



# COMPETITION RULES

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**(Effective 10.06.22)**

**(1)** Entry fees for all competitions are **£5** per player, with the exception of the doubles which are £5 per pair. Entries will be removed, if the entry fees are not paid by the entry closing date stated on the Competitions Entry Sheet.

**(2)** All individual, pairs and team competitions must be played at clubs registered with the League and having teams competing in the League from that Club.

**(3)** To enter any competition, including the Team Knockout, players must have either been registered in a BSL team at the start of the season or have played at least 3 matches in the Boston Snooker League during this season or last Season. This rule does not apply to the Ray Lovely Competition, see (30) below. No professional player shall be allowed to enter any competition.

**(4)** If a team is excluded from the League for any reason, then all players of that team are also immediately excluded for competing in any competitions for the remainder of this season and the following season.

**(5)** The Handicap Committee members, elected at the previous A.G.M. will meet to set handicaps for all players. These handicaps will then be used for the seasons handicapped competitions and next seasons Paul Mould Jubilee. Any players handicap may be changed at any point, if it is felt necessary to do so by the Competitions Secretary, Chairman and/or a minimum of 2 Handicap Committee members.

**(5b)** The Handicap Committee is to be chaired by the Competition Secretary and made up with existing players of the Boston Snooker League.

**(6)** The Home player is the first drawn and first listed player in each match. All matches should be played at the Home players venue. The Home player is responsible for booking the table. Table fees shall be split between both players. If both players are in agreement the Home venue may be changed so long it complies with Rule (2) above.

**(7)** In all competitions, the Home player must also provide a referee, in every round, up to and including the Semi-Finals. Excluding the Town Semi-Final. (BSL provide referees for all Finals and the Town Semi-Finals). If the Home player does not provide a referee, the Away player may claim the game.

**(8)** All games to be played under the **NEW** revised [World Snooker Association Rules](#) with the exception of the miss rule.

**(9)** All competition round draws shall be made by at least 3 Committee Members.

**(10)** Draws for each round of a Competition will be made on the 1st day of a calendar month. All matches in these draws must be played by the last day of the same month.

**(11)** The draws for each round will be published on the BSL Website with notifications that they are on the website posted on the BSL Facebook page. Paper copies of the draws will be delivered or sent to all clubs with players in the draws.

**(12)** Home players must offer 3 dates to away players. The 3 dates shall not be in the same week and not on the same day each week. Away players to reply within 7 days of receiving the 3 dates. If possible, players should make the offer of the 3 playing dates via, Text, Messenger or email so that there is a record, in case of any dispute.

**(13)** The Winning player of a match is responsible for notifying the Competition Secretary of the result

by 'Played by' date on competition draw sheet. This can be by text, Messenger or by posting on the BSL Facebook group. If no result is reported, it will be assumed that the Home player did not make contact with the Away player and the Away player will go through. Unless, the Home player has a record of their contact and their offer of three date etc. as outlined above in (??) If this is the case? Then the Home player will go through.

**(14)** There is competitions high break prize. Currently £25 for Owe players and £25 for Scratch or Receive players. The Competitions Sec. should be notified of any competition breaks by text, Messenger or posting on the BSL Facebook group.

**(15)** All Competition Finals will be played on the Finals Weekend at the end of the season at Boston Snooker Centre. The date is shown in the AGM minutes and on the BSL Website. There are no table fees for players in Finals as they are paid jointly by our sponsor Boston Snooker Centre and BSL.

**(16)** There is a dress code for all Competition Finals at the Finals Weekend. This is a buttoned shirt, trousers and shoes. In addition to this players in the Town Semi-Final and the Town Final must also wear a waistcoat.

**(17)** Players from the BSL will be invited to apply to referee Finals and the Town Semi-Final on the Finals Weekend. Also the Paul Mould Jubilee Final. The committee will choose the referees from those that have applied. The chosen referees will be paid the sum of £7 per match by BSL. Referees will be expected to wear a buttoned shirt, trousers and shoes and white referee gloves. (The gloves will be provided by BSL)

**(18)** Annual Trophies and Cups are presented at the Finals Weekend Presentations. Players are welcome to show these Annual Trophies and Cups to friends and family and have photos taken with them. But, unfortunately, the Annual Trophies and Cups may not be taken away from the venue.

**(19)** Prize money must be collected at the Presentations by the player or their representative. Any prize money not collected, will be returned to BSL funds.

**(20)** All players to abide by the League's Code of Conduct, any breaches of this should be brought to the attention of the committee in writing.

**(21) Town** is non handicapped, open to all BSL players, best of 5 frames for all rounds up to the semi-finals, which will be best of 7 frames and the Final is best of 9 frames.

**(22)** All other competitions listed below (with the exception of the Ray Lovely, Team Knockout and Jubilee) are best of 3 frames for all rounds up to the semi-finals, which are best of 5 frames and the Finals are best of 7 frames.

**(23) Leagill Trophy** is non handicapped, restricted to BSL players who have scored a break of 40 or over in the league.

**(24) CoLa Training Doubles Cup** is handicapped and open to all BSL players. Each pair add their handicaps together, then half it, to give the handicap for the pair for each frame. If this produces an odd number, then it should be rounded up.

**(25) Mowbray Cup** is handicapped and open to all BSL players

**(26) Men's Own Cup** is a handicap and restricted to BSL players in Premier, Division 1 and Division 2 teams.

**(27) Premier Singles KO** is non-handicapped and restricted to BSL players in Premier Division teams.

**(28) Division 1 Singles KO** is non-handicapped and restricted to BSL players in Division 1 teams.

**(29) Division 2 Singles KO** is non-handicapped and restricted to BSL players in Division 2 teams.

**(30) Seniors** is handicapped and restricted to BSL players over 55 on the entry closing date each season.

**(31) Ray Lovely Cup** is non handicapped, an open competition for player within and outside of the BSL. It is designed to encourage new young players into the BSL and its competitions. It is restricted to players above 12 years old and under 18 years old on the Competitions entry closing date each season. Any player under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult. There are no table fees for players in this competition, they are paid by our sponsor Boston Snooker Centre.

**(32) Team Knockout** is handicapped. All BSL teams are automatically entered into the draw. Team

may decide not to enter by notifying Competitions Secretary. Each round played by a team of 4 players, playing 2 frames each. All balls should be potted and all scores kept, in case of a tie in frame scores. Before play begins, each captain should separately, write down their own teams order of play. These should then be matched together in that order, for the match order of play.

**(33) Paul Mould Jubilee** is handicapped. 32 players from the BSL are invited to play by the Competition Secretary based on winning a competition last season, or achieving the one of the highest winning percentages in their division last season. In addition, there are a few wildcard places available, decided by a draw. The 32 players are put into handicap order (then alphabetical order where players have the same handicap). From this list, the top 8 players are drawn, 1 per group, then next 8 players are drawn, 1 per group, etc. The 4 players in each group, all play 1 frame against each other to produce a group winner. All balls should be potted and all scores kept, in case of a tie in frame scores. The quarter-finals are best of 3 frames, Semi-finals best of 5 & the Final is best of

7. There are no table fees for players in this competition, as they are paid jointly by our sponsor Boston Snooker Centre and the BSL.

**(34) Body Cup** is a handicapped billiards competition open to all BSL players.

Any player breaking any of the 34 rules above will automatically be disqualified from that competition. An appeal can be made to the Committee in writing.