

# **TUNMORE (SOUTH NORFOLK) POOL**

## **GENERAL RULES**

### **1. NAME**

The League shall be known as **Tunmore (South Norfolk) Pool**.

Any Pub or Club with a Pool Table supplied by Tunmore Leisure is eligible to join provided that their application is accepted by the League Management Committee, any other to be agreed by **Tunmore Leisure Ltd**, sole sponsors of the League.

### **2. OFFICERS**

The Officers of the League shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Treasurer and Ladies Representative who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

### **3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 30th July each year. Notice of any Proposals to be submitted at the A.G.M. must be in writing to the League Secretary before the 1st July each year. Each Pub/Club must be represented at the Annual General Meeting where the voting will be on a basis of one vote per team.

The venue to be chosen for the Annual General Meeting will be at the Committee's discretion.

#### ***3a. ELECTION OF OFFICERS***

All Officers will be elected for a 2 year term of office as follows:-

The Chairman, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary to be elected on even years.

The Vice Chairman, Secretary, Minute Secretary, and Ladies Representative to be elected on odd years.

#### ***3b. ELECTION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE***

The General Committee shall consist of 4 members to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

### **4. MANAGEMENT**

The League shall be administered by the Management Committee which shall consist of the Officers and 4 General Committee members elected at the Annual General Meeting.

These members shall be allowed to vote at ALL meetings except the Annual General Meeting.

The Management committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the League whether specifically provided for in the rules or not. The Management Committee has the power to adjudicate in all matters within the League. Their decision in each case will be final and no appeals will be allowed, except against suspensions or fines, provided the appropriate fees have been paid.

Appeals would be purely at the discretion of the Management Committee and within a certain time period.

The Management Committee shall meet once a month and more frequently if necessary.

If a member of the Management Committee fails to attend three consecutive meetings, they will have deemed to have resigned and a replacement will be sought.

## **5. LEAGUE FIXTURES**

The League Secretary will be responsible for all the fixture arrangements and all matches are to be played as per fixtures at the time stated. This rule applies to all competitions.

Any breach of these arrangements without at least NINE days notice to the League Secretary will be forwarded to the management Committee for a decision. The League does not accept responsibility for any error or omission on the fixture list. ALL teams should check their fixture list for any such problems and contact the League Secretary if they are not clear.

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## **6. REFEREES**

All referees should adopt the current playing rules and their interpretation. The League reserves the right to send neutral referees to any match which it deems necessary. The decision of the Referee in any match is final unless there is a protest when the frame shall be abandoned and the facts reported to the Management Committee.

## **7. PROTESTS**

All protests must be sent in writing and forwarded with the appropriate fee to the League Secretary within 48 hours of the incident, otherwise the protest will not be heard. The Management committee may hold it's own investigation into the circumstances of a particular incident without the necessity of a protest.

## **8. REGISTRATIONS**

All players must be register to play in the Winter League. Transfers must not take place without permission from the Management Committee for which an application must be made using the correct T9 transfer form and enclosing the fee of £5.00. Any Team or Player not adopting the correct transfer procedure will be expected to appear before the Management Committee. All unregistered players risk suspension from the League.

### ***8a Unregistered Players***

Any team fielding an unregistered player during any winter league competition will be deducted all team points and frames gained in which an unregistered player has participated.

## **9. ALTERATIONS OF RULES**

No alterations can be made to the rules except at the Annual General Meeting or a meeting convened for that purpose.

## **10. LEAGUE FEES**

All fees ect. for the administration of the League are recommended by the Management Committee. The Management Committee reserves the right to fine a team if necessary (e.g. expenses). Individuals can also be fined by the Management Committee.

## **11. CUP MATCHES**

All cup matches will be played under the same terms and conditions as League Matches. In a two-leg affair, if the scores are level after both legs, a deciding singles frame must be played at the second venue. Each Team will nominate one player who has played on the night to represent them.

## **12. SINGLES/DOUBLES MATCHES**

These matches will be on a best of three or five frames basis at a neutral or convenient venue for both players. All players must be at the venue by the time their match is designated to begin. Those players who do not inform the League Secretary of their inability to play before their match is due to commence will be dealt with by the Management Committee. Players are expected to be playing in the League on a regular basis if they wish to enter the Singles/Doubles competitions. No inquest into the selection of venue will be entertained.

### ***12a***

Should two players (or Pairs) be drawn together that play at the same venue, they wherever possible, will be drawn to play at their home venue.

## **13. REPLAYING OF MATCHES**

The League Management Committee have the authority to replay matches if deemed necessary.

**BEFORE ANY match postponement or re-arrangement can commence, the Chairman, Vice Chairman or League Secretary MUST be advised.**

### ***13a***

#### **Matches cancelled with over 24 hours' notice given to the opposition:**

*When a team has notified the opposition that they cannot fulfil a fixture, with over 24 hours' notice provided to the captain of the opposition team.*

The team **not responsible** for the cancellation shall provide two alternative dates to the opposition for the reschedule fixture, also notifying the Chairman/Vice Chairman or the League Secretary of the dates offered. The team not responsible for the cancellation is to provide these alternative dates to the opposition as soon as possible. Any postponed match is to be played within one month of the original date.

### ***13ai***

Failure to accept one of the dates offered will result in the match being awarded to the team not responsible for the cancellation. The team awarded the match will be credited with the average frame score to date rounded up, subject to a minimum of 6 frames (7 frames for the Premier Division).

### ***13b***

#### **Matches cancelled within 24 hours of the match:**

*When a team has notified the opposition that they cannot fulfil a fixture, within 24 hours of the match due to start.*

It is at the discretion of the team **not responsible** for the cancellation as to whether they accept to reschedule the match or take the win (based on an average frame score). This decision is to be made

within 48 hours of the postponed match and the decision is to be notified to the Chairman/Vice Chairman or League Secretary. If the team not responsible for the cancellation is happy to reschedule the match, then the procedure under Rule 13a. is to be followed.

### ***13c***

No postponed match can be arranged or played after the last scheduled league match of the season. If there are any outstanding matches due once the last scheduled league match has been played, then the outstanding match will be considered void with no points or frames awarded to either team.

### ***13d***

If one team is having trouble contacting the opposition to rearrange a match, they should notify the Chairman/Vice Chairman or League Secretary immediately who will assist in arranging the alternative fixture.

### ***13e***

Any Team failing to arrive at an arranged fixture will result in an instant 10 – 0 loss for the offending team.

## **14. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION**

The two top teams in Division two and all lower Divisions at the end of the Winter League season shall be promoted to the next higher Division. The bottom two teams in Division One and all lower Divisions (except the bottom Division) will be eligible for relegation. The Management Committee reserves the right to amend the Promotion or Relegation issues for all Divisions if necessary, (especially if teams withdraw from the League). If League points and frames are level, then the number of matches won will determine the higher placed team.

### ***14a CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS QUALIFICATION CRITERIA***

Qualification for the Champion of Champions competition will be available to the Winter league Premier Division Winners and the Winners of the Main Winter League Cup Competition, known as the Roy Lockwood Cup. Should it be the case that both of the qualifying competitions are won by the same team or in the event that one of the qualifying teams is unable to commit to the Champion of Champions competition, the premier division runners up will be offered the opportunity to represent the Tunmore South Norfolk League at the Champion of Champions competition.

The opportunity for the Tunmore South Norfolk league to enter a third team into the champion of champions competition will be left **solely** to the discretion of the Champion of Champions competition organisers and will depend upon the availability of any additional entry spaces. In the event that a third team entry is made available, the winner of the Tunmore South Norfolk Summer League will be eligible for entry into this competition. In the event that the winners of the Summer league are unable to commit to the Champion of Champions competition, the runners up of the Summer League will be offered the opportunity to fulfil this entry and represent the league.

In the event that any team eligible or subsequently offered the opportunity to represent the Tunmore South Norfolk League, is unable to commit to the Champion of Champions competition, the

committee reserves the right to offer this position to the next eligible team, based upon their final league or cup position. The Committees decision will be final.

## **15. TROPHIES**

Each Team winning medals at the end of the season will be given the appropriate quantity, (as decided by League Management Committee) to be presented on Finals Night.

Extra medals may be ordered from the Management Committee as long as the appropriate fees are paid.

## **16. VENUES**

If a Pub or Club closes or the Pool table is removed, it is the Management Committee's discretion regarding the outcome of the Team and or the Players that are still in Competitions.

## **17. WITHDRAWALS**

Any team leaving the League before the halfway stage will forfeit all matches 10-0 (12-0 Premier). In the event of a team leaving the League after 31<sup>st</sup> December will result in the team forfeiting all matches after this date.

## **18. DISCIPLINE**

The Management committee reserves the right to suspend, fine or expel any Player or Team, for any breach of these rules, or any rules that the Management Committee makes at any future time, or for any act deemed by the committee to have brought the League into disrepute.

### ***18a***

Any Player or Team accused of any offence against any Player or Team or against the League, will be offered every opportunity to defend themselves, or explain their conduct either in writing, or in person to the Disciplinary Committee.

### ***18b***

Any Player or Team expelled will not be allowed to enter any competition organised by the League, until the League who suspended the Player or Team, has been re-admitted them to the League, which originally suspended them.

### ***18c***

If a Player or Team is suspended, then the names and addresses and reason for the suspension, must be forwarded to the Norfolk County Pool Association Secretary.

### ***18d***

Any Player or Team who is expelled from the League, will forfeit the whole of any subscriptions and entry fees paid in the current year, and any rights or entitlements formally accorded to them as members of the League.

**18e**

Any Player or Team suspended by the League has the Right to appeal, and must appeal to the League who suspended the firstly, if the appeal fails, they may request their County Association to hear their case, if the County Association rejects their case, they can request the Regional Association to hear their case, if the Regional Association rejects their case, they can request the English Pool Association to hear their case, and their decision is final.

**18f**

The League disciplinary committee will consist of : The Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary and 2 General Committee members. (Minute Secretary to take the minutes of the meeting)

**18g**

The League appeals disciplinary committee will consist of : The Chairman, Secretary and Ladies representative and 2 General Committee members, different from the disciplinary committee (Minute Secretary to take the minutes of the meeting)

**19.USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA**

We recognise that the Internet provides unique opportunities to participate in interactive discussions and share information on particular topics using a wide variety of social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, blogs etc. However, Tunmore South Norfolk Pool has a responsibility to ensure that all of its stakeholders are protected from online abuse, discrimination and other communications and activities that could be deemed to be abusive, demeaning, derogatory or potentially inflammatory. Any individual team member, player, groups of players or any other Tunmore South Norfolk Pool stakeholder found to be using social media (in any form) to undertake activities and communications to the detriment of other stakeholders will be considered to be bringing the league into disrepute and could be subject to disciplinary action detailed within the general rules, points 18 – 18g