

Birstall and District Pool League

Knockout Rules

to be played in Conjunction with the English Pool Association Rules and the Birstall and District Pool League Rules

1. All matches shall be played in a sporting manner.
2. All entries must be brought to the set knockout meeting (the second official meeting of the season) and all knockout fees must be paid at the same time. No fee, no entry.
3. Home advantage may be lost in all knockouts if contact is not made by the end of the Wednesday following the release of the fixtures. The first player to make contact after the Wednesday is entitled to claim the home advantage.
4. Two dates must be offered to the opponent during Monday to Friday across the whole period allocated for the matches to be played. Weekend games may be played if both parties agree.
5. If no date can be arranged then both parties will be removed from the competition however, if you have evidence on your mobile phone showing that you have attempted to make contact with your opponent to no avail then you will be put through to the next round.
6. Any player or team not turning up for an arranged game will be removed from the competition.
7. Any game played after the due date, for whatever reason, may be asked to be played at a neutral venue.
8. In the 3 Man/Hotshots knockout matches all players should be entered on to a match sheet in the playing order prior to the match commencing.
9. In the Team knockout semi-finals and final the first doubles pair must be entered on to the match sheet and given to the Referee before the match can commence, this then follows for each frame thereafter.
10. Current International players are excluded from all knockouts except the Team knockout.
11. No combination of players from different teams will be allowed to enter any knockouts with the exception of the Mixed Doubles where pairings may be from different teams as long as they play from the same venue.
12. Contact telephone numbers must be supplied for all knockout entries, entries will not be accepted without a means of contact.
13. Knockout semi-finals and finals will be refereed by at least one member of the Committee.
14. Where games are refereed by a Committee member and played at a neutral venue, players will not be allowed to practice on the match table prior to the game. This rule will be strictly enforced.
15. The team delegates who receive all email correspondence from the league on behalf of their team will be responsible for ensuring that all knockout entrants are aware of the date, time and venue of the knockouts. The league accepts no responsibility for entrants who fail to turn up for any knockout including semi-finals and finals.

16. If the Childrens knockout is contested any entrants must be between the ages of 10 and 14 by the first game of the season. No County players will be accepted.
17. In the event that two teams from the same venue are both drawn at home in the Team knockout and the venue only has one table, the first team drawn will play at home and the second team with reverse their fixture.
18. In the Doubles/Scotch Doubles players are only allowed to discuss their options prior to the oncoming player approaching the table as per normal league rules. During Mixed Doubles conferring is allowed throughout the match.
19. ALL KNOCKOUTS UP TO THE SEMI FINAL STAGE ARE BEST OF 5 - FIRST TO 3 (*other than Team, 3 Man Team and Hotshots*)

SEMI FINALS - BEST OF 7 - FIRST TO 4

FINALS - BEST OF 9 - FIRST TO 5

TEAM AND 3 MAN TEAM KNOCKOUTS ARE BEST OF 9 - FIRST TO 5 IN ALL ROUNDS

HOTSHOTS IS THE FIRST TEAM TO REACH 101 IN EACH ROUND
20. All knockouts other than the Team and 3 Man the away player/team will have the first call of the toss of a coin to commence the first frame and then alternate throughout the duration of the match i.e. no extra toss for the final deciding frame. The Team and 3 Man knockouts are played as per the league rules.
21. Any contact received from a member of the Committee in relation to any knockout is to be acted upon and supercedes any information which may appear on the leagues website.
22. The Hotshots knockout when contested is to be played in accordance with the "Notes for Players Entering the Hotshots Knockout Competition" and scored on the "Three Man Hotshot Competition Score/Result Sheet" which are available in the League section of our website and will be issued to teams in their booklets when necessary.