until their entire "scotch" visit is over. The penalty for conferring before their entire "scotch" visit is over is a foul and 2 (two) visits will be awarded to the opposing team. You may confer after the break if a ball is potted on the break. Old EPA rules apply.

Singles Cup

A singles knockout competition, based on each division holding its own knockout, the winners of each division then play off in a Champions of Champions knockout. Old EPA league rules apply. Blackball played in Premier & 1st singles only.

Scotch Doubles Cup

A doubles knockout competition. Any registered player from any team may partner any player from any other same division team, but their captains must be informed. Doubles partners may confer quietly at any time whilst an opponent is visiting the table. After the cue ball has come to rest at the end of the opponents visit, partners may confer until they touch the table and take control. They cannot confer again until their entire "scotch" visit is over. The penalty for conferring before their entire "scotch" visit is over is a foul. You may confer after the break if a ball is potted on the break.

Captains and Secretary's Cup

A scotch doubles competition for team Captains & Secretary's nominated on registration forms only. A doubles knockout competition. Doubles partners may confer quietly at any time whilst an opponent is visiting the table. After the cue ball has come to rest at the end of the opponents visit, partners may confer until they touch the table and take control. They cannot confer again until their entire "scotch" visit is over. The penalty for conferring before their entire "scotch" visit is over is a foul. You may confer after the break if a ball is potted on the break. Prem & 1st Blackball and 2nd & 3rd Divs Old EPA.

Veterans Cup

A singles competition for players aged 50 (fifty) and over. To qualify players must be 50 (fifty) before the first round is played. Old EPA rules apply.

Summer Cup (Optional)

A team handicap competition played to a predefined format consisting of a group stage and a knockout stage. No more than 2 registered guests may play from other teams who are of the same league or lower. All guests must be sanctioned by the league secretary 48 hours before the competition begins. Old EPA league rules apply.

Eight Ball Trophy

To be awarded to the player with the most total clearances within their division who after breaking:

Old EPA

- i) Legally pockets their 7 (seven) object balls, and the eight-ball black in a single visit from the break shot.
- ii) Following a foul break the player must have used only their first visit when the clearance is complete.
- iii) After a legal break and no balls are potted the oncoming player at their first visit clears all 7 (seven) object balls and the eight-ball black.

Eight ball clearances will only count during League matches.

Blackball

- iv) Legally pockets their 7 (seven) object balls, and the eight-ball black in a single visit from the break shot.
- v) After a legal break and all 15 balls are still on the table the oncoming player at their first visit clears all 7 (seven) object balls and the eight-ball black. If the break results in a foul, no 8-ball clearance is available.

Eight ball clearances will only count during League matches.

- b) **The number of frames played in Charity Cup and Divisional Cup competitions will be a minimum of 7 (seven) and a maximum of 19 (nineteen). (Based on 6 players per side).**
- c) **Trophies for the above competitions will be awarded at the end of the season.**
- d) **Any prize money will be decided each year by the BDICPL committee based on the number of entrants for the Singles and Doubles Competitions. Prize money will be decided for Winners (£WIN) and Runners UP (£RSU) and awarded as detailed below. (See Rule 2(c))**
- e) **The League committee will purchase up to and no more than 9 trophies per team. If more trophies are required by any winning or runner up BDICPL team, that team must be identified and will be giving a price and an opportunity to purchase additional trophies.**
- f) **The following trophies will be awarded as follows at the end of the season: -**
- **Divisional League Cup Winners (per division)**
Trophies to be presented to the winning teams in each division.
 - **Charity Cup**
Trophies to be presented to the winner and runners up.
 - **Divisional Cup Knockout (per division)**
Trophies to be presented to the winners and runners up of each Division.
 - **Combination Cup**
Trophies to be presented to the winners and runners up.
 - **Singles Cup**
Trophies to be presented to the Divisional Champion and the runner up of each division. Each Singles winner will receive £WIN and the runners up £RSU.
 - **Champion of Champions Cup**
Trophies to be presented to the Champion of Champions winner and runner up. The winner will also receive £WIN and the runner up will receive £RSU.
 - **Doubles Cup**
Trophies to be presented to the winner and runner up. The winners will also receive £WIN and the runners up will receive £RSU.
 - **Ladies Singles Cup**
Trophies to be presented to the winner and runner up. The winner will also receive £WIN and the runner up will receive £RSU.
 - **Captains and Secretary's Cup**
Trophies to be presented to the winners and runners up. The winners will also receive £WIN and the runners up will receive £RSU.
 - **Veterans Cup**
Trophies to be presented to the winner and runner up. The winners will also receive £WIN and the runners up will receive £RSU.
 - **Summer Cup**
Trophies to be presented to the winning team.
 - **Eight Ball Trophy's**
To be presented to the winners of each division with the most eight ball clearances.

- g) Trophies will be awarded at the annual presentation. Failure to attend the annual presentation without giving prior notice to the Committee may result in the trophy being forfeit.**
- h) All individual competitions and team knockouts will be drawn at random whether by hand or computerised method.**
- i) The home team at each venue is to accept the cost of the table play during a competition.**
- j) If after any disciplinary, an adjudicator has been assigned to a venue, they must arrive no later than 19.45pm. They are to oversee the draw and decide on playing order (this does not have to be the order on the sheet). They must organise referees and telephone the result to the League Secretary as soon as possible. The adjudicator is senior referee on the night and you can decide any dispute. Rule 4(l) in this case is not active.**

EQUIPMENT

Section 6

- a) The pool table shall have an external measurement of 7 (seven) feet by 4 (four) feet and be suitable in appearance. The playing surface must be of woollen based cloth and contain no flaws or holes in its presentation or function. The table must be levelled periodically. Pool tables must not be artificial or synthetic.**
- b) Overhead lighting will be provided in such a way as to not throw a shadow across the table or not to interfere with normal play and to sufficiently illuminate all areas of the playing surface.**
- c) The balls used for the BDICPL match must be the full set of official BDICPL balls which are available at each BDICPL venue. BDICPL balls must not be used for general public use.**
- d) Cue rests (Cross and Spider) must be provided at all matches by the home venue.**

The BDICPL Committee at the start of each season will provide any updates to the rules of play for the following season at the Annual General Meeting which should be attended by all pool team captains.