

Paulton & District Skittle League

Season 2023 – 2024

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Amendments highlighted in Red

Special Rule 1 - Fees

League Fees of £100 to be paid by all teams by the first meeting in September.

This is to cover all league & cup fees, score books and charity levy for the season.

£85 will go to the league & £15 to a nominated charity. All teams must pay their League Fees by a final date set by the Treasurer, if they do not they may incur a penalty.

(If any team resigns from the league during the season their league fees will not be refunded)

Special Rule 2 - AGM

Any and all proposals or members wanting to be elected on to the board or committee must be sent in writing to the secretary at least one week prior to the AGM.

The committee will then discuss the proposals and accept or reject them.

Only accepted proposals will be put to the members to be voted on.

Special Rule 3 - Behaviour

Anyone acting in a violent, abusive or anti-social manner at a skittle match, league meeting or function, will be dealt with by the Management Committee, who will determine what action to take.

General Rules 2023 – 2024

1. **The League Management Committee.** To consist of a duly elected President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer & the Website Manager, plus at least three representatives from teams in the league.
2. **Headquarters.** No particular place to be named as Headquarters. Venues for the AGM and general league meetings to be selected by the League Secretary where a separate room and car parking facilities are available. All league meetings start at 8pm.
3. **Voting.** Each team to be entitled to only one vote on any matter put to a vote at league meetings.
4. **Matches.** All teams entering or re-entering the league must be able to play all their league matches without conflict of time or venue and in accordance with league fixtures.
5. **League Constitution.** To be drawn up by the League Secretary at the start of each season. It will comprise of **five** divisions of sixteen teams. If less than 80 teams apply to re-enter or enter the league the six divisions will be adjusted accordingly with Free Spaces. At the end of each season the top 3 teams in divisions 2 to **5** inclusive will be promoted and the bottom 3 teams in divisions 1 to **4** will be relegated. In the event of two or more teams tying for promotion/ relegation/League Champions or wooden spoon the outcome will be decided by the head-to-head between the teams involved, first on points then on pins. If this is not decisive, a play-off on a neutral alley will take place.
6. **Resignation.** If a team resigns after the league has been constituted the secretary can accept another team to fill the vacancy, this team will assume the vacant position for the coming season only. If placed in a higher division then they will be relegated to the bottom division irrespective of final position. The team will receive prizes if appropriate. The constitution of the league will then be restored by promoting teams as necessary. If a team resigns once the season has begun then all league points awarded to opposition teams in respect of matches played with that team shall be adjusted by the league secretary.
7. **All matches must be played.** No team may postpone a league match without first notifying the League Secretary. Teams must give at least 24 hours' notice to the opposing captain or they will be liable for any expenses incurred by the opposing team up to a maximum of £30 (£15 for Sticker-up & £15 for food).
8. **Postponed/Void Matches** must be re-arranged and played before the last league game of the season. The League Secretary must be notified of the new date. If a match is not played or any team does not get co-operation from the opposing team they should report this to the league secretary, whereby the league management committee will decide what action to take.
9. **All matches to start at 8.45pm.** Late starts should be reported by either captain to the League Secretary. Persistent late starts will not be tolerated and could result in points being deducted or expulsion from the league.

10. **Teams shall consist of 8 players.** To be played in two halves and consist of 6 legs per player. If any player 'called away' during the match or is arriving late for a leg he/she is due to play then they shall be awarded the lowest score (from both teams) that leg. This does not apply for players who do not turn up for the match. Any team with less than 7 players the match will be Void and referred to The League Management Committee LMC, who will determine what action to take and award points according to circumstance.
11. **Scoring.** A match shall be decided by the number of pins knocked down, all spares shall be eligible for scoring. League matches scoring shall be 2 points for winning the first half, 2 points for winning the second half, and a further 2 points for winning the game. One point each for any tie and nil points for a loss. The maximum for each game is 6 points.
12. **Result Cards.** Home teams are responsible for forwarding all result cards to the league secretary by the Wednesday morning following the playing of the match. Cards must contain players proper names and be signed by both team captains.
13. Any team whose name incorporates the Pub or Club where they play shall not be allowed to change their name or alley without permission from their Landlord or Club Committee.
14. All teams to have a skittle score book & score cards, which must include a record of player's names and matches played.
15. The home team shall be responsible for paying the sticker up (minimum of £15). For cup semi and final matches the league will pay the sticker up fees of £15 and food, if served, £15. For the Skittler of the Year final the league will pay £15 for sticker up, however food will not be provided.
16. The visiting team shall play with the type of balls and pins provided by the home team. The size of balls and pins shall be as in general use. Weighted pins or balls are not allowed.
17. Pins leaving the diamond are deemed knocked down. Balls not to be returned to the throwing area until all three balls have been delivered.
18. If the front pin, front quarters or centre pins are distinguishable from the rest of the pins they are to be used as such. If they are not distinguishable then the pins can be erected in any position.
19. **No Ball.** Players, when throwing must not advance beyond the line and the ball when delivered must land behind the line. Violation of this rule shall be deemed a 'no-ball'. All pins knocked down by a 'no-ball' will not be erected and the ball will not be returned. If the captains cannot agree, the dispute shall be decided by the toss of a coin. If the captain is not present a member of the team must assume responsibility for captaincy.
20. **Cush Ball.** Pins knocked down by a ball which hits the side of the alley before reaching the diamond, shall be deemed a 'cush-ball', pins shall be re-erected but the ball not returned.
21. The league recommends there be 12ft between the overthrow line and the heel board, back wall or spectators.

22. **Transfers.** No player shall play for more than one team without a transfer. Transfer forms can be obtained from the league secretary or from the website. The forms must be signed by all parties before being returned to the leagues secretary for approval. Any player having already played in a cup competition shall be deemed 'cup tied' and will not be allowed to play for any other team in that competition. Any team that plays an ineligible player will be deducted 6 points for league games or if a cup game their opponent will be awarded the round.
23. **Make up of the Cups.** Knock Out Cup – Open to all teams. Nomination Cup – Open to the top 32 teams. Knock Out Plate – Open to all teams placed 33rd and lower. The first round of these competitions to be drawn by the league secretary and played over the first two weeks of the season.
24. **All Cup Matches.** From Round 2 onwards the home team must give their opponents two dates in separate weeks within one week of the draw, not to coincide with League games. The Away team must accept one of the dates given within seven days. Failure of either team to comply will mean automatic elimination from the competition. If the Home alley is not available then the Away team shall give two dates within 14 days of the draw. If the Home and Away alleys are not available, a neutral alley may be arranged. Saturdays & Sundays not accepted as normal match days unless both teams agree. All matches to be played on or before the next meeting after the draw.
25. In the event of a tie in a Cup competition, or play off, the second four players of both teams concerned must play extra legs until a result is obtained. Winners of cup games played on the night of the meeting/cup draw must notify their next round opponents as soon as possible.
26. Clubs/Teams nominated to stage, Finals, Semi-Finals and Individuals are to provide a marker and sticker-up. Sticker-up fees for Individuals and Finals will be paid for by the League. The Management Committee will decide which alleys are suitable for Finals and Individuals.
27. **Skittler of the Year.** All teams must send a representative to enter this Individual Tournament. The initial play-offs will be spread over five sections, with the 3 top scores in each section qualifying for the Final. In the event of a tie a 3 ball play off will decide the qualifiers. Prizes given for first, second and third places in each play-off section and Grand Final prizes for Tournament Winner, Runner Up and Third place. No substitutes will be allowed in the Final. The first week in the New Year shall be reserved for the play-off rounds, there will be no league games planned for this week.
28. Highest individual score for the season will count in ANY match.
29. All protest must be lodged with the League Secretary within 7 days of the match.
30. **Persistent Infringement** of any of these rules will be dealt with by the League Management Committee, who also have the power to adjudicate in any matter covered or not in these rules. Offenders could be warned of future conduct, deducted points, refused re-entry for the following season or in severe cases expelled from the league.

League & Cup Games 2023 - 2024

		Wed	Thur	
	K.O Cup	06-Sep-23	07-Sep-23	<< KO Cup Draw Rnd 1
	Nommo/Plate	13-Sep-23	14-Sep-23	<< Nommo/Plate Draw Rnd 1
1	Week 1	20-Sep-23	21-Sep-23	<< First League Matches
2	Week 2	27-Sep-23	28-Sep-23	
3	Week 3	04-Oct-23	05-Oct-23	
4	Week 4	11-Oct-23	12-Oct-23	
5	Week 5	18-Oct-23	19-Oct-23	
6	Week 6	25-Oct-23	26-Oct-23	
7	Week 7	01-Nov-23	02-Nov-23	
8	Week 8	08-Nov-23	09-Nov-23	
9	Week 9	15-Nov-23	16-Nov-23	
10	Week 10	22-Nov-23	23-Nov-23	
11	Week 11	29-Nov-23	30-Nov-23	
12	Week 12	06-Dec-23	07-Dec-23	
13	Week 13	13-Dec-23	14-Dec-23	
	Christmas &	20-Dec-23	21-Dec-23	<< No League Matches
	New Year Break	27-Dec-23	28-Dec-23	<< No League Matches
	SoTY	03-Jan-24	04-Jan-24	<< Skittler of the Year
14	Week 14	10-Jan-24	11-Jan-24	
15	Week 15	17-Jan-24	18-Jan-24	
16	Week 16	24-Jan-24	25-Jan-24	
17	Week 17	31-Jan-24	01-Feb-24	
18	Week 18	07-Feb-24	08-Feb-24	
19	Week 19	14-Feb-24	15-Feb-24	
20	Week 20	21-Feb-24	22-Feb-24	
21	Week 21	28-Feb-24	29-Feb-24	
22	Week 22	06-Mar-24	07-Mar-24	
23	Week 23	13-Mar-24	14-Mar-24	
24	Week 24	20-Mar-24	21-Mar-24	
25	Week 25	27-Mar-24	28-Mar-24	
26	Week 26	03-Apr-24	04-Apr-24	
27	Week 27	10-Apr-24	11-Apr-24	
28	Week 28	17-Apr-24	18-Apr-24	
29	Week 29	24-Apr-24	25-Apr-24	
30	Week 30	01-May-24	02-May-24	<< Last league match.
31	Week 31	08-May-24	09-May-24	All Semi Finals
32	Week 32	15-May-24	16-May-24	All Finals

League & Cup Prizes = £4,855

Division Winners	£250	x 5	£1,250
Division Runners Up	£170	x 5	£850
Division Third Place	£100	x 5	£500

K. O. Cup Winner	£250	x 1	£250
K. O. Cup Runner Up	£170	x 1	£170
Beaten Semi Finalists	£100	x 2	£200

Nomination Cup & Plate

Winners	£200	x 2	£400
Runners Up	£130	x 2	£260
Beaten Semi Finalists	£75	x 4	£300

Skittler of the Year (Individual Tournament)

Champion + £25 Trophy	£150	x 1	£175
Runner Up	£75	x 1	£75
Third Place	£50	x 1	£50
Play Off Winners	£30	x 5	£150
Play Off runners Up	£20	x 5	£100
Play Off Third	£15	x 5	£75

Highest Individual Score	£50	x ?	£50
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League Officers & Committee Members

President	Mr D. Baber
Chairman	Mr P. Derrick
Vice Chairman	Mr R. Edgell
Treasurer	Mr D. Hazelton
Website Manager	Mr K. Parsons
Committee #1	Mr D. Edgell
Committee #2	Mr N. Cradock
Committee #3	Vacant

Hon Secretary: Mr G. Whittock

31 Waterside Road, Westfield, Radstock.

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League Meetings - (8pm start)

Dates & venues will be displayed on the website.

Presentation of Trophies will be at AGM, Date & Venue TBA.

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