

# Preston and District Pool League

## League Constitution

### OBJECTIVES

1. The name of the league shall be the Preston and District Pool League, hereafter known as the League.
2. The League is formed for the purpose of promoting pool amongst all the players in the Preston and District area.
3. The League shall organise team competitions and individual and pairs competitions.

### THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

4. The League shall select a management committee to undertake all League business.
5. The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer and up to three other members drawn from the affiliated teams. Additionally any league team captain shall be a member ex officio.
6. The two main officers will be responsible for the finances of the League; all cheques must have two signatures in accordance with the bank mandate. The Treasurer will maintain adequate records of income and expenditure and at all times observe proper banking procedures. The accounting year shall end on the last day of the month immediately preceding that in which the AGM occurs.
7. The three main officers will hold office for two years, staggered with the Chairman and Treasurer elected each odd year (97,99 etc) and the Secretary each even year. Other elected members of the Committee will hold office for one year. The retiring members will be eligible for election without nomination. The Committee will appoint of the incumbent committee to fill any vacancy that may occur. The Committee may also co-opt any person whose appointment would be beneficial to the Committee.
8. The Committee shall hold meetings at intervals conducive to efficient management of League business. At all Committee meetings three members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of carrying on the business of the League.
9. At a Committee meeting all committee members present shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of a tie the Chairman shall have an additional deciding vote.
10. Any member of the Committee may call a meeting after giving 24 hours notice and reasons for doing so to the rest of the Committee.
11. Subject to this Constitution (as amended at any General Meeting), the Committee shall have full authority, to make any decisions that in their opinion, is deemed necessary or beneficial to the League members.
12. The League will endeavour to reimburse all reasonable expenses incurred by any member of the Committee while conducting business on behalf of the League, such expenses to be approved by the Committee.

### CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS

13. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held by the League, within each calendar year, at which the election of the Committee will be held, and at which any member can charge the Committee to give full account of any action taken by them.
14. Any member wishing to add any item to the agenda, or make a nomination for the Committee, must notify the Secretary, in writing, at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting. The Committee must inform members of the time and venue of the AGM in good time.

15. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be requested by any six members of the League on application to the Committee. Any letter of request for an EGM must contain six signatures of current members of the Preston and District Pool League. Such meetings should take place under the same conditions as for an AGM as in rule 13. An EGM shall take place if at any time the Committee feel it necessary, or if circumstances reduce the Committee such that a quorum cannot be achieved.
16. The following people are entitled to one vote each at a General Meeting:
  - a. All elected members of the Committee present.
  - b. All ex officio members of Committee present.
  - c. All team representatives present, up to a maximum of two from any team affiliated to the League in the season previous to the meeting.

## LEAGUE ORGANISATION

17. Membership shall be open to all team, clubs and public houses in the Preston and District area.
18. The Committee reserve the right to refuse membership to any team or individual if for any reason they consider that granting membership shall be detrimental to the League.
19. All teams shall pay fees as agreed at the AGM. Only fully paid up teams will be entitled to enter any competitions organised by the League.
20. All monies held by the League will, after deductions for legitimate expenses, be used for the benefit of all League members.
21. All competitions run under the auspices of the League will be played under EPA rules, and also under the League procedural rules. However, the Committee retain the right to alter any playing rule that they decide necessary. Copies of the relevant rules will be given to all member teams.

## DISCIPLINE

22. All members shall endeavour at all times to abide by the rules of the League.
23. The Committee reserve the right to suspend, or expel any individual or team for breach of these rules, or for any act deemed to have brought the League into disrepute. Any member/team will be given an opportunity to defend or explain themselves to the Committee.
24. Any team expelled from the League will forfeit their subscriptions paid for the current year.
25. All arrears owed to the League must be paid by the commencement of a season for the team to be eligible to play in that season.
26. Any member may request the Committee to mediate in any dispute they may have with any other member/team within the League. Any decisions reached by the Committee will be final and binding on all relevant parties.