



## League Constitution

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1. Competition to be called the Ely & District Pool Leagues, and will be sponsored by **Dransfields**.
2. Players should read this constitution in its entirety because being ignorant of any part of it will not be an excuse.
3. By playing in the league, it is taken that players/teams agree to abide by this constitution in its entirety. Changes to this constitution or league rules will only be made at a proper AGM. If players do not turn up to the AGM then they will not have a say in anything concerning the league rules or conditions, at a later date.
4. This constitution will form part of the league policy and will be **strictly adhere to**. By playing in the league, it is taken that players/teams agree to abide by this constitution in its entirety. If players /teams cannot agree to the terms of this constitution, they should not enter the leagues.
5. The league shall be committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their games in an environment free from any threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse. Any infringement of this rule will be dealt with swiftly and could result in a ban from the leagues.
6. Teams will only be accepted into the league if their home venue is situated within a 12 mile radius of Ely Cathedral.
7. The committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the smooth running of the leagues. This means that a committee meeting would be called to introduce temporary measures to deal with any problems that arise and are deemed to be too urgent to wait for the next AGM where a full discussion will be had to decide any amendments that may be needed to be made to this constitution.
8. **Entries:** Team entries will not be accepted without the proper entry form & relevant entry fee being paid in full.  
Any teams not entered by the closing date will only be allowed to enter at the discretion of the committee and only if there are any byes available. Tables should be kept in a condition that is acceptable to play on and may be inspected by committee members before a venue's entry into the league is accepted.
9. Entry fees paid via Bank Transfer or Paypal must have a reference identifying the team.
10. **Behaviour:** Players should conduct themselves in a manner that will project an image of true sportsmanship at all times.  
Any player or team found guilty of serious misconduct will be immediately excluded from the league on a permanent basis, at the discretion of the committee.

11. **Coaching:** Players should play their own game without comment or advice from teammates. Coaching during a game is classed as serious misconduct and could result in loss of frame for the offender.
12. **Rules:** Matches will be played on a Thursday, according to UK Blackball rules (BAPTO)
13. **Start Time:** Matches shall commence at 8:30pm.. In the event of teams turning up late, 1 frame may be claimed each 15 minutes. If a team has not shown up after 1 hour then the match shall be classed as a “No Show” and claimed by 9 frames and 3 frames will be deducted from the offending team’s total.
14. **Match Format:** Matches will be played on a Home & Away basis and consist of 12 singles frames as follows....  
Captains should write their first 4 players on the result card and those frames completed. Then captains should write their next 4 players names on the card. For the second part of the match captains can use any or all of the first set of players (in any order they wish), or can use a different set of players or any combination of those players. Finally, captains should write their last set of 4 players on the card.  
If a team only has 3 players, then the bye should be at number 4 in each set.. unless both teams agree and sign the sheet accordingly  
If a player is found to play more than once in each set he will be deemed to be an illegal player and his 2<sup>nd</sup> frame of each set will be awarded to his opponent.
15. **Points:** All frames count as points ie. 1 frame = 1 point.  
If teams finish on level points at end of season, then team with highest number of matches won will be highest ranked team, “Head-to-Head” results count if still tied.
16. **Referees:** The use of referees is not compulsory but if teams wish to use them then the home team supplies the first referee then alternate referees to be used.
17. **Break:** The break will be decided by the toss of a coin, winner may elect his opponent to break if he desires, then Alternate breaks.
18. **Registrations & Transfers:** Players will be registered as they play and will be tied to that team.  
All result cards will be collected, each week, and filed as evidence of player registrations. Result cards must be posted on Facebook by 12 noon the following day... No Card = No result!  
The committee reserves the right to sanction transfers at any time to preserve the integrity of the league.  
An administration fee of £10 shall be paid for any transfers and only becomes complete after the fee has been paid.  
No player will be allowed to transfer more than once in any season.  
No new registrations on the last game of the season or Finals Day.
19. **Illegal Players:** It is the team captain’s responsibility to ensure that his players are eligible to play in his team. If a team is found to field an illegal player, that player’s frames will be classed as void and those frames will be awarded to his opponent. In addition, the offending team shall have 5 points deducted from their league total. If it is then found that an illegal player was used in previous matches then there will be an accumulation of penalties.

20. **Cancelled Games:** matches are not allowed to be cancelled. Matches are allowed to be played in advance to cover holidays etc. Committee to be informed of the date match is re-scheduled for and that date becomes the official fixture and cannot be cancelled. Tom Read to be informed of result and card posted on Facebook, by 12:00 Noon, next day after match.  
The committee reserves the right to sanction cancelled matches for extreme circumstances such as bereavements etc.  
Matches may also be called off due to extreme weather conditions where it would be unsafe to travel.  
Any matches that are legally cancelled must be played within 14 days of the original date.
21. **No Shows.** If a team fails to show or forfeits matches on 2 occasions then that team will be automatically excluded from the league and will be asked to pay a £100 bond before they are allowed to enter any future league. This bond would then be used to pay their entry fees for future leagues.
22. **Disputes:** Any disputes must be made in writing via Email, Messenger or text to a committee member within 48 hours with a brief outline of the problem. If a dispute arises on a single frame, then that frame should not be continued, but rest of match should be played to a finish. If the disputed frame is continued there can be no complaints. Committee decisions on all disputes shall be final.  
If a match is abandoned for any reason, then the score card (as is) must be posted on Facebook as normal, to be kept as a record. If result card is not presented then no score will be recorded and match will be classed as void.
23. **Banned Players:** If a player is banned from a pub/club his captain should seek permission from the venue for that player to be allowed to play. If permission is denied then the team must field another player or forfeit the banned player's frames.  
The league cannot intervene in these matters.
24. **Young Players:** Whilst the league has no restriction on the age of young players, it should be noted that there are legal limits for the age of people to be allowed on licensed premises and it is the sole responsibility of the licence holder to police this. The leagues cannot overrule the licence holder's decision.
25. **Knock Out Cup.** Each round of the Knockout Cup will be re-drawn live on Facebook and must be played at the venue stated. Semi Finals will be played on Neutral tables, allocated by the committee.  
If a Knock Out Cup match is drawn at 6-6 then a Penalty Shootout will decide the result. The Consolation Cup event is only open to teams losing in the Pre-Lims and first round proper, of the main Knock Out Cup event. Division One teams shall be excluded from the Consolation Cup event.
26. **Results:** Results should be posted on Facebook and include an image of the result card. Winning team is responsible for recording the result. In the event of a draw then it shall be the home team to register the result.  
**Score cards should be fully filled in correctly with team names, date & players full names. A Players initial & proper surname will be accepted.**  
Nicknames or just first names will no longer be accepted and frames will be awarded to opponent.  
Result cards should be left visible by both teams during the match.

27. **Promotions:** Promotions & Relegations will normally be on a 2 up / 2 down basis but subject to any re-structuring of the leagues that the committee may deem necessary to ensure a competitive competition.
28. **New Teams:** Any new teams that enter the leagues would normally begin in the lowest division.  
However, the committee reserves the right to place any new team into a higher division if it is more suitable to that team's standard of play so as to preserve the competitive nature of the league.  
If a team moves venue but retains most of their original team then they will not be classed as a new team & their team's position in the league tables will be kept intact.
29. **League Info:** League tables and results will be published on Facebook on a weekly basis. League tables and other information will also be available online at [www.elypool.co.uk](http://www.elypool.co.uk).
30. **Team withdrawal:** If a team withdraws from the league during the season without completing their fixtures, then all of that teams' results are to be classed as void.  
Any team withdrawing from the league may be refused entry the following season or be asked to pay a bond of £100. This bond will then be used to pay subsequent future entry fees.
31. **Finals Venues:** To facilitate a Finals Day event, venues must be able to meet the following conditions.
- \* Have at least 3 tables in good condition (*Tables must be 7x4*)
  - \* Each table to have proper overhead lights
  - \* Each table to have good quality balls (ie. Pro Cup)
  - \* Tables to have adequate playing room around them
  - \* Venues to have food available
32. **Finals Schedules:** Once the schedules/times have been published they will be adhered to. Any team or player that cannot be available to play at the scheduled day/time, because they are playing football or golf etc. shall forfeit their match.
33. **AGM:** There will be a meeting (AGM) prior to the start of a new season. Players are advised to attend the AGM if they want a say in the way the leagues are formatted or run. If a player does not turn up at the meeting, he/she will not have any say in what goes on during the season.

Committee Members contact details:

**These numbers are not to be used to record results...**

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They should not enter the leagues.*