



TRENT TROPHIES TUESDAY POOL LEAGUE

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CONSTITUTION 2011.

Welcome to the Trent Trophies Tuesday Pool League (hereinafter called "TTTPL"). The TTTPL is a competitive yet friendly pool league where all matches are played in a sporting and safe environment. By entering a team into the TTTPL you will be deemed to accept and be governed by our Constitution and Rules.

THE COMMITTEE.

- i. The Committee shall direct policy and the general management/running of the TTTPL.
- ii. The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the AGM for the following year.
- iii. No persons shall be eligible for nomination to an officer position until a minimum of 2 years has been served as a Delegate.
- iv. Any person wishing to volunteer for an Officer position must be recommended by at least 2 Committee officers or at least 50% of all registered Delegates who have been so for at least 2 consecutive years.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Positions and responsibilities.

The Executive Committee (hereinafter called "The Committee") shall consist of the following officer positions:-

- i. CHAIRMAN. -responsible for the overall running of the TTTPL.
- ii. TREASURER. -will make authorised payments, maintain proper records, generally safeguard the funds of the TTTPL and present the annual accounts at the AGM.
- iii. SECRETARY. -will maintain minutes of all meetings and maintain all fixtures for the season.

In addition there shall be a minimum of two non-officer delegate appointments, i.e. delegates with no specific duties responsible for any function subsequently delegated to them.

DISCIPLINE.

Disputes, complaints and appeals procedure.

1. **IGNORANCE OF THIS CONSTITUTION AND PLAYING RULES WILL NOT COUNT.**
2. The Committee have the power to ban/suspend or fine any Team/Player who brings the TTTPL into disrepute.
 - i. Any verbal abuse of another player/team £10 fine if complaint upheld.
 - ii. Any verbal abuse of any Committee member £20 fine and suspension if complaint upheld.
3. Drunkenness in any form will not be tolerated.
 - i. Delegates or bona-fide team members entering a Committee meeting who are drunk or appear to be drunk will be asked to leave immediately and fined accordingly.
 - ii. Players who are drunk or appear to be drunk, their team's captain will be asked to substitute that player and he/she will be fined accordingly.

4. Any form of dispute will be settled by the Committee, their decision being final.
 - i. Any appeals must be made in writing to The Chairman within seven days. (Address on page 7 of this Constitution).
5. In the event of any dispute you **MUST** contact either the Chairman or Secretary within 48hrs to register your complaint.
 - i. This **MUST** be followed by an explanatory letter to The Committee with a £5 fee within 7 days.
 - ii. The complaint/dispute will then be reviewed at the next meeting.
 - iii. If the complaint/dispute arises close to a meeting The Committee may hold it over until the next meeting in order to give all relevant parties the opportunity to present their case.
 - iv. The £5 fee will be refunded if the complaint/dispute is proven.
6. Each team must provide a nominated Delegate to attend Committee meetings.
 - i. Only the nominated Delegate may enter into discussions unless permission is first sought from The Committee.
 - ii. If the nominated Delegate cannot attend a meeting then a bona-fide member of their team must attend in proxy.
 - iii. Any Delegate who leaves any Committee meeting early (for whatever reason) will be fined £5 and will not be entered into any of that meetings monetary prize draws.
 - iv. No apologies are allowed.
 - v. Only the nominated Delegate at the start of the season may enter the Delegates and Landlord/Licenses Merits.
 - vi. If the Landlord/Licence is a non pool player then a bona-fide employee may play on their behalf.
7. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by not less than 50% of the Delegates to deal with a matter of great importance.
 - i. Unless The Committee considers the matter to be trivial or adequately dealt with elsewhere The Committee must convene such a meeting giving a minimum of two weeks notice.

FINANCE.

8. All TTTPL monies will be placed into a bank account:
 - i. Any two signatories of The Committee will be required to make a withdrawal.
9. Any team owing our League £30 (or more) or missing two meetings in succession will be automatically suspended until the matter has been resolved.
10. Any team owing our League any money at the end of a meeting although present will not be eligible to be entered into any of the draws.
11. Entry for League/Merits will be decided by the Committee. Our League entry fee for the 2011 season is £70 per team (minimum £35) to be paid at the Acceptance Meeting.
 - i. A monthly subscription of £5 (to be paid at each monthly meeting, see FINES AND PENALTIES
 - ii. Plus £2 per signed player which must be paid on registration.
 - iii. The League entry fee allows each registered Venue to enter one “team” into the “Les Taft Memorial Trophy” free of charge. Any team thereafter will incur a charge of £10.
 - iv. All Merits fees must be paid in full when each Merits entry sheet is returned to The Committee.

MERITS.

Entry fees for the 2011 season.

12. All Teams/Players Delegates and Landlords/Licence’s entering any Merits competitions must be made aware that their phone numbers will be made freely available to all TTTPL Teams and Players only.

13. Charges for the merits knockout competitions as follows:-
- i. Singles Merits £3.
 - ii. Doubles Merits £5.
 - iii. Delegates and Landlords/Licences Merits £1 each.

CHARITY.

14. The Les Taft Memorial Trophy and Charity 4's knockout competitions, money raised through entry fees and the League's donation will be split accordingly:-
- i. 60% to the Les Taft Memorial Trophy winners registered charity.
 - ii. 40% to the Charity 4's winners registered charity.

ELEGIBILITY.

15. Failure to meet the following requirements will prevent any team from entering the TTTPL.
- i. Any team owing any money from previous seasons.
 - ii. A minimum of 50% of the League fees must be paid at the Acceptance Meeting (AGM).
16. Players who have played for the Staffordshire County during the previous three seasons are not allowed to play in the TTTPL.
- i. Unless they have been recognised whilst playing within our League and have continued to play in our League.
 - ii. The exception being current Committee members and Landlords/Licensees of their named venue.
 - iii. **Definition of a county player is: - anyone who is/has represented the SCPA Men's "A" or "B" teams, 2008-09-10.**
17. No person may play in the TTTPL if banned/suspended from any other League or the SCPA until the matter has been resolved and a letter of confirmation has been received by the TTTPL Chairman.
18. Children are allowed to sign but are requested to play at their home venue unless permission has first been granted by the Landlord/Licensee of the away venue.
- i. No guarantees can be given by The Committee in the Nines, Charity "4's", Champion of Champions, or when entering any Merits Competitions.
19. All teams entering the TTTPL must meet the following requirements:
- i. Their venue where home team matches are to be played must hold Full Liability Insurance.
 - ii. Must hold a Full Liquor License.
 - iii. Must have access to enable players to have a pre-match practice at another time other than on the night of the match.
20. The **Player Registration Sheet** must be completed and submitted to The Committee by the **24th April 2011.**
- i. Failure to return the player Registration Sheet by this date will result in an immediate £10 fine and a further £10 for every month it is outstanding thereafter.
21. Players are only allowed to sign for one team per season. Should a team be found to have played an unregistered player:
- i. A £10 fine per unregistered player per match.
 - ii. Each result will be amended accordingly.
 - iii. You may still sign players after the registration date but you must inform The Committee before they pick up a cue for your team. This must then be followed by their details and £2 being handed in at the next meeting.

22. No Team/Player may put any other leagues activities before ours.
- i. Failure to comply will result in immediate expulsion from that Competition and a suspension/fine by the Committee.
23. In the event of any teams being equal on points at the end of the season then the best aggregate will count. If the teams are level on aggregate then there will be a play-off.

FORMAT.

24. None playing Captains are allowed in all competitions.
25. We are playing under World 8 Ball Playing Rules. Any amendments must be agreed between the two Captains prior to the match commencing.
26. Should a team not be able to field a full side then the fixture must take place with a minimum of six players (three of who must stay at the home venue and three must go to the away venue).
- i. As much notice as possible must be given to The Committee prior to a change of venue.
 - ii. **NO MATCHES ARE TO BE CANCELLED. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN THE INNOCENT TEAM BEING AWARDED THE MATCH 14-4, AND TWO POINTS DEDUCTED.**
27. All League/Cup matches will be played on Tuesday evenings wherever possible. The Committee may need to schedule some Merits or Les Taft Memorial Trophy/Charity "4's" matches to a Thursday evening.
- i. All matches are to be started by 8-00pm; our league deadline is 8-15pm.
 - ii. If you arrive after this time the innocent team may claim the first frame for you being late at that venue only. (Names to be written down in the normal way and the first frame forfeited).
 - iii. If you arrive after 8-30pm the innocent team (at that venue only) may claim the Match.
 - iv. You may have a player arriving late but he/she must be there to play the fourth (third when playing the minimum number of players) frame. If not in attendance by this time then that frame and any subsequent frames that player would have played are forfeited.
 - v. Visiting players in attendance by 8-10pm are to be allowed one knock-up frame.
28. The toss of a coin will determine who breaks first then The Break will alternate thereafter.
- i. Each frame should be refereed alternatively.
 - ii. Should a dispute arise then only the named Captains may confer with the Referee.
 - iii. The Referee's decision is deemed to be final.
29. All results are to be phoned through to the Secretary or the Chairman no later than 8-00pm on the evening following the Match.
- i. Only the winning team is obliged to phone the result through.
 - ii. In the event of a draw then **both** teams are obliged to phone the result through.
 - iii. A sent text does not constitute a received text.
 - iv. Failure to phone/text a result through will result in a £5 phone fine.
30. All Result Sheets must be handed in at every meeting or posted to the Secretary within 3 days of the meeting. (Address on page 6 of this constitution).
- i. Failure to do so will result in a £4 fine per sheet.
 - ii. A further £4 fine for every month they remain outstanding.
31. The playing format will be as follows: -
- i. League Matches, 9 singles played at each venue on the same night (up to nine players per team).
 - ii. Names to be written down by the Captains in their preferred playing order in full prior to commencement of the first frame.

- iii. Knockout Cup and Subsidiary Cup Matches same as (i.) with a Captain's frame (if stipulated) to be played at the venue of the first team drawn out.
 - iv. Les Taft Memorial Trophy and Charity "4's", 8 singles and a Captains frame at one venue (maximum of 5 registered players with only 4 playing on the night).
 - v. Super-Nines and Subsidiary-Nines Cup Matches, nine singles at one venue, to be played at the venue of the first team drawn out. All names to be drawn out before the commencement of the match.
 - vi. Super-Nines and Subsidiary-Nines only. Any team failing to play nine (9) players will forfeit one (1) frame per missing player.
 - vii. Any Match that requires a Captain's frame, that frame must be played at the beginning of the Match.
 - viii. No player may play the same player twice, with the exception of a player playing the Captains frame.
 - ix. No player may play two consecutive frames, with the exception of a player playing the Captains frame and frame n^o1 of that match.
 - x. Champion of Champions Cup will be decided by the Committee, (dependent upon teams entered in the League). Will be played at a neutral Venue with the toss of a coin to decide the Captain's frame.
32. No Committee member is bound to referee any matches unless agreed, the exception being Merits finals.
33. Super-Nines and Subsidiary-Nines finals are to be played at a venue chosen by the Committee.
34. **EIGHTBALL RULE AND TROPHY.** To count on a players first visit to the table providing all fifteen balls are on the table.
- i. Eight balls do not count in merits (except Refereed finals).
 - ii. Trophies will not be allocated for less than three clearances, unless rule 34 iii is applied by The Committee.
 - iii. If a player achieves their first ever eight ball clearance then they may ask their Delegate to request (in writing) consideration for a trophy under the special circumstances rule (rule 34 iii.) The Committee will then review and consider the claim.
35. **Amendment to World 8 Ball Pool Rule Z. (7) only one referee required.** Unless the proviso of Rule n^o 36 of this Constitution is enforced.
36. **ONE MINUTE PLAYING TIME RULE (WORLD 8 BALL PLAYING RULE (I)).** The one minute playing time rule cannot be implemented at any time during the match unless it has been agreed by the Captains prior to the commencement of the match.
37. **Doubles Merits playing time rule.** At the commencement of each teams turn the player has a maximum of 2 minutes to play a shot with a "30 seconds" warning being called by the referee after 1 ½ minutes has elapsed. Thereby allowing "discussion time" between the team. After the initial shot of the visit where no discussions are permitted the player has 1 minute to play a shot with a "30 seconds" warning being called by the referee after ½ a minute has elapsed.
- i. Doubles Merits. Players may confer with each other after the break and before the next shot of the frame. Thereafter players may only confer between visits,
 - ii. **World 8 Ball Playing rule (K10).** In doubles talking between partners is allowed from the point the balls stop moving at the end of a partner's turn (throughout the opponent's turn), and until the cue ball is struck at the beginning of the other partner's turn. However, only the player whose turn it is allowed to touch the table.
38. All Merits Matches must take place at the stipulated venue on the allotted date. If the Committee discover that a match has been played at a different venue or on a different date a severe fine will be imposed on the players concerned.
- i. All players must be playing in our League on a regular basis up to the quarter final stage of the Merits Competition or that player will be excluded from it.
 - ii. All winners must phone their result through to the Secretary/Chairman no later than 8-00pm on the evening following their match. Failure to do so will result in a £5 in the first instance. (Note a sent text is not confirmation of a received text).

- iii. Failure to phone a result through a second time will result in immediate expulsion from that Merits Competition.
- iv. Failure to attend a Merits Match without informing both your opponent(s) and the Chairman at least 24 hours in advance will result in a £10 fine and immediate expulsion from that Merits Competition.
- v. Failure to attend a League/Merits finals night a £10 fine. (Unless agreed with The Committee in advance).

39. All Teams/Individuals will be required to sign: -

A Receipt and Acceptance of Terms for all returnable League Trophies. If they choose to keep Trophies until the TTTPL requests that the Trophies are to be returned.

- i. All returnable Trophies are to be returned to the Executive Committee by that year's December League meeting, failure to return the trophies at this meeting will incur a £10 fine.
- ii. No returnable League Trophy will be issued to Teams/Players if they will not be entering into the TTTPL for the following season.
- iii. The Committee reserves the right to refuse to issue any returnable Trophy to any Club/Pub if they have held any Trophy in previous seasons and returned them in what is considered to be 'an inappropriate condition', i.e. excessively dirty or damaged.

40. If a Club/Pub is named under Rule n^o (39 iii), then only the players' non-returnable Merits Trophies will be issued.

41. Any Team entitled to receive any Trophy must have a minimum of 5 representatives (signed players) in attendance at the Presentation Evening to receive any Trophy they may be entitled to.

42. Any Player entitled to receive any trophy must be in attendance in person at the Presentation Evening to receive any trophy they may be entitled to.

Updated in accordance with;

Trent Trophies Tuesday Pool League Annual General Meeting.
Sunday 06th February 2011.

MERITS FORMAT.

- 1. Any player wishing to compete in any Merits Competition **MUST** provide full contact details (current home and mobile phone n^o's and address), failure to do so will result in disqualification from that Competition.
- 2. All matches to be played on or before deadline date.
- 3. All rounds to be played home or away until final.
- 4. The finals will be held at a Venue deemed suitable by the Committee.
- 5. Players must contact each other a minimum of 14 days before the deadline date for that round.
- 6. Players must be flexible to play during the week.
- 7. All winners have 24 hours after deadline to text or phone result to Ken Waller on 07745444689 or face expulsion.
- 8. All table fees to be shared.
- 9. Players NOT available for the QUATER FINAL STAGE AND ONWARDS of all Merits will be replaced by their previous round opponent(s).
- 10. All merits matches will be played at the venue of the team or player first drawn out.
 - i. Singles Merits are the best of five frames, first round.
 - i. The best of seven frames thereafter, up to and including the final.
 - ii. Doubles Merits are the best of five frames, up to and including the semi final.
 - i. The final will be the best of seven frames.

iii. Delegates and Landlords/Licensees Merits are the best of five frames, up to and including the semi-final.

i The final will be best of seven frames.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID AT EACH MEETING.

1. Rollerball £2. (50% to the winning team (represented) at the meeting, 50% to the League).
2. Annual Draw £2. (75% to the winning team (must have a minimum of five signed players in attendance at the Annual Presentation Evening), 25% to the League).
3. Delegates Draw £1. (50% to the winning Delegate (present at the meeting), 50% to the winning Delegate (present) at the Annual Presentation Evening).

ANY DISPUTES OR COMPLAINTS SHOULD BE PUT IN WRITTING TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

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FINES & PENALTIES.

1. None fulfilment of a fixture £15, loss of match 14-4 and two points deducted from League standing.
2. The playing of an unregistered player £10 and loss of the frame/frames.
3. Non attendance of a league meeting £15 (£10 non attendance £5 league fees owing), and 2 points will be deducted from "that" teams overall monthly score.
4. Results sheet not returned £4 per sheet and £4 per meeting that they are missing.
5. Results not phoned in and results phoned in late £10 per result.
6. Failure of a player to attend the League Merits Finals Night £10 (unless agreed with the committee in advance).
7. Any Delegate who leaves any Committee meeting early (for whatever reason) will be fined £5 and will not be entered into any of that meetings monetary prize draws.
8. Any verbal abuse of another player/team £10 if complaint is upheld.
9. Any verbal abuse of a committee member £20 and suspension if complaint upheld.

CESSATION OF THE TRENT TROPHIES TUESDAY POOL LEAGUE.

If for any reason the 'TTTPL' ceases to operate, the last elected official will be deemed to be the trustee of the leagues finances. The trustee will have no powers of withdrawals, other than to pay legal and proven creditors of any money owing. The leagues cheque or deposit books must be returned immediately to the high street institution.

DISPERSAL.

If this executive committee was to disband and not re-start within 1 year, the trustee is charged to meet on the First anniversary and dispose of all monies to a registered charity. Any perennial trophies may be donated to another league.

DATA PROTECTION.

All information supplied to the TTTPL (mobile telephone no^s) for the use of **rule n^o's 6, 20 and Merits Format** and the contacting of teams and players will not be passed on to any other body or third party. At the end of every season all details except players names will be deleted accordingly.

TRENT TROPHIES TUESDAY POOL LEAGUE DRUGS USE POLICY.

Class A, B and C drugs are termed as controlled substances under the Misuse of Drugs act 1971, with Class A being those considered most harmful.

The Misuse of Drugs Act states that it is an offence to:

1. Possess a controlled substance unlawfully.
2. Possess a controlled substance with intent to supply.
3. Supply or offering to supply a controlled drug (even when no charge is made for the drug).
4. Allow premises you occupy or manage to be used for the purpose of drug taking.

Any person caught with drugs in any form will:

1. Be reported to the police.
2. Suspended immediately from taking part in any TTTPL matches.
3. If found guilty by any court will be banned from TTTPL for the maximum term under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

PROPOSALS AND AMENDMENTS FOR THE 2011 SEASON.

PROPOSAL. Non attendance of a league meeting £15 (£10 non attendance £5 league fees owing), and two points be deducted from "that" teams overall monthly score. **PASSED**

AMENDMENT. Rule 11. (ii) A monthly subscription of £5 (to be paid at each monthly meeting, see FINES AND PENALTIES).

(iii) Plus £2 per signed player which must be paid on registration. **PASSED**

PROPOSAL. Rule 11 (iv) The League entry fees allows each registered Venue to enter one "team" into the "Les Taft Memorial Trophy free of charge. Any team thereafter will incur a charge of £5. Increased to £10 this is only to cover the rising cost of trophies. **PASSED**

PROPOSAL. Introduce a £1 entry fee each for Delegates and Landlords/Licensees Merits; this is only to cover the rising cost of trophies. **PASSED**

PROPOSAL. Singles and Doubles Merits entry fee's to be increased by £1 each; this is only to cover the rising cost of trophies. **PASSED**

PROPOSAL. Rule 27. All results are to be phoned through to the Secretary or the Chairman no later than 8-00pm on the evening following the Match.

iv. Failure to phone a result through will result in a £2 phone fine. Increased to £5 already implemented in the merits competitions. **PASSED**

PROPOSAL. Rule 10. (ii). Any Delegate who leaves any Committee meeting early (for whatever reason) will not be entered into any of that meetings monetary prize draws. **PASSED**

PROPOSAL. 1 frame knockout and plate competition is added to TTTPL as a permanent fixture.
PASSED

PROPOSAL. We are playing under **World 8 Ball Pool Rules**. Inc the one minute (playing time) rule, where the team not refereeing will keep time. FAILED

PROPOSAL. Teams are to use the **FORMAT SHEET** when completing their **RESULTS SHEET**.
USE COMMON SENCE.

PROPOSAL. Rule 29. K/O cup/sub K/O cup, Super 9^{'s}/sub super 9^{'s}/ Les Taft Memorial Trophy and Charity 4^{'s} **all names to be drawn out** before commencement of match. SUPER 9^{'s} and sub super 9^{'s} only

AMENDMENT. Rule 29. ii. To read **League matches only.** FAIL

PROPOSAL. Rule 36. vi. **Quarter finals and Semi finals of Single/Doubles Delegates/Landlords Merits to be played at neutral venues.** PASSED. Or Committee to ensure that no single/doubles merits matches be played at home venue in two consecutive rounds.

AMENDMENT. Rule 6iv. Only the nominated Delegate **and Landlord/Licensee** at the start of the season may enter the Delegates and Landlords/Licenses Merits.
v. **If the Landlord/Licensee does not play pool then a bona-fide employee may play on their behalf.**
PASSED

PROPOSAL. Rule 29. x. Champion of Champions Cup will be decided by the Committee, (dependent upon teams entered in the League). **Will be home and away with the Captain's Frame being played at the home teams Venue.**

AMENDED TO READ **Will be played at a neutral Venue with the toss of a coin to decide the Captain's frame.**

PROPOSAL. Rule 37. All League returnable trophies are returned to the executive committee by that year's December meeting, failure to do so will result in a £10 fine. PASSED.