

# HARROW AND DISTRICT SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS LEAGUE

## GENERAL RULES

### CONSTITUTION

1.	The League shall be known as the Harrow and District Snooker and Billiards League (hereinafter abbreviated to HDSBL).
2.	The purpose of the HDSBL is to promote competitive Snooker and Billiards between local Organisations and their members.
3.	In all the HDSBL Rules, words implying the male gender shall equally apply to and include the female gender.
4.	The HDSBL shall be managed by a Committee consisting of a Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary, Competitions Administrator and up to seven members. All Committee members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. In addition, the President and Vice-President(s), having been proposed in the first instance by the Committee in recognition of past services, may attend Committee meetings in an advisory capacity with full voting rights. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt other members if deemed necessary. Any Committee Member failing to attend three consecutive Committee meetings without valid reason will be deemed to have resigned from the Committee.
5.	An Auditor to the HDSBL (who shall not be a member of the Committee) shall be elected at the AGM.
6.	A Member Club is defined as an autonomous group of players fielding at least one Snooker team in the HDSBL. A Member Club's name must be unique and is usually but not necessarily a derivative of the name of the Organisation/Venue where the Member Club plays its home matches. A Member Club's team(s) name(s) will consist of the Member Club's name plus a suffix of 'A', 'B', 'C' etc. to identify the team, 'A' being implied if absent.
7.	<p>a) The Annual General Meeting of the HDSBL will be held as soon as is practicable after the last scheduled match of the season. Notice of the AGM will be given on results sheets during the course of the season.</p> <p>b) A Special General Meeting of the HDSBL will be called, with notice of at least 14, and not more than 28 days, being given, if :- either ① a request, in writing, is received by the General Secretary bearing the signatures of the <del>Club</del> Representatives (as per the HDSBL Directory) of 5 Member Clubs. Notice of an SGM will be sent within 21 days of receipt of such a request. or ② the Committee deems it necessary. The only business to be discussed at a Special General Meeting will be that on the Agenda.</p> <p>c) Each Member Club should have at least one delegate in attendance at an Annual or Special General Meeting and shall be entitled to one vote on any one issue (but see Rule 12).</p>
8.	Each Member Club, or Organisation/Venue where the Member Club plays, shall subscribe annually towards the expenses of the HDSBL. The fees for the following season, including those that may already have been levied for any summer competition(s), will be proposed by the Committee for approval at the Annual General Meeting (see Rule 13 below). In the event of an appropriate entry fee not having been received by the League by 1st. September, the offending team(s)/player(s) may be excluded from the relevant competitions or have points deducted at the discretion of the Committee.
9.	The HDSBL's permanent trophies for all competitions will be presented to the winners at the end of each season and shall be handed back to an appointed Committee representative by the following 31 <sup>st</sup> March. Recipients of these trophies (be they Clubs, Teams or Individuals) will be expected to replace any trophy, fully engraved, if lost whilst in their possession. The Committee will determine annually the numbers of and expenditure on individual trophies, which will also be presented at the end of the season.
10.	The Committee reserves the right to arbitrate in the event of a dispute arising out of the interpretation of any General or Competition Rule and its decision will be final.
11.	Penalties and/or allocation of points in the event of a breach of any General or Competition Rule will be decided by the Committee and its decision will be final.
12.	The League shall not be wound up, except by a two-thirds majority of those eligible, and voting at, a Special General Meeting called for the purpose. On the winding up of the League, the assets remaining after payment or discharge of all debts shall be disposed of as may be determined by a simple majority of all the Members present at the Special General Meeting at which the winding up decision was taken.
13.	<p>Alterations to any General or Competition Rule can only be made at an Annual or Special General Meeting (see Rule 7 above).</p> <p>A Proposal for consideration at the AGM must be either ① sent in writing or by email from any one of a Committee Member, a Member Club Representative, a team Captain or a recognised member (see General Rule 16) to reach the General Secretary at least <b>35</b> days prior to that meeting or ② submitted by the Committee.</p> <p>Club Representatives will be given details of all proposals (including proposed League fees) between <b>35</b> and <b>28</b> days prior to the AGM.</p> <p>An amendment to an original proposal must reach the General Secretary at least 7 days prior to the AGM. Any received after this date will not be accepted. The Committee may formulate an amendment to an original proposal from a Member.</p> <p>At the AGM, an amendment will be voted upon first, and if not carried the original proposal will be considered. If more than one Amendment to an original Proposal is received, they will be considered in the reverse order of receipt.</p> <p>The Committee may make temporary amendments to these Rules to ensure the smooth running and financial security of the League. Any such amendments will be subjected to scrutiny (and possible permanent acceptance) at the next AGM.</p>

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### ***PLAYING***

14.	The Rules of the games as laid down by the appropriate Governing Body shall apply to all competitions. However, the Snooker Miss Rule will not be applied except in the semi-finals and finals of individual and pairs competitions and where the players, and the referee(s) appointed by the Committee, all agree to its use and interpretation. Note that in all competitions, officials have recourse to Snooker Rules 4.1 (Unsporting Conduct) and 4.4 (Penalty) (WPBSA Official Rules 2019 edition) if it is considered that non-use of the Snooker Miss Rule is abused.	
15.	Balls approved by the appropriate Governing Body must be used for all matches. For Billiards matches, matched Billiard ball sets must be used.	
16.	a)	All Member Club team players must be recognised members of an Organisation as defined in General Rule 6 and may only play League/Poore Cup Snooker for one Member Club during any one season. However, the Match Secretary, acting on behalf of the Committee, may, after due consideration of all circumstances, approve a request for a move of a player between Member Clubs or between teams within a Member Club (see Snooker League Rule 1c).
	b)	A player that is a recognised member of an Organisation as defined in General Rule 6 may enter individual and pairs knockout competitions.
17.	Matches shall be played at the venue of the first named team/player on the fixture lists. For Snooker matches the home team/player will score on spot throughout. For Billiards matches the player playing the spot or yellow ball, determined according to the appropriate Governing Body's Rules of English Billiards will score on spot. The home team/player is expected to ensure that matches are adequately officiated.	
18.	a)	All League matches, and, scheduled knockout team and individual matches prior to the semi-final round, shall be played on the scheduled dates unless re-arranged or postponed by mutual agreement. Only in exceptional circumstances should postponements be sought within 48 hours of a scheduled match.
	b)	Postponements for team matches as in a) above will only be acceptable if they are made personally between team captains. If a team captain is unavailable, the Club's nominated representative as per the Club Directory, should be approached personally. The person requesting the postponement must, at the same time, offer alternative dates. See also Snooker League Rule 5. For scheduled individual matches, postponements must only be made between the players involved.
	c)	Scheduled dates for semi-finals and finals of competitions will only be changed with the Committee's prior approval in <b>exceptional</b> circumstances.
	d)	All competitions are played on a non-handicapped basis unless specified otherwise.
19.	Notification of postponements and results of all matches must be conveyed either personally, by post, by e-mail or by <b>personal</b> telephone conversation to the appropriate League official as specified in the Rules of each competition. E-mailed team match results must contain a scanned image of the completed match card (unless it is also posted).	

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## SNOOKER LEAGUE RULES

1.	<p>a) Snooker teams will comprise 6 players, each player to play two frames against his opposite number.</p> <p>b) The home player shall break in the first frame and the away player in the second frame of each game.</p> <p>c) A player will be considered to be a permanent member of whichever team he first represents in any one season. However, in the event that such a player is not to be a permanent member of that team, the Match Secretary or Competitions Administrator must be informed, within 5 days after the match in question, as to the intended future status of that player.</p> <p>cii) In any one season, no player may play for a lower team than that for which he normally plays. In this context, a team in a lower Division will always be regarded as the "lower team". When a Member Club has more than one team in the same Division, movement of players between those teams will not be permitted. However, see General Rule 16a. Any player intending to play for two teams on one evening, and not in contravention of these Rules, must fulfil his obligations to the lower team first.</p> <p>ciii) A lower Division player may only play in higher Division team(s) for a total of 3 times in any one season. For each breach of this limit, one point will be deducted from the offending team. In addition, any frames won whilst this limit is breached will be transferred to the opposing team's match score (but not to the offender's opponent for performance award purposes). Breaks made by the offender in such frames will not be recorded.</p> <p>d) Teams will be awarded one point for each frame played and won, plus a bonus of three points for a match win or one point each for a match draw. In the event of a frame being forfeited for whatever reason, the non-offending team will receive one point (see Rule 2 below). In some circumstances (for example, the non-appearance of three or more of an opposing team) the Committee will decide the outcome.</p> <p>e) Only frames played and won will be credited to individuals' aggregate frame scores</p>
2.	<p>a) Prior to the start of a match, each team Captain shall independently list his team for that match <b>in order of merit</b>, 1 - 6 on a supplied match card. The two cards will then be exchanged and the process repeated. Once the cards are so completed, substitutions or replacements will not be permitted unless by mutual agreement.</p> <p>b) If it is known that a team is short of a player before the match starts, the vacancy must be shown at number 6 on the card regardless of the missing player's usual position. Similarly, a second absence would be shown at number 5 on the card.</p> <p>c) The order of play will be decided by the Home Team Captain. If a player of either team is not present when required to play, he will be given a 20 minutes grace period on the expiry of which the non-offending Team Captain may claim the frame. If the player is still not present after a further 20 minutes, the non-offending Team Captain may claim the second frame. Such claimed frames must be clearly shown as "no shows" on the match card. If it is known in advance that a player will be arriving late (or needs to leave early), he or his Team Captain should inform the opposing Team Captain in advance in order for the situation to be sympathetically considered.</p> <p>d) On conclusion of a match, both match cards shall be completed with the scores, signed by both Captains, and sent <b>independently</b> to the Match Secretary (see General Rule 19). "No shows" for whatever reason must be clearly indicated. In the event of neither card being received within 5 days of that match, two points will be deducted from both teams.</p>
3.	All matches shall <b>commence</b> by 7.30 pm in 2-table clubs, and by 7.45 pm elsewhere. Any team whose late arrival delayed the start shall forfeit any uncompleted frames. This penalty may be waived if both Captains agree that the late arrival arose from exceptional circumstances, but should then arrange for the unplayed frames to be played.
4.	Divisional positions will be determined by a team's aggregate points to date. In the event of a tie the positions will be determined as follows: firstly, on the total number of frames for, secondly on the number of matches won and thirdly on the aggregate scores of the league matches between the teams concerned. In the event of any unresolved positions at the end of a season, the Committee will decide the dates, venues and conditions of play-offs.
5.	<p>a) Any match postponed in accordance with General Rule 18b <b>must</b> be played within nine weeks of its original scheduled date. The only exceptions are the penultimate and last matches, which <b>must</b> be played within four weeks of the season's last scheduled league match date. The Committee will decide on the allocation, or deduction, of points for any matches remaining unplayed within these time scales.</p> <p>b) Failure to inform the Match Secretary of a postponement <b>prior</b> to the scheduled match start time may result in the deduction of points from one or both teams.</p>
6.	<p>a) A person that has not played in any of a Member Club's teams in the first half of a season and was not listed on the entry form, cannot be introduced into one of that Member Club's teams for matches (including first half postponed matches) played after the date of the last scheduled match of the first half of the season. However, the Match Secretary, acting on behalf of the Committee, may approve a request for a new player introduction provided he is given sufficient time to give the request due consideration taking in all the circumstances.</p> <p>b) A player in breach of the above will be treated as a "no show", Snooker League Rule 1e applying.</p>
7.	If a team withdraws from the League before completing all their scheduled matches, all their results shall be declared null & void (including any recorded breaks made by that team's members and opponents).
8.	The top two teams in each Division (except "A") will be promoted and the bottom two teams will be liable to relegation subject to the constitution of the Divisions in the following season.

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## SNOOKER LEAGUE RULES (continued)

9.	Subject to General Rule 9, a divisional award for each season will be given to a player (or tying players) for :- <b>a.</b> The highest break. <b>b.</b> The best performance, defined as the number of frames <b>played</b> and won (see rule 1e above) for his team expressed as a percentage of the total number of frames <b>played</b> by him for his team. In addition, a player must have <b>played</b> at least 75% of his team's season's total available frames.
10.	In addition to the Rules above, the appropriate General Rules of the HDSBL will apply.

## POORE CUP RULES

1.	The competition shall be known as the Jack Poore Memorial Cup (more commonly referred to as the Poore Cup).
2.	The competition shall take the form of a team knockout handicap snooker tournament. All Snooker League teams will be automatically entered without any additional fee.
3.	A Handicap Sub-committee (appointed by the General Committee) will assess handicaps which will be quoted as points received per frame. The Handicap Sub-committee reserves the right to re-assess the handicap of any team or individual player at any time. Club Representatives or Team Captains have a duty to inform the Committee of their intention to include a stronger player such that a reassessment of their team's or individuals' handicaps may be warranted.
4.	<b>a)</b> Snooker League Rules 1a, 1b, 1c (all), 2a, 2b and 2c (except for semi-finals and final - see Rule 7 below) shall apply. <b>b)</b> On conclusion of a match, both cards shall be completed with the scores, signed by both Captains, and sent <b>independently</b> to the Competitions Administrator (see General Rule 19). In the event of neither card being received within 5 days of that match, one or both teams may be scratched from the competition (also see Rule 6 below).
5.	In the event of a draw, team captains will nominate one of their six players to play a deciding frame. The players will toss for break.
6.	<b>a)</b> A match postponed or re-arranged in accordance with General Rule 18b must be played before the scheduled date of the next round of the competition, otherwise one or both teams may be scratched from the competition. <b>b)</b> Failure to inform the Competitions Administrator of a postponement <b>prior</b> to the scheduled match start time may result in the reduction of the handicaps of one or both teams.
7.	<u>Semi-finals and Final</u> <b>c.</b> These will normally be played on neutral tables. In the case of the semi-finals, it is customary for the two matches to swap home venues, thus providing the required neutrality in most instances. It is expected that the usual facilities be offered by the host Organisations. Officials for these matches will be appointed by the Committee. <b>d.</b> At the match start time as defined in Snooker League Rule 3, the officials will conduct a draw to determine the order of play (whether or not team captains are present) and on its completion will immediately call the first drawn players to play. <b>e.</b> Throughout the match, any player not present when called to play will forfeit one frame, and if still not present 20 minutes after being called to play will forfeit both frames. If neither player is present at these times one or both frames will be declared null and void. <b>f.</b> In the event that the draw for the order of play will need to be adjusted because a player may be unavoidably delayed or will need to leave early, his team captain must first seek approval from his opposite number and then inform a League Official no later than 24 hours prior to the time the order of play draw is to be conducted. This concession will be available only to one player per team per match. <b>g.</b> Each member of a team playing in a semi-final or final must have played in at least 4, 3, or 2 matches (League and/or Poore Cup) for that team in that season in a division with 8 or more, 7, or fewer than 7 teams respectively. Exceptions to this rule will only be allowed if the Competition Administrator, acting on behalf of the committee, has given prior approval.
8.	Breaks made in any "dead" frames will not be recognised
9.	Each round shall be separately drawn.
10.	In addition to the Rules above, the appropriate General Rules of the HDSBL will apply.

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## DWYER BOWL RULES

1.	The Competition shall be known as the Dwyer Bowl and shall take the form of an individual knockout snooker tournament.
2.	A player may elect to play a home match at a different venue than that stated on the entry form, subject to the prior agreement of his opponent.
3.	All matches shall be arranged as soon as possible and by mutual agreement. It shall be the responsibility of the <b>winning</b> player to inform the Competitions Administrator of the result. In the event of a result not being received by the Competitions Administrator by 21:00 on a published "required by" date, either or both players may be scratched from the competition.
4.	Prior to the round of the last 16, matches shall be decided over the best of 3 frames. Subsequent matches shall be decided over the best of 5 frames, apart from the final, which shall be the best of 7 frames.
5.	<u>Semi-finals and Final</u> <b>a.</b> These will normally be played on neutral tables. Officials for these matches will be appointed by the Committee. <b>b.</b> A player not present when called to play will forfeit one frame and will forfeit one more frame for each subsequent 20 minutes of non-appearance.
6.	Players shall toss for break in the first frame of each match and will then break alternately.
7.	Each round shall be separately drawn.
8.	In addition to the Rules above, the appropriate General Rules of the HDSBL will apply.

## SNOOKER PAIRS RULES

1.	<b>a)</b> The Competition shall take the form of an inter-Organisation (as defined in General Rule 6) pairs knockout snooker tournament. <b>b)</b> At the discretion of the Competitions Administrator acting on behalf of the Committee, a pair, or one member of a pair, may be substituted if that pair has played no matches
2.	All matches shall be arranged as soon as possible and by mutual agreement. It shall be the responsibility of the winning pair to inform the Competitions Administrator of the result. In the event of a result not being received by the Competitions Administrator by 21:00 on a published "required by" date, either or both pairs may be scratched from the competition.
3.	A pair may elect to play a home match at a different venue than that stated on the entry form, subject to the prior agreement of the opponent.
4.	Prior to the quarter-finals matches shall be decided over the best of three frames. Subsequent matches shall be decided over the best of five frames.
5.	<u>Semi-finals and Final</u> <b>a.</b> These will normally be played on neutral tables. Officials for these matches will be appointed by the Committee. <b>b.</b> If one or both of a pair are not present when called to play, that pair will forfeit one frame and will forfeit one more frame for each subsequent 20 minutes of non-appearance.
6.	The teams shall toss for break in the first frame of each match and will then break alternately.
7.	Each round shall be separately drawn.
8.	In addition to the Rules above, the appropriate General Rules of the HDSBL will apply.

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## BARRY SHINE TROPHY RULES

1.	The Competition shall be known as the Barry Shine Trophy
2.	The Competition shall take the form of an individual knockout snooker tournament, and shall be open to players who are of a standard to play in teams in Division C or below. If there is doubt about a player's eligibility, the Competitions Administrator acting on behalf of the Committee will decide.
3.	A player may elect to play a home match at a different venue than that stated on the entry form, subject to the prior agreement of his opponent.
4.	All matches shall be arranged as soon as possible and by mutual agreement. It shall be the responsibility of the <b>winning</b> player to inform the Competitions Administrator of the result. In the event of a result not being received by the Competitions Administrator by 21:00 on a published "required by" date, either or both players may be scratched from the competition.
5.	Matches shall be decided over the best of three frames up to and including the quarter-finals. The semi-finals and final shall be decided over the best of five frames.
6.	<u>Semi-finals and Final</u> <b>a.</b> These will normally be played on neutral tables. Officials for these matches will be appointed by the Committee. <b>b.</b> A player not present when called to play will forfeit one frame and will forfeit one more frame for each subsequent 20 minutes of non-appearance.
7.	Players shall toss for break in the first frame of each match, and then break alternately.
8.	Players who enter for the Barry Shine Trophy may also enter the Dwyer Bowl.
9.	Each round shall be separately drawn.
10.	In addition to the above rules, the appropriate General Rules of the HDSBL will apply.

## ADRIAN SLADE TROPHY RULES

1.	The competition shall be known as the Adrian Slade Pairs Trophy.
2.	<b>a)</b> The Competition shall take the form of an inter-Organisation (as defined in General Rule 6) pairs knockout snooker tournament, and shall be open to players who are of a standard to play in teams in Division C or below. If there is doubt about a player's eligibility, the Competitions Administrator acting on behalf of the Committee will decide. <b>b)</b> At the discretion of the Committee, a pair, or one member of a pair, may be substituted if that pair has played no matches.
3.	All matches shall be arranged as soon as possible and by mutual agreement. It shall be the responsibility of the <b>winning</b> pair to inform the Competitions Administrator of the result. In the event of a result not being received by the Competitions Administrator by 21:00 on a published "required by" date, either or both pairs may be scratched from the competition.
4.	A pair may elect to play a home match at a different venue than that stated on the entry form, subject to the prior agreement of the opponent.
5.	Matches shall be decided over the best of three frames up to and including the quarter-finals. The semi-finals and final shall be decided over the best of five frames.
6.	<u>Semi-finals and Final</u> <b>a.</b> These will normally be played on neutral tables. Officials for these matches will be appointed by the Committee. <b>b.</b> If one or both of a pair are not present when called to play, that pair will forfeit one frame and will forfeit one more frame for each subsequent 20 minutes of non-appearance.
7.	The teams shall toss for break in the first frame of each match and will then break alternately.
8.	Each round shall be separately drawn.
9.	In addition to the Rules above, the appropriate General Rules of the HDSBL will apply.

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## SENIORS' COMPETITION RULES

1.	The Competition shall take the form of an individual knockout snooker tournament, and shall be open to players who are 60 years of age or older on 1st. September.
2.	A player may elect to play a home match at a different venue than that stated on the entry form, subject to the prior agreement of his opponent.
3.	All matches shall be arranged as soon as possible and by mutual agreement. It shall be the responsibility of the <b>winning</b> player to inform the Competitions Administrator of the result. In the event of a result not being received by the Competitions Administrator by 21:00 on a published "required by" date, either or both players may be scratched from the competition.
4.	Matches shall be decided over the best of three frames up to and including the semi-finals. The final shall be decided over the best of five frames.
5.	<u>Semi-finals and Final</u> <b>a.</b> These will normally be played on neutral tables. Officials for these matches will be appointed by the Committee. <b>b.</b> A player not present when called to play will forfeit one frame and will forfeit one more frame for each subsequent 20 minutes of non-appearance.
6.	Players shall toss for break in the first frame of each match, and then break alternately.
7.	Each round shall be separately drawn.
8.	In addition to the above rules, the appropriate General Rules of the HDSBL will apply.

## INDIVIDUAL SNOOKER HANDICAP COMPETITION RULES

1.	The competition shall take the form of an individual knockout handicap snooker tournament.
2.	A Handicap Sub-committee (appointed by the General Committee) will assess each individual's handicap which will be quoted as points received per frame. The Handicap Sub-committee reserves the right to re-assess the handicap of any player at any time.
3.	A player may elect to play a home match at a different venue than that stated on the entry form, subject to the prior agreement of his opponent.
4.	All matches shall be arranged as soon as possible and by mutual agreement. It shall be the responsibility of the <b>winning</b> player to inform the Competitions Administrator of the result. In the event of a result not being received by the Competitions Administrator by 21:00 on a published "required by" date, either or both players may be scratched from the competition.
5.	All matches shall be decided over the best of 3 frames.
6.	<u>Semi-finals and Final</u> <b>a.</b> These will normally be played on neutral tables. Officials for these matches will be appointed by the Committee. <b>b.</b> A player not present when called to play will forfeit one frame, and if still not present 20 minutes after being called to play will forfeit both frames.
7.	Players shall toss for break in the first frame of each match and will then break alternately.
8.	Each round shall be separately drawn.
9.	In addition to the Rules above, the appropriate General Rules of the HDSBL will apply.

## BILLIARDS COMPETITIONS RULES

1.	The Competitions shall take the form of two individual knockout Billiards tournaments (an Intermediate and the EDDIE RICHES Billiards Championship).
2.	A player may enter either or both competitions. However, the Billiards sub-committee reserves the right to reject an entry for the Intermediate competition if it considers a player's known ability would give him an unfair advantage. Intermediate competition semi-finalists will automatically qualify for the Championship.
3.	A player may elect to play a home match at a different venue than that stated on the entry form, subject to the prior agreement of his opponent..
4.	All matches shall be arranged as soon as possible and by mutual agreement. It shall be the responsibility of the <b>winning</b> player to inform the Competitions Administrator of the result. In the event of a result not being received by the Competitions Administrator by 21:00 on a published "required by" date, either or both players may be scratched from the competition.
5.	Each match in the Intermediate competition shall be of "250 up". Each match in the Championship shall be of "300 up", except the final, which shall be of "500 up".
6.	<u>Semi-finals and Final</u> <b>a.</b> These will normally be played on neutral tables. Officials for these matches will be appointed by the Committee. <b>b.</b> A player not present when called to play will forfeit 50 points (added to his opponent's score) and will forfeit a further 100 points for each subsequent 20 minutes of non-appearance.
7.	Each round shall be separately drawn.
8.	In addition to the Rules above, the appropriate General Rules of the HDSBL will apply.

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## SUMMER INDIVIDUAL BILLIARDS LEAGUE (SIBL) RULES

1.	As well as the following, the appropriate General Rules of the HDSBL will apply.				
2.	The SIBL shall consist of as many Divisions, each of as many Individuals as would be required, to sustain a complete home and away programme on Wednesday evenings outside the Winter season.				
3.	A player may elect to play a home match at a different venue than that stated on the entry form, subject to the prior agreement of his opponent.				
4.	Each match shall be of '300 up' in the top Division. The Billiards Sub-Committee will determine the target score to be applied for matches in other Divisions. In very exceptional circumstances, the Billiards sub-committee may impose a handicap.				
5.	<p>The home player shall be responsible for informing the appointed League Official of the result of his match, and should do so within 48 hours. The full scores <b>must</b> be supplied (the loser's score is particularly important - see Rules 6 &amp; 7).</p> <p>Details of all breaks of 30 and over are also to be given.</p> <p>It is suggested that, in their own interests, players keep a record of their match scores until the results are published.</p>				
6.	Each player will be awarded one Division point for each complete 50 points scored in a match. In addition, the winner will be awarded two Division points.				
7.	Divisional positions will be determined by players' aggregate Division points to date. In the event of a tie, the aggregate of all the score differences in all the matches will be used. If, on conclusion of all matches, the top two or bottom two positions in any division are unresolved, the Billiards sub-committee will decide the dates, venues, and conditions of play-offs.				
8.	All postponed or re-arranged matches <b>must</b> be played within two weeks of the last scheduled matches of the SIBL. Any matches for which the results are not to hand by this date will be declared null and void (ie a score of 0-0).				
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## SUMMER INDIVIDUAL BILLIARDS KNOCKOUT RULES

1.	As well as the following, the appropriate General Rules of the HDSBL will apply.
2.	The competition will take the form of an individual knockout handicap Billiards tournament. All SIBL players will be automatically entered (unless they signify a wish to the contrary) without any additional entry fee. Because of time constraints, the draw will be complete (ie not redrawn each round).
3.	A player may elect to play a home match at a different venue than that stated on the entry form, subject to the prior agreement of his opponent.
4.	Each match shall be of '300 up'. The Billiards sub-committee (appointed by the General Committee) will assess each entrant's handicap which will be used as the entrant's starting score in each match. The Billiards sub-committee reserves the right to reassess a handicap at any time.
5.	Because of time constraints, home and away players shall be equally responsible for contacting their opponents.
6.	Match winners shall be responsible for informing the appointed League Official of the results of their matches within 48 hours of their completion, whereupon they will be informed of their next round opponents if already known.
7.	<p><u>The Final</u></p> <p>a. This will normally be played on a neutral table. Officials for this match will be appointed by the Committee.</p> <p>b. A player not present when called to play will forfeit 50 points (added to his opponent's score) and will forfeit a further 100 points for each subsequent 20 minutes of non-appearance.</p>