

Leamington and District Fair Play Thursday Pool League



League Constitution

1. The League shall be known as the 'Leamington and District Fair Play Thursday Pool League'.
- 2 (a) There will be 2 league competitions held each year, a Winter League played between November and April and a Summer league played between May and October. Actual match dates to be decided at the start of each season. Promotion and relegation shall apply to both competitions, with special dispensation given to teams that compete in only one or the other competition. See also rule 23.
- 2 (b) Team knockout competitions shall be organised at the discretion of the league committee.
- 3 (a) All matches are played to the full Blackball rules, with the exception of the time foul rule. Also retrieving the cue ball from the pocket after a foul does NOT constitute loss of frame.
- 3 (b) Break will be decided by a lag for every frame.
- 4 (a) The League shall be administered by 3 officers: Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, plus as many committee members deemed necessary by the officers.
- 4 (b) No more than 3 members from any one club or pub shall be permitted to serve on the committee at any one time. However the committee will recommend by discretion in the best interests of the League to increase the number of committee members from any one club or Pub if the required amount does not meet its accepted level.
- 5 (a) The league shall use LeagueAppLive results app for all player registrations, fixture lists, league tables and player stats. Use of the app is a pre-requisite of joining the league. The app can be downloaded for free from Google Play or Apple I-store by searching for LeagueAppLive. Login details will be provided to each captain at the start of the season, but information can be viewed without the need to log-in. Our site name on the app is **leam**.
- 5 (b) A royalty charge, currently £6 + VAT per team per season, is payable to the app developer which will be paid out of league fees.
6. All players must be registered before they play. This can be done anytime by adding the player's name to the LeagueAppLive app with the exception of rule 7 below. League fees include unlimited player registrations. Fee also includes a £10 bond refundable on completion of season with no cancellations or no-shows.

7. Once a player represents a team in a match, they will not be eligible to play for another team for the remainder of that season without prior written consent from the league committee. This consent would only be given in extreme circumstances. Any team found to be in breach of this rule will forfeit all matches where the ineligible player has played.

8. The minimum age required to register is 14 years old, however players under 18 cannot be guaranteed entry into another team's establishment. The landlord's decision is final in this respect.

9 (a) Matches are played on a Thursday evening and at least 1 player from each team must be at the venue and ready to start at **8.00pm**.

9 (b) Each match will consist of 10 single frames in a minimum 5 player format (5 players can all play twice). The first 5 games must be different players but after that, any player can play twice. In other words, a player can play twice in the second set (if they haven't already played in the first set of course), 7th and 10th for example. This is to give the captain of a 6, 7, 8 or 9 player squad the flexibility of choosing any player to play the final games, and not restrict them to only those players who played in the first 5.

9 (d) Restrictions on county players. A maximum 2 county men's A or B team players per team is allowed to play in any 1 match. County men's A team players must play in the premier league. No county players are allowed to play in the lower leagues, this includes county men's A, B, C, Seniors or Masters teams. The lower leagues are currently divisions 2 and 3. This rule applies to ALL county players in any ruleset, not just Warwickshire EBPF players.

9 (c) Home and away teams are to select their players on the app. Once both players are selected the app updates to show the opponents player. It is not possible to see the opponent's players name until you have selected your own. Once the player's name has been selected, it cannot be changed without the consent of the opposing captain.

10 (a) A team must have a minimum of 3 players available to constitute a match. Although this would handicap a team, 6 frames could still be won.

10 (b) If both teams are 1 player short, then frames 5 and 10 are not contested. If both teams are 2 players short, then frames 4, 5, 9 and 10 are not contested. Under no circumstances should any player contest 3 frames in a match.

10 (c) Players arriving late may participate in the match, provided that match continuity is maintained, i.e. frames are not delayed while waiting for players to arrive. (This rule is at the discretion of the aggrieved team).

11 (a) A team is allowed to request to rearrange matches if they know they will have less than 3 players available. Requests must be made at least 7 days prior to the actual date of the match and the league secretary informed. Cancelled games must be rearranged and played on a mutually agreed date within a reasonable time period. If a date cannot be agreed and both teams have offered 3 different dates to play the match, the league secretary will set a date.

11 (b) Any team failing to turn up for a fixture for any reason other than exceptional circumstances (severe weather conditions or "force majeure") will automatically lose the match 10-0, subject to rule 11(d) and forfeit the £10 bond portion of their league fees. If a team cannot make a game, the captain must inform the league secretary and the other team with as much notice as possible before the match was due to take place.

11 (c) If a team is unreasonably late and without notice, 1 frame can be claimed from 8:10pm every 10 minutes with the full match claimed at 8:40pm if still no one has turned up. In other words, a team arriving between 8:30pm and 8:40pm would start the match 3-0 down.

11 (d) To claim the 10-0 win and individual player stats, the aggrieved team captain must still fill out the scorecard on the app and leave the opposition player blank.

11 (e) The League will automatically disband any team failing to turn up on TWO separate occasions during 1 season, unless a reasonable explanation is accepted by the league committee. The team and players will also be excluded/removed from all League organised competitions.

11 (f) In the event of a team withdrawing from the league for any reason the following will apply: If a team withdraws before the halfway stage of a season, the table will be adjusted to remove all results from that team played so far. If a team withdraws after the halfway stage of a season, all results will stand and any remaining fixtures will be awarded 10-0 to the opposing team, subject to rule 11 (d). Note in seasons where there are no reverse fixtures, i.e. every team plays each other once, there is no halfway stage and as such the table will be adjusted to remove all results from that team played so far.

12 (a) 3 points will be awarded to the winning team. If the match is drawn then each team will be awarded 1 point.

12 (b) League positions will be decided by a team's POINTS, then AGGREGATE SCORES BETWEEN THE TEAMS TIED (HEAD TO HEAD RESULTS) then FRAMES WON then FRAME DIFFERENCE then TOTAL WINS. If at the end of the season all records are level between tied teams, the higher placed team will be determined by the team with the highest placed player in the player stats. There is no playoff to determine League winners or Promotion/Relegation issues.

13. Each team will alternate between refereeing each game. The HOME team to provide a competent referee for frames 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the AWAY team to provide a competent referee for frames 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. If no referee is appointed, the league will not get involved with resolving any disputes arising during the frame.

14 (a) Both captains must complete the scorecard on the app to confirm the final score. Full training and a help guide will be provided at the start of every season for those who need it.

14 (b) Paper scorecards will still be provided for use in cases where there is any problem or technical issue with the app. If a paper scorecard is used, a legible photo MUST be sent by e-mail or preferably WhatsApp to the league secretary immediately after the match has finished.

15. At any match, the home team may provide a buffet, but it is not compulsory and at the discretion of the landlord.

16 (a) Singles and doubles competitions dates are published at the start of the season. Players are reminded to ensure they are available to play on those dates before entering the competition.

16 (b) To be eligible to take part in the Singles and Doubles Knockout a player must have played in at least two League matches during that season. Discretion will be given to any non-playing captain or player where it is evident they have attended at least the required number of matches without actually playing. Singles and doubles competitions would usually start around the halfway point in the season.

16 (c) Players from different teams can pair up in the doubles.

16 (d) Player or players must have actually turned up and played in the first round to be eligible to participate in any plate competition for first round losers, if organised.

16 (e) Neutral venues that have been decided MUST be adhered to. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification from the named competition. Only in exceptional circumstances, which must be brought to the attention of the committee, can a neutral venue be altered. This action must be brought to the committee's attention at least 7 days before the set date.

17 (a) Players are reminded they are representing a FAIR PLAY league and as such, matches must be conducted in a fair and reasonable manor. The league committee hopes disputes will be rare, but rest assured unsporting behaviour will not be tolerated. Complaints procedure is detailed in rule 18(a).

17 (b) Any person or team caught falsifying a score, or conspiring to fix a result will face severe disciplinary action from the league committee including immediate suspension from the league with a possible temporary or permanent ban.

18 (a) Complaints regarding all matters are to be submitted in writing from either the team captain, or landlord on behalf of their team, and must be sent to the League Secretary by e-mail within 72 hours of the incident in question. All written communication will be dealt with at the next scheduled Committee meeting. If the incident is deemed serious or urgent, a meeting will be arranged A.S.A.P. In either case, the Committee may wish to have certain people who were involved present at the meeting. These people will be notified in writing and in all cases, must attend.

18 (b) Any complaints arriving after the 72 hours deadline will not be brought before the Committee (except rule 18(d)).

18 (c) All complaints will be given a fair hearing and settled by the Committee, whose decision will be final subject to rule 18(e).

18 (d) The Committee may investigate any situation privately at any time (without written communication from its members) and take appropriate action where necessary.

18 (e) If any disciplinary action is taken, those involved will have ONE right of appeal which will be given a fair hearing and settled by the Committee, whose decision will be FINAL.

19. Every venue must have a fly rest and a spider rest available for use on match nights. Any complaints made will be investigated by the committee with possible team penalties or fines if they are not provided, at the committee's discretion.

20. All perpetual trophies are to be returned in the same condition, as which they were presented. Teams / individuals are responsible for these trophies, and any loss or damage must be paid for by the team or individuals holding the trophy. Teams / individuals not entering the league for a further season or withdrawing during the season will have to surrender any perpetual trophies immediately.

21. The committee will hold an A.G.M between the Summer and Winter seasons, the exact date will be communicated at least 2 weeks in advance. All league members, captains and players are welcome to attend, however each team represented will only have 1 vote on any matters arising.

22. Player of the season awards will be based on most wins of 1st frames played during the season. Player stats can be viewed at any time on the app or via the website at <http://leam.leagueapplive.com> which is dedicated to the league.

23. Between seasons, the committee will allocate teams into divisions as fairly as possible. However only a team finishing first or second in their respective division will be guaranteed promotion to a higher league. In the cases where teams compete in either the winter or summer seasons, but not both, if feasibly possible, they shall re-join the league in the division they would have been in if they hadn't missed the previous season, provided only 1 season has been missed.

24. The committee decisions will be final on all matters related to the running of the league, taking rule 18(e) into consideration.

25. Landlords, Captains and team players must be familiar with this league constitution. Membership to the league is deemed as acceptance of the content.