

# North East Norfolk Pool League

## 2008/09 Season Information (Important)

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Dear All,

Further to the annual AGM held at the Orchard Gardens on the 19<sup>th</sup> August I must relay the following information and points.

Sadly Richard Knights, League Secretary has following the meeting resigned his position. May I take this opportunity on behalf of all the players and teams extend our sincere thanks in the time, effort and dedication he has contributed to running the league.

As his resignation came after the AGM we at this time do not officially have a League Secretary and cannot appoint one until the AGM next year.

Whilst this is not an ideal situation after discussions with the Assistant Secretary Liam Doyle, I am confident that between us we can organise this season without a huge amount of difficulty until the next AGM when a permanent Secretary can be appointed. All players and teams assistance this year will make this a far easier task.

The following points and changes are now in place as a result of the AGM. Please take care in reading these and make sure **ALL** your players are fully aware of the changes.

### **Results Must Be Phoned In By Wednesday Night @ 7pm.**

All results must be phoned to Liam Doyle on 07968 740610 by 7pm on Wednesday **by the winning team**. Failure to do this will result in **3 frames being deducted from the winning team**. Every team has access to a phone. Phone the result in on the night and it is done. Enclosed is a laminate card advertising the league website which also has the results number on it. We have even put some blue tack on it for you to put it straight on the wall! Please put the card on a wall near your table and you will have the number straight to hand. There will be no exceptions made on this rule as the website will be updated on Wednesday nights. **It is also the responsibility for the winning team to make sure the card is posted**.

### **Rules Of A Foul At The Break.**

When the break is made if the white ball is potted the opponent takes control of the table but only has **ONE SHOT, not two**. This is a logical move as it does not penalise a player breaking the balls.

**However, it is TWO shots to the opponent if the white ball leaves the table onto the floor. The theory here that the shot has no control rather than being unlucky and should have the full two shot penalty.**

**If you pot on the break you may switch colours but must pot the colour you have changed to or the table is still a free table for your opponent and the game continues there from. This amendment will promote attacking play immediately and will reduce frame times.**

### **Match Format & Team Status.**

**The match format remains as last year. 11 frames, home teams names up first five frames, away teams names up in the second five frames and then a nominated player from each team plays the 11<sup>th</sup> frame. Only one player in a team may play three frames in one night.**

**It is has been proposed, seconded and voted upon that the status of a team is held by the pub/hotel or club not by the team.**

### **Finals Night Venue 2008/09**

**Following discussion numerous teams detailed problems associated with the venue of the Melbourne Club at last years finals night. Whilst it is appreciated that a venue in the North Walsham is central for teams it was the majority opinion that those attending were basically just the teams and individuals playing. All these players and teams wish for the tables to be of the highest standard and not to be robbed by a table that is ridiculously un-straight. Therefore it was proposed, seconded and carried that this coming year the finals will be held at Sutton Staithe Hotel. An immediate benefit of holding the finals there is we have potential for five tables should we require them. Should any matches delay the evening we have plenty of options to ensure that we have a reasonable finish. The Hotel has held the finals before very successfully and as any of you who have played there know the tables are always in first class condition and are probably the best kept we have in the league. Damion Millward at the Hotel has also kindly offered to help make sure that the finals night lives up to expectations and this help is greatly appreciated both by Liam and I.**

### **World Rules Proposition.**

**Finally those present in a majority expressed interest and desire in the move to “World Rules” in the future. The rule changes above move further towards these rules which if adopted in full would provide several benefits.**

**Firstly, without question “World Rules” will allow more frames to be played in an evening than is currently the case. For example both Norwich and Great Yarmouth leagues play these rules and with a similar start and finish time to us play 15 frames in an evening! More frames per**

night will certainly help us bring youngsters into our league as they will get to play more frames. The “World Rules” is a very attacking system of rules and I am sure we can all agree younger people want to play attacking and interesting pool rather than slow, boring games involving snooker after snooker which favour the negative player.

There is a large amount of confusion over the “World Rules” system so it was decided at the AGM that in the near future copies of the rules be sent to all teams explaining in simple terms the differences. To further assist this Damion Millward will be making a DVD for all teams to watch to show even easier what people need to know to make the change.

Should we move to “World Rules” it will also mean that we are playing basically what the rest of the world play and should any of our players wish to progress and maybe play county pool they will have the skills and knowledge necessary. Whilst we as a league cover a large percentage of Norfolk we have never produced a Norfolk Player which I am sure we are not proud of when you consider the local Darts league regularly produce county standard players.

**The issue of World Rules will be voted upon next AGM with a view in the meantime of making people aware of the actual differences and not what several people would try and have us believe.**

### **In Summary.**

In summary there are no changes that should cause anyone any problems this year and whilst we do not have a league secretary Liam and I do not see any problems we cannot overcome.

Simple help from all of you by phoning results in and also ensuring all your league fees are paid up promptly will make life a lot easier for everyone.

Should anyone have any queries or problems then you know how to contact us and on behalf of Liam and I we both wish everyone good luck and enjoyable season.

And as a last note it was slightly disappointing in the number of teams attending this years AGM. The meeting hopefully next year will be better attended as it will probably be the most important meeting for several years as we find and appoint a new league secretary and make fundamental decisions as to our direction.

Kindest Regards,

Steve Knights  
Treasurer