

AGM Minutes: 18 September 2023 of the Irvine and District Snooker League



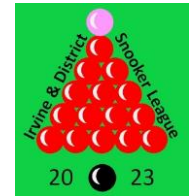
Minutes from the AGM that took place at Irvine Snooker Club on 18 September 2023 at 7:30pm.

1. The following committee members were voted in: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Administrator as detailed below. We also agreed that the captain of each team will form part of the management committee.
 - Chairman is Steven Stamp
 - Secretary is Sam McDonald
 - Treasurer is Christian Gibson
 - Administrator is Leo Moffat

Also in attendance were representatives of all 11 teams going to take part this season.

2. A brief discussion and agreement to the provisional rules detailed in the Irvine and District Snooker League Constitution were made and no changes were required. This will now come into effect.
3. Most of the time allocated was spent discussing changes and improvements to the provisional rules detailed in the General League Rules document. A summary of which is detailed below:
 - It was agreed that all matches were to start at 7:30pm except for those matches taking place at the Nonsuch Lounge and Sports Bar. Due to its early closure at 11pm, it was agreed that matches should start at 7pm to allow enough time to complete all frames required. If the venue closing forces the frame to end prior to its conclusion, the current score in the frame will be deemed the final score. E.g. if player A has scored 40 points and player B has scored 29 points then Player A will be awarded the frame and these scores will be recorded as the final frame scores on the match result sheet.
 - The merits of the Miss rule were discussed, and it was decided that there will be no matches played where the Miss rule will be used after a foul.
 - It was agreed that Handicaps will be revised every month regardless of how many frames an individual player has played. It was also agreed that the maximum Handicap will be 50, but that this may be revised depending on results.
 - The League Cup Competition will start on 02 October 2023 and the League will start on 30 October 2023.
 - Should there be a tied points score at the end of the League campaign then this will be decided by the head-to-head score, then Frame Difference then a 1 Frame Play-off between nominated players in that order.
 - Should a League Cup tie end in a draw then a 1 Frame Play-off between nominated players will decide it.
 - Everyone was happy with the cost of the website (£13.60 per month) and there was support for up to £300 for trophies. (It was agreed that this is a subjective amount, and it may be higher if required).
 - It was agreed that Prize money will be split evenly between each team at the end of the season.
 - It was agreed Prize money for individual competitions throughout the year will be slightly tiered in favour of the winners.
 - It was agreed that team colours were not required but at the discretion of each team.
 - It was also agreed that Alan Duffy would kindly Sponsor the League to the value of £100. In return Alan would be promoted on the website for the season.

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Additional Information

- There is a team captains WhatsApp group where discussions regarding the running of the league can take place.
- The match sheets will be available from behind the bar at Irvine Snooker Club, or to be downloaded from the website.
- There will be a monthly report from the Treasurer detailing all financial incomings and outgoings.
- Information will be available primarily on the website: <https://wossl.leaguerepublic.com/index.html>
- There is a Facebook page called Irvine and District Snooker League: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/200429379470752/>
- There is a twitter or X account: @IrvineSnooker

Appendices

The following Constitution and General Rules have been ratified by the members of the Irvine & District Snooker League Committee on 18th September 2023.

Appendix 1

IRVINE & DISTRICT SNOOKER LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

1. The League shall be called 'Irvine and District Snooker League'.
2. The affairs of the League shall be conducted by a Management Committee consisting of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and no more than one representative of each team within the League. The Committee shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election. Such election shall take place at the Annual General Meeting.
3. The Management Committee may fill any vacancies that occur during their term and may deal with any matter not provided for in, or delegated to them, by the Constitution or the General Rules.
4. The Management Committee shall meet when and as often as is considered necessary by the Secretary, Chairman or a majority of the Management Committee, due notice having been given to each member and any others entitled to attend. All matters shall be decided by a majority vote with the Chairman to have the casting vote. 5 members shall form a quorum.
5. As a mark of esteem, there may be elected at an Annual General Meeting, a President and up to three Vice Presidents. These appointments shall not be subject to an annual re-election. They shall be entitled to attend and take part in meetings of the Management Committee but, unless also duly elected members of the Committee, not to vote.
6. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received and spent, and present a balance sheet at the AGM. Cheques shall be signed by any two of the following: Secretary, Chairman or Treasurer.
7. The Annual General Meeting, to which one representative from each team shall be invited, shall be held on such a date as decided by the Management Committee.
8. An annual subscription, the amount of which shall be decided by the Management Committee, shall be notified to clubs at, or as soon as possible, after the Annual General Meeting and shall be payable by each club, to the treasurer, immediately thereafter. (NOTE: – Any team whose current annual subscription has not been paid before their first match of the season may be excluded from forthcoming League competitions at the discretion of the Management Committee until the due amount has been paid in full)

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9. Alterations to the Constitution or General Rules may only be made at an Annual/Special General Meeting.
10. Annual and Special General Meetings require a minimum of fourteen and seven days' notice respectively. Details of proposed alterations to the Constitution or the General Rules and an agenda for the meeting shall be forwarded with the notice. For these meetings, 5 members shall form a quorum.
11. A record of the decisions taken at all meetings shall be made and kept by the Secretary.

Appendix 2

Below are the Irvine and District Snooker League rules for the 2023/2024 season, as agreed at the 2023 Annual General Meeting. A full set of World Snooker rules can be downloaded from the Irvine and District Snooker League Website.

GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

1. Matches are to commence no later than 7.30pm on the scheduled Monday evening and play must be continuous. For those matches taking place at the Nonsuch Lounge and Sports Bar, there is an exception due to its early closure at 11pm. At this venue only, matches should start at 7pm to allow enough time to complete all frames required. If the closure of the venue forces the frame to end prior to its conclusion, the current score in the frame will be deemed the final score. E.g. if player A has scored 40 points and player B has scored 29 points then Player A will be awarded the frame and these scores will be recorded as the final frame scores on the match result sheet.
2. Tables are chosen by random selection by the home team when playing at Irvine Snooker Club. A team member of the home team picks from a pouch containing available table numbers to determine the 2 tables that will be used that night.
3. Home and away captains must write down their teams in playing order first for league matches and then both lists are matched together to see who plays each other in that order.
4. Four individual matches of 3 frames will be played between 4 different players from each team – no player may play twice. The order of each match of 3 frames shall be as detailed on the match sheet unless agreed by both captains.
5. A team wins if they score more frames than their opposing team.
6. 2 Points will be awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.
7. If there is only one player present from either team by 7.30pm, then the opposing team can insist the match starts with that player present.
8. If play has not started by 7.45pm (and there has been no satisfactory communication) then the team at fault will lose one frame and subsequently one frame every 15 mins. If the one sole player represented by either team plays his match but his team-mates are not present to immediately start the second frame the frame shall be awarded to the opposition, and each subsequent frame per 15 minutes and so on.
9. It is the responsibility of BOTH TEAMS to enter the scores on the League Republic Website. Teams that do not submit their results will not be awarded the points earned for the match. Teams are asked to provide full details of the frame scores and points tally to ensure that accurate player rankings can be produced.
10. You can also use the Irvine and District Snooker League Captains WhatsApp group, facebook page or twitter (X) account to register any results. E.g photograph the match sheet.
11. The 'Miss' rule will not be played in any match within the Irvine & District Snooker League.

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Registration of Players

1. Teams can register up to 10 players to ensure that they fulfil their fixtures each Monday night.
2. Any team may register a player on the night if they inform the League Secretary before 7.30pm. Closing date for registering a new player is the 6th match from the end of the league season.
3. Any team playing a non-registered player/s will result in that team losing all pts scored that night and will also be fined 6pts and £10.
4. Players may transfer from one team to another within the same division only ONCE during the first 6 matches of the season. The League Secretary must be informed before he/she plays.

Trialists

1. If a team is a player short on a particular night, then they are allowed to play an unregistered player as a trialist.
2. This is only allowed to happen 3 times in a season.
3. This player must play off scratch - regardless of their true handicap.

Postponement/cancellation/forfeiting of League Matches

1. Because teams can register up to 10 players, postponements are not allowed other than in exceptional circumstances agreed by the committee. Any team who fails to show for a league match will be fined 6pts, £10 and the match will be awarded 12-0 to the opposition. Matches must be played in advance of the fixture if a team cannot make a Monday night. However, their opponents are under no obligation to play them.
2. Any team committing this offence twice in a season may under the discretion of the committee be expelled from the league and will not be allowed to compete the following league season or their registered players. Also, all players concerned will not be allowed to play for anyone else during the current league season. So even if you only have one player available it would be in your team's best interest to attend the match and forfeit any frames left over. Exceptional circumstances will be left up to the committee's discretion.
3. If a team disbands during the season, then all results involving this team will be voided and removed from the records for that season. They will also receive no monies at the end of the year.

Conduct

1. Any registered team or player whose behaviour is prejudicial to the interest of the Irvine & District Snooker League, shall under the discretion of the committee be suspended from all matches for the rest of the current season, and their acceptance to the league for the following two seasons be refused.
2. Any disputes arising from matches played in league or competitions must be submitted in writing to the committee and will then be clarified on the website.

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Professionals

1. Professional players must play off a handicap of (-40) per frame.
2. Professional players will not be allowed to play in any league competitions, unless they were Irvine & District Snooker League members when they qualified for professional status.

Competition Rules

1. All teams must follow the World Snooker rules of snooker. They must have an up to date copy of the rules of snooker displayed or available upon request for future reference. [The rules can be downloaded here](#)
2. Each player will be awarded an initial handicap at the start of the season, which will be used in all matches, as well as individual competitions, unless clearly stated otherwise.
3. Players must use their home venue for competitions, unless they have the agreement of the committee that the match can take place in another Irvine & District Snooker League venue.
4. In the league, if points are tied at the end of the season, the league will be decided by head to head, then frame difference and if still tied, a one frame play-off between a single player from each side at a venue to be decided.
5. In the League Cup, if a match ends in a draw then a 1 Frame Play-off between nominated players will be undertaken to determine the winner.

Handicaps

1. Each registered player will be given a handicap at the discretion of the committee.
2. The handicaps will range from 0 up to a maximum of 50. However, at the discretion of the committee, this may increase if a player is in need of more help.
3. Handicaps will be revised every month regardless of how many frames an individual player has played. Each players handicap will be adjusted unless they are playing off scratch, where it will always remain at 0.
4. Each adjustment will consist of the difference between the frames that a player has won and those that they have lost. e.g. A player has a handicap of 30. They win 7 of their 12 frames. They will now have a handicap of 28. $(7-5=2)$. Conversely if they only won 5 frames they would go up to 32.
5. When it is clear that a player is deliberately abusing this system, then the committee can adjust the players handicap accordingly.

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Calendar

1. The league will commence on 02 October 2023 with the League Cup.
2. The League itself will get underway on 23 October 2023.
3. Depending on the number of teams, we may well be finished by April.
4. There will then be a Singles Competition followed by a Finals Day.

Fees

1. There will be a registration fee of £10 per player per season.
2. There will be a registration fee of £10 per team per competition.
3. There will be a fee of £12 per match per team to cover the hire of the venue: For each match played in Ardrossan and Saltcoats each club will receive half of the £24 match fee to cover costs using that venue.
4. Fines for the following will be implemented:
 - A team not turning up: £10
 - A player playing without being registered: £10
 - A player bringing the league into disrepute: £10
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Other costs required:

1. There will be a cost of £13.60 per month for the admin of the website:
<https://wossl.leaguerepublic.com/index.html>

The website will include league fixtures, standings, player statistics, news items and links to all relevant documentation.

2. Trophies circa £400 will be discussed in due course.
3. Prize Money for the League will be divided equally between the 11 teams regardless of their final standings. Prize money for individual competitions throughout the year will be slightly tiered in favour of the winners.
4. Team polo shirts are at the discretion of each team.

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Additional Funding

1. Hidden Team Cards will be issued on league nights in Irvine.
2. Alan Duffy has agreed to kindly Sponsor the League to the value of £100. In return Alan wishes to be promoted on the website for the duration of the season.