

## League rules as from A.G.M 2025. 8th Sept 2023

### General

1. The name of the league shall be the High Peak & Marple District Snooker League. Hereafter called the league.
2. The aims of the league are to foster a friendship and sporting rivalry between teams entered by the clubs.
3. The affairs of the league shall be administered by the committee comprised of the officers and one member from each of the teams entered from any one club, irrespective of how many teams they have entered. Non representation of a team at any meeting will result in that team receiving a penalty of 2pts being deducted from their league total and 10 points deducted off their handicap for the end of season team knockout for each occasion that it occurs.
4. The officers shall comprise of the Chairman, the Treasurer, the Vice Chairman and the Secretary, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. They shall automatically be members of any sub committee called for by the general committee.
5. In the event of any position becoming vacant, the committee shall fill the vacancy by co-opting a suitable candidate.
6. Membership of the league shall be open to any Club in the area, though consideration may be given to any club outside the area upon application to the league, should there be room to accommodate such a club.
7. Any person wishing to register as a player in the league, must be a bona fide male member having attained the age of Sixteen years.
8. All communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall deal with all league correspondence, though the treasurer may deal directly with any financial matters with copies to the secretary.
9. **The rules of the league can be amended at any committee meeting provided that there is a quorum of 75% of the clubs attending and ALL are in agreement.**
10. The committee shall have the power to resolve any dispute which may arise for any reason whatsoever, their decision shall be final and any further dispute shall be taken to the AGM.

### League Funds

11. An annual registration fee of £30.00 shall be levied from each team payable on or before November 30th. This shall cover any number of registrations per team.
12. Each team shall be responsible for handing over to the treasurer a registration fees of £30 per team and £150 for league fees throughout the season. These levies are to be paid at each meeting or other such convenient intervals, previously agreed with the treasurer.
13. The entry fee for the individual and pairs knockout shall be £1.50 per player. These competitions will be played using the league handicaps at the time the draw is made.
14. The entry fee for the **Sonya Lee and Seniors Legend Trophy** individual knockout shall be £1.50 per player and all players entered shall play off scratch.

### Play and Players

15. All players must be registered before the season commences or **at least 24 hours before participation in the league up to the first match after the Christmas break**, after which no new registrations will be accepted. Registration will be for each team, and clubs having more than one team will select their team from each pool of players. There will be no transfer of players from pool to pool or club to club once a player has played one game. All players must be fully paid up members of their club. The penalty for playing a non registered player or non member of a club will be the game being forfeited and awarded to the opposing team 7 - 0.
16. All players registering in the league will be given a handicap by the committee based on previous results or foreknowledge of the players capabilities. The handicap range for the season will be from -35 to 35, with all unknown players commencing on a handicap of 14. **The committee reserve the right to re-handicap any NEW player to the league after three matches played irrespective over which time frame these three games have taken place..** Regular reassessment of players handicaps will take place at regular intervals during the season. Handicaps will be altered by moving

players in multiples of 7 points. **Handicap reviews will be undertaken at each committee meeting – handicap reviews will only take place after a minimum of 4 matches between meetings. The handicap after the committee meeting will be effective immediately**

17. The committee have the power to allocate a more suitable handicap even if it involves jumping one or more intermediate marks.
18. All the matches shall be played in accordance with the rules laid down by "The Billiards and Snooker Control Council".
19. A referee ( and marker if desired ) shall be appointed by each captain alternately for each frame. He shall be conversant with the rules and his word is final.
20. All frames are to be played to a conclusion with 1 point awarded to the winner. **The winning team will also be awarded bonus points as follows – 3 points for an away win and 2 points for a home win.**  
When players on a team fail to appear, the home teams match levy is to be paid by the away side or vice versa.
21. A team shall consist of five players each playing one frame, if a team is one player short rule 20 shall apply. No team unable to provide 3 or more players shall play, and the match will be awarded to the side with a full team 7-0
22. All matches are to be played on a Wednesday evening unless a mutual re-arrangement is made by the teams involved, in which case 7 days notice must be given to the secretary by the club requesting the re-arrangement. Clubs shall be allowed to enter as many teams as they can maintain and accommodate for a Wednesday night fixture.
23. **All matches shall commence at 7:30pm and no later than 8:00pm** A team having no player available by 8.15pm shall concede 1 frame and the match will be reduced to four frames, if no player is available by 8.30pm the match will be void in accordance with rule 21. In extenuating circumstances, e.g. bad weather, providing prior contact is made by 8.00pm, a match may commence late upon the agreement of the home team captain, but certainly not later than 8.30pm. In the unfortunate event of a match having no possibility of being played, the committee shall have the power to dictate when the fixture should be played, though all possible consideration is to be given to both sides in this situation. For conceding frames due to late arrival, the defaulting team shall draw a players name by ballot and the opposing team may omit one player of their choice, in this situation the latter will be credited with a win insofar as the merit table is concerned.  
**In cases where one table is in force play may commence at a mutually agreeable time eg. 7:00pm in order that matched do not go late beyond the closing time of the premises**
24. No matches are to be played on a neutral table, i.e. at any table or venue outside the member clubs of the league.
25. It shall be considered an extreme discourtesy for a club not to provide a team or to make a last minute cancellation. In this case the offending team will not only concede the match but will also render itself liable to a fine imposed by the committee. This fine shall take the form of a maximum of 5 points being deducted from their league total. This penalty will also apply to teams turning up with 3 or less players and will be rigidly enforced.
26. In the event of a player only being available at a certain time, e.g. working late, the captain of that team must inform his opposite number before the draw is made.
27. For teams utilising two tables to play a match the above rules apply, where appropriate, for a timing that would apply for one table play, allowing half an hour per frame.
28. The pairings shall be made as follows: Each team will list their players in order of playing on the night. The two team lists will then be matched to define who plays who – matches will then be played in order on the sheet. This rule means players having to leave early or who are working late can be accommodated.
29. All the matches will be played in accordance with the fixture list but in the event of a match being postponed the re-arrangement will be as follows:-  
The home team will give the opposition 3 dates which must cover at least 2 different days of the week and be spread over the next fortnight, within 3 days of the original fixture date. The away team must accept one of these dates. If no date can be mutually agreed, the committee will make a ruling even to the extent that another clubs table be utilised.
30. The home team shall be responsible for posting the match result on the match cards provided, to arrive at the secretary's home address not later than the Saturday following the match, in order for the secretary to formulate and photocopy an up to date league table for the following meeting.
31. In the event of two or more teams finishing the league season with equal points, there will be a play off between the clubs concerned.
- 31.1 In the event of any player playing a blatant deliberate foul, that player will forfeit his frame with immediate effect and his opponent will be awarded the frame 50-0. The 2pts for the aggregate for that match will also be awarded to the opposing teams regardless of the final frames scores. If an agreement cannot be reached by the 2 respective team captains then it will be taken to the committee at the next league meeting.
32. The current league shall comprise of one division.

### **Knockout Competitions.**

33. In any knockout competition it is the responsibility of both players to contact each other within the first 10 days allocated to each round. Failure to comply with this rule will render either or both players to disqualification by the committee, each case being determined on its merits.

34. Results of any knockout match must be notified to the secretary as soon as possible, and in any event before the next round is due to commence, failure to do so will result in automatic disqualification.

35. Under penalty of disqualification, no player involved in a match arranged on a neutral table may practice on, or play on, that table prior to the match.

36. *If a definite arrangement has been made, and they fail to arrive within 15 minutes of the agreed time they will concede the first frame. Failure to turn up within 30 minutes of the agreed time, they will forfeit the match, unless there are extenuating circumstances as previously described.*

37. Entrance to the individual and pairs competitions is open to any registered players who has played a league match within the first 10 matches of the season. Any player who enters these competitions and does not play a league match within the first 10 matches will be automatically disqualified with no exceptions. All entrants must be available to play the final of any competition on a Wednesday evening stipulated by the league.

In the team knockout, only players who have played at least 3 league matches will be eligible to play. In the event of a team being unable to comply with this rule, the secretary shall be informed, and the player having played most league matches shall be allowed to complete the team, provided that :-

a) he has registered for that pool of players and not played for another squad, and

b) the secretary and committee are in agreement.

38. In the team knockout, only total aggregate points will count to determine the result, **and any conceded frames will count 100 points to the opposing team**. Drawn frames will remain drawn, unless the final aggregate is tied, then each team will nominate a player to play out a black ball respot.

39. The formulation of the team handicap for the team knockout shall be made by TEN points being awarded for each final league position below first, minus any attendance penalties currently at TEN points per offence. This figure is to apply to the team as a whole. In addition each players individual handicap is to apply to each frame. The result of each tie shall be on an aggregate basis only as per rule 38.

40. Each team will spot off alternately after the original toss, and in two table clubs the first and second frames may be played at the same time, but the remaining frames must be played consecutively. Frames must be played in the order drawn.

41. Team knockout matches shall be decided on one match, individual and pairs matches shall be best of three up to and including the semi final, the finals being best of 5 frames.

42. In the pairs competition, **split pool or club participation** will not be allowed. the handicapping and draws for the various competitions will be made by the committee at convenient league meetings.

43. The trebles competition ( formerly the Sonya Lee ) is now disbanded and the scratch individuals reinstated, to be known as the Sonya Lee individual knockout.

44. **The Seniors Legends Trophy will be played by players over 60 years of age at time of the draw for the competition. The match will be a two frame aggregate match with current league handicaps.**

44. The individual clubs hosting the finals of any competitions provide a referee or referees for these matches, and that any monies raised by the host club from raffles or football cards etc on these evenings are paid to the league to compensate for the outlay by the league towards refreshment monies allocated.

## **Trophies**

45. To the league winners and runners-up, the team knockout winners and runners up, 6 trophies will be allocated to each team, additional trophies may be requested but these must be ordered, and paid for, at least four weeks prior to the presentation night. One trophy will be given to both individual competition winners and runners up. One trophy will be given to each of the pairs winners and runners up. One trophy will be given to the player with the highest league break of the season and one trophy will be given to the winner and runner up of the league merit table.

46. Personal trophies will only be presented to those players in attendance at the presentation night, unless a legitimate excuse is conveyed to the committee prior to the presentation night.

47. The trophies belonging to the league should not be taken away from the home clubs of the players or teams winning them.

48. The travelling prize is to comprise of a bottle of whiskey, provided by the league, and competed for throughout the league season. The initial holders of the prize shall be the team finishing bottom of the league the previous season. The Secretary will inform the committee who is holding the prize at each league meeting. The final holders of the prize will receive the whiskey at the presentation night.

## **Merit Prize**

49. The merit prize will be awarded to the person who has won the most matches in the league season – league matches only apply, matches won in knockout competitions do not count

50. In the event of a tie then the following rules in order of priority will apply to determine the winner

- Largest win difference (Matches won minus Matches lost)
- Highest break (Break must be 25 or more)
- Number of breaks in league season of 25 or more
- Whoever has played most matches

In the unlikely event the Merit prize is still tied then a ONE frame play off will decide the winner

**Highest Break Prize**

51. This prize is awarded to the person scoring the highest break in the league over the entire season.

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