



Pompey Pool League



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1. Principals.

Pompey Pool League was constituted on 14th July 2014.

The fundamental founding principles of Pompey Pool League are:

- a. To provide a Pool League, run by a Committee, whose members are elected by the members of the League.
- b. To provide transparency and accountability for the actions of the Committee.
- c. To provide financial transparency in all matters.
- d. To ensure all members views are heard and fairly dealt with.
- e. To ensure that no single Venue has overall control of the Committee.

This section (Paragraph 1) of the constitution is irrevocable and may not be altered in any way. No other part of this constitution may be made irrevocable and may be subject to change, through the provision provided by this Constitution.”

2. Name.

The name of the League shall be the Pompey Pool League, hereafter referred to as the League.

3. Purpose.

The League is formed for the purpose of promoting the game of English 8-Ball pool amongst all playing members in Portsmouth and to organise (individuals, pairs & team knockouts) competitions. In addition it will:

- a. Promote and maintain the highest standards of technical competence and etiquette in the sport.
- b. Uphold the rules of the game.

4. Management of the League

The League shall be managed by a committee that is elected by the members of the League.

- a. There will be eight officers elected to the League Committee during Annual General Meetings (AGM) by the Teams.

Two of the positions on the Committee (League Secretary and Treasurer) will be permanent, with all other officers holding a term for a period of two years. The roles of League Secretary and Treasurer will be directly elected by the Teams, at AGM. The roles of other elected Committee Members will be determined by the Committee.

There will be a minimum of three other officers elected at each AGM, reflecting a three on/three off principal. Should there be less than three committee members with remaining tenure at the AGM, the tenure of the previously elected officers with the highest number of votes at the time they were elected, will have their term of office extended for one year, to make up the 3 remaining officers.



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- b. The AGM will be held Annually.
All teams are eligible to vote.
Teams are defined as teams who have been signed up and played in the League during the previous Winter and/or Summer Seasons.
- c. The Committee Officer's roles will consist of a minimum of Chairman, League Secretary, Results Secretary, Treasurer, Competitions Secretary and Web Master.
- d. The retiring officer's committee membership will be open for election at the next Annual General Meeting providing nominations have been received within twenty-eight days of the A.G.M.
- e. All retiring members will be eligible to stand for re-election.
- f. Membership of the Committee is limited to a maximum of three elected representatives per Venue. For those standing for election to the committee, the candidates with the most votes will be elected, up to the maximum of three representatives per Venue, including standing committee members. Any further candidates from that Venue will be removed from the election.
Any Venue with three elected representatives on the committee, may not hold the chair.
- g. The committee may second any member on to the committee to fulfil any defined role. The person seconded into that role will only be acting in that role until the next A.G.M.
- h. The League Committee shall have full authority to make any decision that, in their opinion, is deemed necessary, other than for matters governed by this Constitution.
- i. The Chairman, Secretary and the Treasurer will be entered on the bank mandate. Two of the three must sign all cheques.
- j. All monies shall be lodged in a bank account in the name of the League. The Treasurer may retain a float up to a maximum of £100.
- k. The Treasurer will provide a properly scrutinised balance sheet, two weeks prior to each A.G.M. The balance sheet will be scrutinised by two independent members.
- l. The Treasurer will present at each meeting of the Committee the ledger, showing all income and expenditure, since the last meeting of the Committee.
- m. There will be no honorariums paid by Pompey Pool League.

5. Annual General Meetings

- a. Annual General Meetings will be held at the periodicity defined in section 4.b.
- b. Any alterations to the constitution and playing rules can only be done at an Annual General Meeting of the League, after giving the relevant details of intended changes to Secretary twenty-eight days prior to the date set for that meeting, amendments are to be in the hands of the Secretary seven days prior to the set date for the meeting. Any alterations to the constitution require a two thirds majority vote of teams present, with 1 vote per team.
- c. Voting rights are defined in section 4.b. General votes will be 1 per member. For election of committee members, voting will be 1 vote per team per committee vacancy and for amendments to the Constitution, 1 vote per team.
- d. The Agenda will follow the minimum:
 - i. Receive and confirm the minutes of the previous minutes.
 - ii. Presentation of the Leagues financial accounts of the year.
 - iii. Presentation of the Leagues projected financial situation for the forthcoming year, and the setting of all fees.



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- iv. Presentation of Chairman's Report.
- v. Election of Officers to the Committee.
- vi. Any other business brought before the meeting which has been submitted in writing to the secretary not less than seven days prior to the AGM, and any other business deemed relevant by the Chair Person.

6. Extraordinary General Meetings

- a. An Extraordinary General Meeting (E.G.M) of the League may be called by a minimum of 25% of the Eligible Teams. The request must be put in writing to the League Secretary, and signed by each Team Captain requesting the E.G.M. This must be accompanied by the reason they request an E.G.M. The Pompey Pool League Committee may also directly call an E.G.M, if this is agreed by the Committee.
- b. The Committee, upon receiving a request to call an E.G.M, will give a minimum of 7 days' notice in writing, to all Teams with an agreed date for the E.G.M. and the reason for the meeting.
- c. At the E.G.M any member may require the committee to give a full account of any action taken by the committee.
- d. No Motion will be read to the E.G.M unless it has been received by the Secretary 7 days before the said E.G.M.

7. Committee Meetings

- a. The League will convene regular committee meetings.
- b. Each elected committee member will hold one vote, unless elected member(s) are excluded from a meeting, by a written procedure, that has previously been agreed by the Committee. In addition, the Chair will hold the casting vote. The meeting chair will be held by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, League Secretary or Treasurer or other elected Committee member depending upon individual availability (in that order of precedence) and following the provisions of Rule 4f
- c. The quorum for committee meetings is 5 elected members.
- d. Minutes of these meetings will be published on the web site within 7 days of agreement of the minutes by the committee.

8. Suspension, Refusal or Termination of Membership

- a. The League Committee shall be entitled to:
 - i. Refuse any application for playing on the grounds that such membership would be prejudicial to the objectives of the League as set out in Rule 4 of this constitution.
 - ii. For good and sufficient reason to refuse renewal of any existing player or terminate or suspend any player provided that the player concerned shall have the right to be heard by the League Committee before a final decision is made.
- b. The player may apply for reinstatement at the next general meeting.
- c. Any player under suspension shall be barred from taking part in any match or event under the control of the League.



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- d. The League Committee shall inform the player in writing of any decision to terminate their right to play.

9. General

- a. All members will endeavour at all times to play to rules supplied by the League.
- b. Teams who wish to play in the league must register each season. Registration forms must be filled in correctly and must be legible with the names in block capitals. All names must be signed by that player. Each team must consist of at least 6 players with the appropriate fees paid. The catchment area for all team's playing venues, for all teams participating in Pompey Pool League, leagues and competitions, is defined as Portsea Island, with no exceptions.
- c. All players must be aged 18 years or over with the exception that junior players of 16 years and over are allowed to play in the league on the understanding that:
 - i. No more than 2 juniors may be signed to any team
 - ii. In the absence of a parent / legal guardian the team captain shall be responsible for ensuring the law is strictly upheld with regard to the purchase and consumption of alcohol and for the general behaviour of the juniors.
 - iii. If away the landlord / manager of the opposing team is informed of the junior/s at least 24 hours in advance. Juniors may only play at the discretion of the landlord / manager.
 - iv. The person responsible for the junior/s will not leave the junior/s on the premises unaccompanied.
- d. Player transfer rules are governed by the following conditions:
 - i. Only one transfer per player for each season is allowed.
 - ii. Players may only transfer if they have played no more than 3 matches for their previous team.
 - iii. Transfers may only take place during the first half of the Season.
 - iv. If the transferring player has participated in any Cup/Shield/Plate match for their previous Team, they may not participate in these Competitions for their new Team
 - v. Transferring players are required to notify both their old and new Team Captains and the Pool League Committee by submitting a transfer form.
- e. A team / captain / representative cannot sign a player without that players consent.
- f. The rules of play will be the latest version of WPA Blackball Pool Rules.
This applies to all leagues, division and competitions playing under the umbrella of Pompey Pool League.

10. Request for the Resignation of an Elected Member of the League Committee.

- a. An elected member of the League Committee may be asked to resign as a result of either:
 - i. A majority vote by the League Committee.
 - ii. A written request made by the Teams, that is duly proposed and seconded by different Teams.

Either of these actions must be supported by documented reasons.



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In case of (ii), the request will be reviewed, to assess if the reasons come under the authority of the Pompey Pool League. This will be undertaken in accordance with the current version of the Pompey Pool League Complaints Procedure.

Following either of these events, the elected committee member will be informed in writing, by the League Committee, within 7 days, of the reason(s) for the request.

- b. The elected member of the League Committee shall, after being provided with a request under this section, be suspended as an elected member of Pompey Pool League Committee, until such time as the matter is resolved.
- c. Should the elected member disagree with the request for resignation, the League Committee will convene an open meeting, within 14 days of the request. The open meeting will take place within no more than 28 days of the request. Invitations to this meeting will be sent by the League Committee to all Team Captains, by email.
- d. Removal of an Elected League Committee Member at an Open Meeting.
 - i. Any elected member of the League Committee may be removed from their post for any reason and at any time, irrespective of the remaining period of their tenure. This must be agreed by an open meeting that is called as a result of paragraph 10a. Attendance rights are defined in section 4b. Voting will be 1 vote per team.
 - ii. The elected member of the League Committee shall provide to the League Secretary, in writing, their response to the reason(s) for the request, at least 7 days before the open meeting.
 - iii. The chair of this meeting will be the League Chairman, League Secretary or Treasurer (in that order of precedence). The chair may not be either the originator or recipient of the request.
 - iv. The reason(s) for the request will be read to the elected member of the League Committee and the chair will present the evidence and ask questions of the elected member of the League Committee and any other witnesses.
 - v. The elected member of the League Committee will then be given an opportunity to respond and use evidence to support their position and call any witnesses.

Once both sides have summarised their position, the matter will be put to a vote. The motion to remove the elected member of the League Committee must pass by simple majority.

11. The Dissolution of the League.

- a. Any resolution to dissolve the League may be passed at any General Meeting provided that:
 - i. the terms of the proposed resolution are received by the Secretary at least forty-two days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward, and that:
 - ii. at least twenty-eight days of the proposed resolution shall be given in writing by the secretary to all team captains, and that



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- iii. Such a resolution shall receive the assent of two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

Upon dissolution of the LEAGUE, after all LEAGUE liabilities have been cleared, all remaining financial and material assets shall be given or transferred equally among the MEMBER TEAMS/PUBS in the league at the time of dissolution.