

## BARROW & DISTRICT WEDNESDAY POOL, LEAGUE CONSTITUTION (2008/09 season)

### 1. NAME:

The league shall be called the Barrow & District WEDNESDAY Pool League.

### 2. THE LEAGUE:

The organisation of the league will be decided on by the committee at the start of the season. The divisions shall be composed of such teams that have been given membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held before the start of the season.

### 3. SUBSCRIPTIONS:

- (a) £60 League Fee per team.
- (b) £1.50 per player entering the individual's competition.
- (c) £3 per pair entering the doubles competition.
- (d) £5 per team entering the four man team competition.

League Fee and all Competition entrance money to be paid by the sixth Captains Meeting. Any team which has not paid their league fee on time will receive a points deduction (see item "23. Fines").

### 4. THE COMMITTEE (LEAGUE OFFICIALS):

League officials (Herein after called 'The committee') shall comprise of: 3 league officers (The Honorary Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, & Honorary Treasurer) and 4 league members.

The committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until the next AGM, but shall be eligible for re-election. Should any situation arise whereby an officer or other member of committee ceases to carry out his/her duties, for whatever reason, a suitable replacement shall be elected at the earliest opportunity.

### 5. DUTIES OF HONORARY SECRETARY:

- (a) The Secretary shall have custody of all documents of the league and conduct the correspondence of the league.

- (b) He/she shall keep full and correct minutes of all proceedings.

- (c) With the help of committee members and Team captains, he/she shall organise all competition draws.

- (d) Be responsible for up to-date league tables and aggregate positions with regard to regular publication in the local press and web site.

- (e) Shall endeavour to gain as much publicity as possible for the current sponsors of the league.

- (f) Supply a copy of the league playing rules and constitution to each team in the league.

- (g) His/her honorarium fee will be negotiable at the AGM.

### 6. DUTIES OF HONORARY TREASURER:

- (a) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and safe keeping of all monies belonging to the league.

- (b) Shall keep up to-date accounts of the league and submit a statement of these accounts to the committee and captains at the AGM.

- (c) With help from the committee the Treasurer shall select trophies and organise the end of season presentation evening.

- (d) His/her honorarium will be negotiable at the AGM.

### 7. DUTIES OF HONORARY CHAIRPERSON:

- (a) The Chairperson shall be in charge, and chair all meetings of the league.

- (b) Will have the casting vote in the event of equality of votes.

- (c) Possess a working knowledge of the duties of the secretary and treasurer, thereby able to take over in the event of their absence.

- (d) If contacted, able to give advice to any league member with regard to official league business.

- (e) His/her honorarium will be negotiable at the AGM.

### 8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM):

The AGM of the league shall be held on a date specified by the secretary, not less than 14 days notice shall be given to each member of the league. Each team MUST be represented at the AGM; failure to do so will result in non-admittance to the league. All league members are allowed to vote at the AGM. At the meeting the following business shall be transacted:

- (a) To receive reports from the Chairperson and Secretary on the previous and coming season.
- (b) To receive a financial report and statement of accounts from the Treasurer.
- (c) To elect the officers and league members that will make up the committee.
- (d) To consider any new applications of membership that have been received.
- (e) To consider any notices of motion which have been received.
- (f) To deal with any other such business as may be specified by the committee.

### 9. CAPTAINS MEETING:

At any meeting called, the captain or captain's representative from each registered team MUST attend. Failure to attend (or turning up late) will result in points being deducted from their said teams accrued league points (see item "23. FINES")

- (a) Voting shall be on a basis of one vote per team.
- (b) The Chairman or person occupying the chair shall, in the event of equality of votes, have the casting vote.
- (c) All decisions shall be made on a simple majority vote.
- (d) **IF A REGISTERED TEAM IS NOT REPRESENTED FOR THREE MEETINGS, THE COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE ON THE SAID TEAMS EXPULSION FROM THE LEAGUE.**

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### 10. RULES OF PLAY:

During any season all games shall be played in accordance with the rules specified at the AGM for the said season. A copy of the rules of play, together with any additions, repeals or amendments for the time being in force, MUST be displayed in each teams pool room.

### 11. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS:

Registration sheets will be provided before the start of each season.

- (a) Registration sheets are to be handed in at the first Captains Meeting of the season. Captains checking to make sure all address's and telephone numbers are on the sheet.
- (b) Players can be signed on at any time during the current season on the reverse side of the team score sheet (stating which team he/she is signing on for).
- (c) A player maybe signed on for a team on the evening of games and may be eligible to play on that evening.
- (d) Any player playing for a team in the Wednesday Pool League will be classed as a signed on player for that team. On no account can he/she play for any other team or in any other league on that night.
- (e) The league reserves the right to refuse the registration of any person whose signing may be detrimental to the league.
- (f) If a pair in the Doubles Competition claim or have been given a match they are deemed to have played and are not allowed to change partner thereafter. If they are given a bye in the prelim they may change.

### 12. MATCHES:

Matches will be played on Wednesday, the first game to commence promptly at 8.15pm.

- (a) A match will consist of 6 individual games and one doubles game.
- (b) A team with a minimum of 6 players is needed to play all the games in a match. Up

to 2 players are allowed to play in both an individual and a doubles game.

- (c) A team must have a minimum of 3 players to start a match (giving them the chance to win 4 out of the 7 games)
- (d) All games listed on a team sheet MUST have a legally registered player(s) name entered alongside (names in full).
- (e) Each team sheet shall be clearly marked to show any players absent from either team.
- (f) Team sheets should be exchanged between captains before the start of each match.
- (g) If either team is not ready to start at 8.15pm, the opposing team may claim one game every 15 minutes. The first game, being claimed at 8.30pm and so on (unless prior arrangements have been made between the two captains).
- (h) Games must be refereed by a member of the home team. The captain of that team must ensure that the person nominated to referee is a registered player, and is fully conversant with the rules of play.
- (i) If a team is unable to field at least 6 players, all games not played are deemed to have been won by the opposing team.

### 13. RESERVES:

Any registered team member may be placed on the team sheet as a player or as a reserve, at any time during a match. The opposing captain must be informed and both team sheets amended accordingly.

- (a) Reserves may be played providing they are registered in accordance with the said rules.
- (b) A reserve may substitute a player who, for any reason, is unavailable to play.
- (c) It is not compulsory to have reserves on the team sheet before the start of play.
- (d) Reserves may be played in any order.

### 14. RESULTS:

Each team captain is responsible for correctly completing their team sheet with the results of each game, plus the final result of the match. The home team sheet must then be signed by the team captain and countersigned by the opposing team captain.

- (a) If a result is in dispute for any reason, the aggrieved captain MUST NOT sign the sheet, as a signature will endorse the result.
- (b) The home team shall be responsible for the delivering of their completed team sheet to the Steelworks not later than 5.30pm on Friday the week the match was played. (Failure to comply will incur a points deduction from your teams accrued league points (see item "23. FINES").

### 15. NON-FULFILMENT OF FIXTURES:

Any team failing to fulfil two consecutive fixtures, shall be expelled from the league at the discretion of the committee.

- (a) The definition of non-fulfilment of a League fixture is, fielding a side of less than 3 players.
- (b) If a team can not fulfil a fixture, they MUST give the opposing team at least 24 hours notice, and re-arrange the fixture for the first available date for both teams.
- (c) A team failing to fulfil a League fixture (without making arrangements as stated above), will incur a points deduction from its accrued league points (see item "23. FINES") and the fixture rearranged to be played at a later date.
- (d) **REMOVED**
- (e) Always keep the Secretary informed.

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### 16. EXPULSIONS AND WITHDRAWAL:

The results of the matches played by any team who is expelled, or has withdrawn from the league, shall be expunged from the teams they have played. The following procedure takes place:

- (a) Teams leaving at any time during the first half of the season: ALL points deducted.  
Teams leaving at any time during the second half of the season: first half points stand, second half points deducted.
- (b) Any team which withdraws or any team/player expelled from the league during the first half of the season shall not be admitted membership till the start of following seasons.

Any team which withdraws or any team/player expelled from the league during the second half of the season shall not be admitted membership till the start of the second half of the following seasons. (This means the actual playing members, NOT the venue that they played from). The committee reserve the right to extend this period dependent on the severity of the offence if a player has been expelled.

- (c) A player who is expelled from the league, and thinks that he/she has so unjustly, can appeal against the decision (see item "22. Disputes, Protests and Appeals")

### 17. ALTERATIONS TO PLAYING RULES OR CONSTITUTION:

These rules may be altered, or new additions made at an AGM or an Extraordinary Captains Meeting only.

### 18. EXTRAORDINARY CAPTAINS MEETING:

An extraordinary captains meeting may be called at any time during the season, by any league team captain, at the discretion of the league committee. The following procedure MUST be adhered to:

- (a) The captains calling the meeting, to inform the Secretary of all the details, if unavailable, contact the Chairperson.
- (b) Put in writing the reason for the meeting and forward this to the Secretary.
- (c) If, after a committee hearing, the reason for an extraordinary meeting is founded, the Secretary will inform all league captains of the time, place and date of the meeting within 14 days of the procedure starting.

### 19. LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP:

The competition is governed by the following:

- (a) In all League matches one point awarded for each game won.
- (b) The league championship for each division shall be awarded to the team with the largest number of points at the end of the season. If this is a tie, it shall be awarded to whichever team has won the most matches. However, should this be another tie, a play-off will be arranged at a neutral venue that can provide a level 7-foot table.
- (c) **Aggregates** - An Aggregates award for each division shall be given to the player who has won the most league games (singles only) per division, per season. If there is a tie, the player who has played the least number of games will be deemed the winner. However, should they still tie, a play-off will be arranged at a neutral venue that can provide a level 7-foot table.

### 20. CONDUCT OF PLAYERS:

If in the opinion of any team or referee, the conduct of a player during or in connection with a match in which their team is participating, or the referee is officiating, is in their or the referee's opinion unsatisfactory, the team or referee may report the offender to the committee.

The committee will deal with the matter in the following manner. Only one warning will be given to the offender, any further misconduct will mean expulsion from the league.

- (a) If any member of the committee is a member of the team by whom the complaint was made, or is a member of the same team as the player against whom the complaint was made, he/she shall not take part in any enquiry into that complaint.

### 21. CONDUCT OF SUPPORTERS:

Teams shall be responsible for the good conduct of their supporters attending matches. If such supporters create a disturbance or interfere with the games, players or referee engaged within, or molest, insult or intimidate any such players or referee, the party aggrieved may report the matter to the committee, who may enquire into the circumstances and inflict such a penalty as deem just.

### 22. DISPUTES, PROTESTS AND APPEALS:

The committee shall adjudicate in all disputed matters in connection with the affairs of the league, their decision shall be final. Protests or appeals MUST be made in writing to the secretary within 14 days of the date of cause of the protest or appeal. It is important that if a dispute does occur with regard to a particular match, the aggrieved captain should NOT sign the team sheets, otherwise it is assumed he/she accepts the result of the sheet.

**23. FINES:**

- (a) *Captains meetings:*
  - Not being present for roll call ..... 5 points
  - Prior apology for not attending ..... 4 points
- (b) Late results sheet ..... 3 points
- (c) *League fees:*
  - Not paying in full on time ..... 5 points
  - For each month it's not paid ..... 5 points
- (d) Non-fulfilment of fixture..... 5 points
- (e) Playing an illegal player ..... 7 points\*

\* Teams losing game(s) against an illegal player will gain 1 extra point for each game lost. The illegal player will be expelled from the league as will any Captain found knowingly playing an illegal player (see item "16").

**24. TEAM STATUS:**

- (a) Should a team have to leave a pub or club due to closure, then the said team should retain divisional status, providing at least five players move to the new venue.
- (b) A team that changes venue during the closed session will keep its divisional status as long as it has played all matches from the previous session and at least 5 of its players move with the team to the new venue.

**25. POOL TABLES:**

Teams in the pool league must ensure that level clean pool table is provided for the matches, there is no excuse for a bad surface as there is a valeting service available on request.

**26. TRANSFER SYSTEM:**

- (a) A player is allowed to transfer to another team up-to the third Captains Meeting of the season.
- (b) The secretary must be notified prior to the transfer taking place and a player may only transfer once in a season.
- (c) If a player transferring has played in a 4 man team he will be match tied and not allowed to play for another 4 man team. The team he leaves will be able to play another player in their 4 man in his place.
- (d) A player who is a member of a team which have dropped out the league may be able to transfer at the discretion of the committee.

**Updates**

**Voted on at the AGM:**

11(f) new  
12(a) amended ('6' individual games)  
12(b) new  
12(c) amended ('3' players)  
12(i) amended ('6' players)  
15(a) amended (less than '3' players)  
15(b) amended  
15(b) amended  
15(d) removed  
16 amended  
19(c) new  
22 amended ('with 14 days')  
23 (a) and (b) amended  
24(b) new  
26 new