

Birstall and District Pool League

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Welcome to the Birstall and District Pool League. On behalf of the committee, I would like to wish you a successful season. Since we began in 1987, we have expanded to become probably the premier English Pool Association league in the area.

Meetings are held on a Monday every four weeks (unless a Bank Holiday) at the Central Club in Batley at 8.00 pm sharp! A bonus point will be given for each team with a representative there or who gives apologies there are 7 bonus points available.

One representative from each team should be in attendance to pay league fees which can be spread out over the season at the price of £10 per meeting to enable teams to raise their subs weekly. However, if the league fees are paid in full by the knockout meeting then a discount of £5 will apply thus making the total for the season to £60.00.

Both teams should picture message the **completed and legible result sheet** to the committee by WhatsApp, email, Facebook **no later than 11.00 pm on the Thursday following the fixture**. Failure by any team to send through a copy of the match sheet by Thursday will result in that team being deducted 2 points. Please ensure that match sheets are not posted in the Facebook Group due to data protection rights however these can be sent by private message to the Official page: <https://www.facebook.com/birstall.districtpoolleague.7>. Actual sheets can be handed in at the monthly meetings. Please remember we need these to keep you your averages up to date.

We organise various knockout competitions every season and we encourage as many players to enter as possible. The funds generated help to maintain the high quality of trophies which are now associated with the Birstall and District Pool League. The standard of trophies supplied is maintained by the hard work put in by all committee members who ensure that raffles and knockout competitions are well run thus encouraging members to enter.

Two of the knockout competitions are free entry, namely the Landlord's and the Children's knockout. The Landlord's Knockout is organized in memory of Bill Priestly who was the landlord of the Old Brown Cow in Hightown who joined the league in 1989. The Children's knockout competition is organised to encourage youngsters to take up the game and hopefully become players of the future although this has had poor interest lately, but we would like to be able to maintain the competition.

The Singles Knockout is known as the Marc Hepworth Remembrance Trophy. This is in memory of Marc, whom most of you knew through playing in the Birstall and District Pool League. Marc won the competition in 1993 and was an excellent ambassador for the game of Pool, the Ladies trophy is named after Joan Oddy who was a playing stalwart of the league for many years.

The Team Knockout is known as the Alan Taylor Remembrance Trophy. This is in memory of Alan who was the League chairman and one of the founder members of the Birstall and District Pool League. The reputation of the league is now second to none in this area and one of the main reasons for this is down to the hard work and dedication of Alan in those early years.

There is also a Veterans Knockout for all entrants who are over the age of 60 by the first match of the league season.

We operate a 3 up, 3 down promotion and relegation system to ensure a change of venues to maintain interest for teams each season, (this may be varied depending on team/division numbers at the commencement of the season).

New players can be signed on until halfway through the season and players can be transferred up to the halfway point too, (see league rules). Please try and ensure that you are covered for players prior to these dates as this rule will be strictly enforced and as there is no longer a fee for registering players there is no reason to be short. Only very extreme circumstances will see a relaxation of this rule.

Please ensure that all signings on are presented on the correct form and not on the back of a beer mat. Registration for any competition will not be accepted unless on the correct form and the player is registered. If yours has been misplaced the forms will be available at each meeting. It is your responsibility to obtain these and present them on or before the required date.

The league runs a raffle every season to help generate funds to pay for the trophies. We ask you to sell tickets for this raffle and only expect each team to sell £40.00, which is on average about £5.00 per player. We have had some poor response to this in the past, but the quality of the trophies can only be maintained with your help and support.

The league has a website which is updated on a weekly basis. All BDPL information can be found here and because it is updated weekly, results, knockouts etc can be viewed prior to being issued at a meeting. Any comments you have about the site would be appreciated. The website address is as below.

I hope that you all enjoy the season and if you have any problems or complaints then please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee members shown above.

FEES

New Team Registration	£20.00 per team
Team Subscriptions	£65.00 per season (£60 if paid at KO meeting)
Singles Knockout	£1.00 per player
Veterans (over 60) Knockout	£1.00 per player
3 Man Team/Hotshots Knockout	£3.00 per team
Ladies Knockout	£1.00 per player
Doubles/Scotch Doubles Knockout	£2.00 per pair
Mixed Doubles	£2.00 per team
Team Knockout	£5.00 per team
Landlord's Knockout	Free Entry
Children's Knockout	Free Entry

RESULTS & MATCH SHEETS

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