

# League Constitution

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## OBJECTS

1. The name of the league shall be the "Reading Wednesday Pool League" hereafter known as the League.
2. The League is formed for the purpose of promoting pool amongst all players in the Reading area. The League shall organise team, individual, pairs and "3-man team" competitions.

## THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

3. The League shall select a management committee to undertake all League business.
4. The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary and up to four other members drawn from the affiliated teams.
5. The four main officers will be responsible for the finances of the League; all cheques must have two signatures in accordance with the bank mandate. The Treasurer will maintain adequate records of income and expenditure and at all times observe proper banking procedures. The accounting year shall end on the last day of the month immediately preceding that in which the AGM occurs.
6. The four main officers will hold office for two years, staggered, with the Chairman and Secretary selected each odd year (01,03 etc.), and the Fixtures Secretary and Treasurer each even year. Other elected members of the Committee will hold office for one year. The retiring members will be eligible for re-election without nomination. The Committee will appoint any member of the incumbent committee to fill any vacancy that may occur. The Committee may also co-opt any person whose appointment would be beneficial to the Committee.
7. The Committee shall hold a meeting at intervals conducive to efficient management of League business. At all Committee meetings three members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of carrying on the business of the League.
8. At a Committee meeting all Committee members present shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of a tie the chairman shall have an additional deciding vote.
9. Any member of the committee may call a meeting after giving 24 hours notice and reasons for doing so to the rest of the Committee.
10. Subject to this constitution (as amended at any General Meeting), the Committee shall have full authority, to make any decision that, in their opinion, is deemed necessary or beneficial to the League members.
11. The League will endeavour to reimburse all reasonable expenses incurred by any member of the Committee while conducting business on behalf of the League, such expenses to be approved by the Committee.

## CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS

12. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held by the League, within each calendar year, at which the election of the Committee will be held, and at which any member can charge the committee to give full account of any action taken by the committee.
13. Any member wishing to add any item to the agenda, or make a nomination for the Committee, must notify the Secretary, in writing, at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting. Committee must inform members of the time and venue of the AGM in good time.
14. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be requested by any six members of the League on application to the Committee. Any letter of request for an EGM must contain six signatures of current members of the League. Such meeting should take place under the same conditions as for an AGM in rule 12. An EGM shall take place if at any time the Committee feel it necessary, or if circumstances reduce the committee such that a quorum cannot be achieved.
15. The following people will be entitled to one vote each at a General Meeting:
  - a. All elected members of Committee present.
  - b. All team representatives present, up to a maximum of two from any team affiliated for the Summer and/or Winter season in the twelve months previous to the Meeting.

In the event of a tie the Chairman shall have an additional casting vote.

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## LEAGUE ORGANISATION

16. Membership shall be open to all teams, clubs and public houses in the Reading area, this is defined as those falling within an eight mile radius from the centre of the town.
17. The Committee reserves the right to refuse membership to any team or individual if for any reason they consider that granting membership shall be detrimental to the League.
18. All teams shall pay fees as agreed at an AGM. Only fully paid up teams will be entitled to enter any competitions organised by the League.
19. All monies held by the League will, after deductions for legitimate expenses, be used for the benefit of all League members.
20. All competitions run under the auspices of the League will be played under the Blackball rules, as amended from time to time, and also under the League procedural rules. However the Committee shall have the right to alter any playing rule that they decide necessary. The Committee shall distribute copies of all current relevant rules to member teams.

## DISCIPLINE

21. All members shall endeavour at all times to abide by the rules of the League.
22. The Committee reserve the right to suspend, fine or expel any individual or team for breach of these rules or any other rule that the committee makes at any future time, or for any act deemed to have brought the League into disrepute. Any member/team will be afforded every opportunity to defend themselves or explain themselves to the Committee.
23. Any team expelled from the League will forfeit the whole of any subscriptions paid for the current year, and any rights accorded to them as members of the League.
24. All arrears owed to the League must be paid by the commencement of a season for the team to be eligible to play in that season.
25. Any member may request the committee to mediate in any dispute they may have with any other member/team within the League. Any decisions reached by the Committee will be final and binding on all parties.

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