



GENERAL RULES

RENEGADE  **POOL LEAGUE**
SLOUGH & DISTRICT
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1. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS – SUMMER LEAGUE

- i. Any bona-fide member of a team shall be eligible to play for that team subject to the following rule of qualification.
- ii. Registration of players is not required for the RPLS&D Summer League, but a player having played for one team is not allowed to play for another.
- iii. Any team found guilty of the above offence will be deemed to have lost the match the ineligible player has participated in.
- iv. Players must play at least two fixtures/matches during the league section of the summer league to be eligible to play in the Champion of Champions KO and KO Plate at the end of the season.

2. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS – WINTER LEAGUE

- i. All players/teams must be registered.
- ii. A player/team is duly registered when the League Registrations Secretary is in possession of a fully completed League Registration form.
- iii. Registration forms shall be obtained from the League Registrations Secretary.
- iv. Teams will be registered on the registration night. Any registrations made after the appointed registration night will incur a £10 administration charge. Registration night will take place one week prior to the start of the season.
- v. The Management Committee shall decide all Registration disputes.
- vi. It shall be deemed misconduct for a player to:-
 - i. Play for more than one team in the League in the same season without first having been transferred.
 - ii. Having signed for one team in the League, sign for another team in the League in that season except for the purpose of transfer.
- vii. Teams found to have played an unregistered player will be deemed to have lost the frame the unregistered player participated in. The team will also be deducted one point from their team's total, regardless of whether the offending player won or lost that frame.
- viii. The deadline for transfer is midway through the season.
- ix. Notification of all transfers shall be received by the Registrations Secretary 48 hours before the match in which the player first plays. Such notification shall consist of a fully completed transfer form with both team captains signatures agreeing the transfer and a second registration form completed by the transferring player, a charge will be made for each transfer.
- x. A register containing the names of all members for each team, with the date of registration shall be kept by the Registrations Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed member team representative at all Management Committee Meetings or at other times mutually agreed with the Registration Secretary.

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- xi. The Management Committee shall have the power to refuse registration or to de-register a player should such registration be seen, in view of the Committee to be contrary to the spirit of the game.
- xii. The maximum number of players allowed to be registered for a team at any one time shall be twelve.

3. SUMMER SEASON PLAYING FORMAT

- i. In the Summer League all Winters League divisions will be mixed together and drawn out into sections.
- ii. Each section winner and runner up goes forward to compete in the Champion of Champions draw.
- iii. Matches to commence at 8pm.
- iv. Matches shall consist of five singles followed by five singles.
- v. In the event of a late arrival of a team, captains are entitled but not obliged to claim one frame each quarter hour after the 8:30pm deadline.
- vi. Do not enter the name of a player on the card until the player is at the venue. Leave the last position blank on the card until the player arrives.
- vii. One point will be awarded for each frame won by their players.
- viii. Breaking shall be carried out on an alternative basis following the toss of a coin at the start of the match. The home team will referee the odd numbered frames the away team will referee the even numbered frames.
- ix. All captains must ensure that persons delegated for refereeing duties are fully conversant with every aspect of the World 8 Ball Pool rules.
- x. Coaching is not allowed under any circumstances. If coaching does occur then the Referee must give warning. Should the offence be repeated the Referee must award two shots against the offending team. Because it may not always be possible for the referee to hear if a statement made to a player is advice, the referee may issue the first and final warning on the grounds that any statement made to a player, other than general barracking, is deemed to be coaching, this includes speaking in a language that the referee does not understand.
- xi. All captains and Referees must ensure that spectators do not interfere verbally or otherwise. Failing to do so may result in the loss of any frame in which an incident occurs.
- xii. **The Referee's decision is final.**

4. WINTER SEASON PLAYING FORMAT

- i. A Team shall consist of a minimum of six players. For each player less than six the team shall concede two frames. If a team is one player short, positions six and twelve are left blank, if a team is two players short, positions five and eleven are left blank. A minimum of four players required to play.
- ii. Six singles followed by six singles. No player shall play more than twice in one match.

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- iii. In the event of a points tie at the season end, positions will be decided by the team with the most frames for. Then by the results of the Head to Head and finally by a playoff on a neutral venue.
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5. RECORDING / REPORTING RESULTS

- i. Each team shall fill in the Results Cards fully. As outlined below:
 - i. Write in BLOCK CAPITALS and legibly.
 - ii. Put both Team Names, the Date and the relevant Section/Division in spaces provided at the top.
 - iii. BOTH Captains to Sign both cards at the bottom.
 - iv. Put the Team's initials in the space provided in the bottom right corner.
 - v. Put First name and Surnames of each player on the card.
 - vi. EACH player must sign next to their name for the first game they play and on BOTH teams' cards.
 - vii. Put W/L or 1/0 to indicate if the player Won or Lost the frame.
 - viii. If a player wins in 1 (one) visit i.e. breaks and dishes or dishes from the opponent's break, please mark this in the column provided.
- ii. Each team shall send the fully completed Result Card for the match completed as instructed in Rule 5)i. to the Results secretary. The Results Sec must receive this within 7 (seven) days of the match. The card can be sent via Royal mail post to the address on the back of the results card or E-mailed to results@renegadepool.co.uk. Failure to comply with the above shall result in no points/frames for being awarded. If a team fails to turn up without notifying the opposing team, the team that did

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attend must send a results card signed, by each player and captain, to the Results sec. and to be received within 7 (seven) days the match. Delays will only be tolerated due to Post Office delays and only where a postage stamp is clearly visible.

- iii. Each team shall TEXT the result of the match to the results secretary, whose phone number will be printed on the back of the results card – ASAP and WITHIN 24 HRS of the match completion – even if the other team doesn't turn up. Failure to comply will result in the loss of the points and/or frames for gained in that match.

Picture messages of the results card sent to the results text number are acceptable as complying with both with Rule 5)ii and 5)iii.

6. FIXTURE COMPLETION

- i. All fixtures must be completed **ON OR BEFORE** the fixture date.
- ii. Failure to complete the fixture
 - i. **Summer League**:- shall result in points being awarded to the offended team. The offended team will receive a 7-0 win.
 - ii. **Winter League**:- shall result in points being awarded to the offended team. The offended team will receive a 12-0 win.
- iii. Teams failing to fulfil one fixture will be fined £5, a team failing to fulfil a second fixture will be fined £10 and the team may be expelled from the league pending a disciplinary review at the next committee meeting.
- iv. If your team is unable to attend a match a minimum of 24 hours notice must be given to the team and landlord of the venue you are scheduled to play at so food preparations can be cancelled.
- v. In the event of teams being unable to complete a match because of an unexpected interruption to proceedings, the match shall continue from the last completed frame prior to the interruption.
- vi. It shall be the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that all fixtures have been completed. Unless Rule v. applies.
- vii. If a team walks out before the completion of the match they forfeit the match and the points will be awarded to the offended team.
- viii. Each team must complete both the results cards and both teams are responsible for the return of their respective card.

7. COMPLAINTS & APPEALS PROCEDURE

- i. All Complaints and appeals must be put in writing, signed by the captain and handed to the General Secretary within 48 hours of the match completion.

8. ENGLISH POOL ASSOCIATION RULES (EPA)

- i. The Renegade Pool League Slough & District shall play to the EPA playing rules applying at the start of the season.

9. RPLS&D CONSTITUTION & GENERAL RULES

- i. The Constitution shall only be altered at the AGM.

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- ii. The General Rules can be amended when deemed necessary by the management committee and will be implemented in the following season.
- iii. The General Rules will be issued in either hard copy or via email to the captains at the start of each season.

10. CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY

- i. All Players will conduct themselves in a friendly and polite manner at all times.
- ii. Any player who exhibits aggressive, confrontational, violent or abusive behaviour will be suspended from participating in all Renegade League events pending a disciplinary review at the next committee meeting.
- iii. Any player using foul or abusive language will be suspended from participating in all Renegade League events pending a disciplinary review at the next committee meeting.
- iv. Renegade Committee members are considered ambassadors of the Renegade League and will be expected to show exemplary conduct at all times, failure to do so will result in suspension from participating in all Renegade League events pending a disciplinary review at the next committee meeting.

11. POOL ETIQUETTE

- i. All players will be aware, understand and apply the pool etiquette directions as described on the Renegade Website in the miscellaneous section.
- ii. All players will display good sportsmanship at all times.
- iii. All players will treat your opponent with the same dignity that you would expect, courteously and respectfully.
- iv. Failure to comply will incur 1 (one) or several of the following consequences.
 - i. Immediate 3 match suspension of the player involved, pending a disciplinary review at the next committee meeting.
 - ii. A points deduction for the team the player represents, pending a disciplinary review at the next committee meeting.
 - iii. A ban from the league for the player pending a disciplinary review at the next committee meeting. – *In this instance the county would be informed and the player would be banned from the county and any other affiliated league.*
 - iv. Any team or player who is repeatedly mentioned at committee for etiquette offences will be banned from representing the league at events such as the Champion of Champions or Interleague.

12. PRESENTATION NIGHT

- i. Any team winning trophies must have at least three people attending the presentation night. Failure to do so will mean the following consequences:-
 - i. No trophies will be given to the offending team.
 - ii. A fine of £15 will be levied.
 - iii. Non-payment of the fine will mean exclusion from the league.
 - iv. All committee members are required to attend the presentation night.
 - v. All committee members will receive complimentary tickets to the presentation night.

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13. NATIONAL FINALS

- i. The winner and runner-up of the top division and will be entered into the National Champion of Champions finals in Great Yarmouth.
- ii. The Winner of the Renegade Singles and Doubles competitions will be entered into the National Champion of Champions finals in Great Yarmouth.
- iii. If the winners of any of the afore mentioned competitions decline their invitations then runners-up will be invited, if they choose not to go then the losing semi-finalists will play off for the opportunity to go to the National Finals.

14. AGM

- i. The Committee will convene for a meeting the day before the AGM to finalise arrangements.