

**North Somerset  
Billiards &  
Snooker  
League  
2023-2024  
Season**

This is the 2023/24 season of the North Somerset Billiards & Snooker League. Our purpose is to promote the games of Snooker and Billiards by arranging regular competition in the North Somerset region.

The NSBSL league is a friendly group of teams run by a small committee, each member of which are always approachable to promote our games and resolve any problems as they may arise. We feature English snooker and billiards divisions and actively promote both games in accordance with WPBSA and EPSB rules.

This handbook provides every player with league rules, contact information and telephone numbers and is supported by our websites.

**SNOOKER:**

[http://www.westonsnookerleague.co.uk/NSBSL/snooker23\\_24/main.htm](http://www.westonsnookerleague.co.uk/NSBSL/snooker23_24/main.htm)

**BILLIARDS:**

[http://www.westonsnookerleague.co.uk/NSBSL/billiards23\\_24/main.htm](http://www.westonsnookerleague.co.uk/NSBSL/billiards23_24/main.htm)

Please read and familiarise yourself with league rules and our code of conduct and ensure you understand and follow them.

## **NSBSL Code of conduct**

Be on time, home and away players - welcome your opponents who may have travelled some distance to play.

Always be courteous and shake hands before a game, wish each other good luck.

Don't be distracted when refereeing and don't give help.

Always try to accept bad luck gracefully and acknowledge good fortune to your opponent.

Accept refereeing decisions with good grace.

Accept all legal shots however played – all successful shots count, however negative or tactical they may seem.

Whether refereeing, playing or spectating remember the etiquette of the game and always respect your opponent(s):

- Ensure mobile phones are silenced - do not use during play
- Whilst waiting for your frame, do not practice on other tables
- Do not stand in a player's line of vision
- Do not distract players by talking loudly
- Do not offer advice or discuss shot selection
- Do not point out impending foul shots – this should be the sole prerogative of the opponent
- Shake hands at the end of the game, whatever the result, try to accept both defeat and victory in good spirit

For those players and teams reaching any league finals, please remember our dress code – Smart Shirt (Collared or Polo), Smart Trousers (Black or Grey) and Smart Shoes

Remember, you may have good luck this week – next week the boot may be on the other foot!

Above all, remember it is only a game – enjoy both match play and the friendship and company of your opponent(s).

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Members are invited to contact any Committee member at any time for guidance or to report and resolve any issues.

The Committee will correspond or meet as often as required to conduct League business.

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## **2022-2023 Club contact list**

### **SNOOKER VENUES**

Allstars Sports Bar  
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**Tel 01934 419111**

Weston Conservative Club  
24-26 Alexandra Parade, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1QX  
**Tel 01934 621231**

Frames Snooker Club  
Sunnyside Road North, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 3PZ  
**Tel 01934 636356**

Mizzymead Recreation Centre  
Mizzymead Rise, Nailsea BS48 2JJ  
**Tel 01275 854181**

### **BILLIARDS VENUES**

Backwell Village Club  
12 Backwell Hill Road, Backwell, BS48 3PL  
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Clevedon Conservative Club  
2 Kenn Road, Clevedon, BS21 6EL  
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Congresbury Memorial Hall  
High Street, Congresbury, Bristol, BS49 5JA  
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## 2023–2024 Snooker Teams

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Captain – Graham Reynolds  
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- 3 Frames Flukes (Monday)**      **Frames SC, WSM**  
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- 4 Frames Greatest Hits (Tuesday)**      **Frames SC, WSM**  
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- 5 Frames Rebels (Monday)**      **Frames SC, WSM**  
Captain – Roy Jenkins  
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- 6 Frames Trying Our Luck (Monday)**      **Frames SC, WSM**  
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- 7 Mizzymead Rangers (Monday)**      **Mizzymead RC, Nailsea**  
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- 3 Clevedon** **Clevedon Conservative Club, Clevedon**  
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- 4 Congresbury Inoffs** **Congresbury Memorial Hall**  
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## **Snooker competitions**

Team Handicap, Individual Open, Individual Handicap and Pairs Handicap competition draws have been made and are featured on our website.

## **Snooker Handicaps**

Each player will be awarded a handicap mark at the start of the season. These handicaps will be fixed and therefore will remain the same for the duration of the season.

Lower handicap limit is -20 and upper limit is +50, however a maximum start given in any match will be 50 points.

Handicaps will be continually reviewed by the league committee and in **exceptional** circumstance, handicaps could be altered during the season. All handicaps have been reviewed by the league committee pre-season and set and adjusted fairly and accordingly based on player ability, experience and past league handicaps.

Team captains and individual players should also take responsibility for ensuring they play off the correct handicap each week. Handicaps are listed below.

All Player Handicaps can be viewed on our website

## **NSBSL Constitution and Rules**

The league is a private non-profit making organisation consisting of and owned by member teams. The league's purpose is to promote the games of billiards and snooker arranging regular team and individual competition in the North Somerset region for the benefit of its registered players.

### **Management**

The league is organised and managed by a small committee representing billiards and snooker players comprising five officers and two committee members elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Any four from these seven officials may form a quorum. Committee meetings will be called periodically to discuss progress and development and sub-committees may be appointed to deal with specific matters.

### **Officers and responsibilities**

Chairman – chairing meetings and heading the league

Secretary – correspondence, publicity and communication

Treasurer – financial control, budgeting and communication

Results Secretary – handicaps, fixtures, website and results

Officers are elected at each AGM when they may stand for re-election. In the event of an unfilled vacancy, the committee may make an appointment to serve until the next AGM.

### **Finance**

The NSBSL financial year ends on 31st March each year. The committee has absolute discretion as to the league's assets. In the event of the league being dissolved any surplus funds, after settlement of all creditors and debtors and the liquidation of any fixed assets shall be divided equally between teams registered at that time.

### **Annual General Meetings (AGM)**

The league secretary will give all teams at least 21 days notice of the date and at least 7 days notice of the business to be conducted at the AGM. Each team should be represented and has 1 vote. Proposals specifically appertaining to billiards or snooker may only be voted on by teams in that section. Teams not represented at a general meeting forfeit their right to vote. A change to league rules may be made at an AGM only after a vote in favour of at least two

thirds of those eligible to vote. Proposals, properly seconded for changing rules may be made by any member or team in writing to the secretary at least 14 days before an AGM.

### **Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)**

An EGM may be called at any time by the Committee or by a proposal by 50% of the league's team captains. The meeting will be called within 28 days. No other business will be discussed other than the resolution.

### **Applications**

Application forms will be sent to each potential team by the secretary. Completed applications must be returned with respective fees before the stated closing date. The Committee will consider all applications. Any team or player not accepted will have fee(s) returned in full. Teams or players withdrawing during the season will forfeit their fee(s). Players must be bona fide members of their club and shall play for only one team in each section.

### **Registrations**

Registration of teams and players is by application form. A player can only register for one team in each section. Each team must consist of a maximum of six players. Additional players may register during the season providing at least six matches remain. There will be a £5 late registration fee payable in all cases. Any registered player may play for up to three matches for another team in his or her club providing those league matches are not played on the same date. If a fourth match is played, he/she will be deemed a registered player of that team for the remainder of the season. In the last four matches of the season a player may only play in the team that he/she is registered.

### **Fixtures and results**

League fixtures and competitions are arranged throughout the season. The home team/player will provide a referee and must complete a result card signed by a member of both teams. Properly completed results cards must be sent via picture message on the relevant Snooker or Billiards WhatsApp Group and received by midnight on the Friday of that match week. Competitions results cards must be sent by midnight on the final date that that round of competition has to be played.

If the result of a snooker league match is not received by the due date the away team will be awarded the frame points they have scored. The team responsible for sending the result will not receive any points for that match. Handicaps will be applied as normal. Should a team fail to fulfil or concede a league match, the match will be awarded to the opposing team 6-0 and six points will be deducted from the conceding team. If a team fails to fulfil or concedes two or more matches in any season they will be suspended from the league for that season and their league record expunged. Exceptional circumstances will be reviewed by the Committee.

If the result of a competition match is not received by the appointed date, the home player(s) or team will be eliminated from the competition. Exceptional circumstances will be referred to the Committee.

If the result of a billiards league match is not received by the due date the away team will be awarded the points they have scored. The team responsible for sending the result will lose four points. Should a team fail to fulfil or concede a league match, the match will be awarded to the opposing team 4-0 and four points will be deducted from the conceding team. If a team fails to fulfil or concedes more than two matches in any season they will be suspended from the league for that season and their league record expunged.

Where there are two divisions, the bottom two teams in the higher division will normally be relegated to the lower division and the top two teams in the lower division promoted. Should a team withdraw the team with the next best record in the lower division may be promoted at the discretion of the Committee.

In the event of teams tying on points at the top of the table (or division) at the end of the season, the winners will be the team with the highest number of wins during that season. If there is still a tie the team with the highest number of draws will be the winner. If teams are still equal then they will play a knock out game (or games) under normal league rules to decide the title.

## **Venues**

Home teams/player(s) are responsible for table costs of league matches. Cup match table costs will be shared between teams or players. Visiting players will abide by the home club's rules.

## **Postponements**

There should be no reason for a match postponement other than emergencies. In these circumstances, matches must be played within four weeks of the original date. Otherwise, all matches must be played on or before the scheduled date.

## **Tournaments**

Any player who has represented his or her club in a tournament match will be cup-tied and not eligible to play for any other team in that tournament. The home team(s) or player(s) are solely responsible for arranging individual competitions. Players failing to reach agreement on a suitable date must refer to the results secretary as soon as possible. Failure to do so will mean the home team or player being eliminated from the said competition. Table costs for all competitions up to and including semi-finals will be shared between teams/players. Semi-finals and finals will be held on neutral tables. Costs for finals will be funded by the league and a neutral/professional referee will be similarly supplied and funded.

## **Conduct and discipline**

All NSBSL players will be expected to display the highest standards of conduct whilst representing the league and to observe and play by the Code of Conduct at the front of this handbook. If any reports of poor conduct are reported to the Committee, the Committee will investigate and take any action they deem appropriate. Penalties for behaviour considered detrimental to the good name of the league will range from an official reprimand to indefinite expulsion from the league.

**Dress Code** - players and officials in all league finals must be respectably dressed, i.e. smart trousers (or skirts for ladies) and smart shoes and collared/polo shirt (or blouse/top for ladies).

## **Complaints and appeals**

Complaints must be received by the secretary within 7 days. A sub-committee will hear any complaint prior to a full hearing and its findings reported to the Committee whereupon a decision is reached and communicated to the complainant in writing at the

earliest opportunity. Any appeal must be received by the secretary within 21 days of the league's decision – the Committee will consider any appeal and their decision on the matter will be final.

### **Presentation Evening**

There will be a presentation evening each summer, where individual and team winners in both sections will receive their trophies. In addition, handbooks will be handed out at this evening. Team captains will be expected to attend, or send a representation in order to collect their handbooks. The presentation evening will also mean that captain's meetings are no longer required.

### **Trophies**

Trophies are presented annually, at the League Presentation Evening. Perpetual trophies must be kept safely and returned in good condition at a time to allow preparation for the next season. Any loss or damage to a trophy will be charged to the holding team or player. Replica trophies may accompany perpetual trophies and can be retained by winners.

### **Sportsmans Trophy**

Awarded annually to the player or team who it is felt has demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship or excelled on behalf of the league. Applicable to all league members regardless of which section they play. League members may nominate candidates to the league secretary at any time.

## Snooker Section

Matches are played on a handicap basis. All registered players will receive a starting handicap at the beginning of the season.

- There is a lower limit of minus 20 and an upper limit of 50 for a players' handicap mark, however a maximum of 50 points start will be given in any match.
- In the event of a team playing with 2 players, they can play frames 5 and 6 with each player playing 1 more frame each. No Handicap penalty will be in place this season. Teams will be able to field 2 or 3 players as they wish.
- Players of unknown ability will be allocated a scratch handicap unless advised to the Results secretary.
- Players joining during the season will be allocated a scratch handicap unless agreed by the Results Secretary.

League matches may be played on Mondays or Tuesdays depending on which day the home team nominates at the start of the season.

Teams consist of three players each to play two frames. Each frame won by a team will count as a point earned in the league standings. Therefore the most a team can score is 6 points each match.

Before starting a match, the home team will write down the names of their three players in order of play. In the event of either or both teams playing with 2 players, the player(s) from the team(s) which is short will play a third frame in frames 5 and 6 as stated above.

For the third round of matches this season (starting w/c 13/02/24) team captains should write down players alternatively. E.g. Home captain elects player 1 first, away captain elects player 2 second. This is to compensate for the fact we are not having a fourth round of matches this season, in order to reduce the length of the season.

A team fielding only one player will only be permitted to play three frames and the remaining frames will be awarded to the opposing team.

Names of players making breaks of 20 or over will be recorded with their breaks on the result card.

### **Team Tournament**

Teams consist of three players played on a handicap basis – pairings and order of play are decided by draw and must be adhered to. Each player will play two consecutive frames and the result will be decided on the total aggregate match score. In the event of equal aggregate scores after six frames, a re-spotted black ball will be played by the last two players to decide the match. Frames not played will be awarded 147-0 against the team playing short.

### **Individual Open**

Played without handicaps, best of five frames except the final which will be best of seven frames.

### **Individual Handicap**

Played using handicaps at the time of the match, best of five frames except the final which will be best of seven frames.

### **Pairs Handicap**

Played with handicaps at the time of the match, handicaps should be added together then halved. Then the same handicap rules above should be applied. Each match played over the best of three frames except the semi-final and final which will be best of five frames. Partners registered for different teams will be eligible as a pair, home table will be that of the first named player.

## **Billiards section**

The billiards section is run mainly with handicaps agreed and managed by the Results Secretary. Individual and team handicap matches will be played using the handicaps applicable on the date of the match. League matches will normally be played on Thursdays.

### **League**

Teams consist of up to two players. Before starting a match, the home team will write down names and handicaps of their players in order of play. The opposing team will then write their players names and handicaps in order of play. If a team only has one player, that player will play both games on the same current handicap. Any player playing twice will have their handicap adjusted by the results of both games. Each game is played 200 up and the winner awarded two points. An additional point is awarded to a losing player if they have achieved a score of 181 points or more. A bonus point will be awarded to the team with the higher aggregate score and, in the event of equal aggregate scores both teams will be awarded a bonus point. Names of players making breaks of 20 or over will be recorded with their breaks on the result card.

As agreed and voted in at the AGM, handicaps for this season have been reviewed. Handicaps now have an upper limit of +85 with no lower limit and are adjusted on a sliding scale with a player's handicap adjusted by minus 5 points after every league game won, or plus 5 points after every league game lost, by 20 or more points. League games won or lost by less than 20 points will not generate a handicap adjustment. Using correct handicaps is the responsibility of the captain and players. If, on reviewing results, an incorrect handicap has been used the score for that game, match and league points will be adjusted. Players of unknown ability will start with a scratch handicap unless agreed with the Records Secretary. This may be reviewed after two matches and adjusted if appropriate.

### **Team Tournament (49 Cup)**

Teams must consist of two players – pairings and order of play are decided by draw. Each game is played on a handicap basis and the match decided on total aggregate score. In the event of equal aggregate scores after two games a deciding third game will be played 200 up with handicaps by players nominated by their own captains. If it is not possible to play this game on the night further arrangements will be made by agreement between the players and league secretary.

### **Individual Open**

Played without handicaps – preliminary rounds 250 up, semi-finals 300 up and the final 400 up.

### **Individual Handicap**

Played 200 up in all rounds, current league handicaps will apply on the night. Entrants may have their handicaps amended independently of league games where necessary.

### **Pairs Open**

Played without handicaps, all rounds played 200 up except the semi-final 300 up and the final 400 up. Partners registered for different teams will be eligible as a pair – home table will be that of the first named player.

### **Individual Cannons Cup**

Points are scored by cannons or inn-offs only. No potting is allowed either deliberately or accidentally. In the event of a pot, the break ends and no points scored within that stroke are recorded. Otherwise, normal billiards rules apply. Games will be played 125 up except the semi-final 150 up and the final 200 up.

### **Team Cannons Cup**

Teams must consist of two players – pairings and order of play are decided by draw. Rules of play are as per Individual Cannons Cup. Games will be played 150 up in all rounds and the match is decided on total aggregate score. In the event of equal aggregate scores after two games a deciding third game will be played 150 up by players nominated by their own captains. If it is not possible to play this game on the night further arrangements will be made by agreement between the players and league secretary.

**Matters arising either from NSBSL Constitution and rules or otherwise, should always be referred to the Committee whose decisions on all matters are final.**