

EXETER POOL LEAGUE

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As there have been a few changes to the rules, and therefore procedures, we are taking the opportunity to try to explain everything. Please contact me (Kev Marsh) if you have any further queries.

One of the main changes is to the results procedure. As last year, each team is responsible for getting their picture of the result card/sheet emailed to **results@exeterpool.com**. **Results must go only to this email address**. If they are sent elsewhere they will be treated as "missing" results which could leave the team subject to a Rule 13 withdrawal, plus the penalties outlined below.

If any team (winning or losing) fails to submit their result by email by midnight of the second day following the match, i.e Tuesday for a Sunday game or Friday for a Wednesday game, they will face a penalty of the removal of one game from their overall season total. This will not affect the result of matches on the night.

On the first occasion teams to be warned. From the second occasion onwards games to be deducted.

If the winning team fails to submit their result by email within the time period above, the losing team will be awarded that result as their own (eg. score fully reversed including legs) provided they have correctly submitted their result in that time.

If neither team submits a result by email within the time period above, the fixture will be deemed as unfulfilled and both teams will be subject to Rule 13. ('Missing' results will be indicated on the relevant results page).

These rules will be applied this coming season so we recommend that each team appoint someone to ensure that the result is sent in as soon as possible after the match (most of you seem to do this anyway).

We have removed the necessity to hand in the physical card, relying on the emails being sent in promptly. Only one card now needs to be filled in during the match, with both teams photographing it to send in. There will be a result sheet available to download from the website. This will give two A5 result sheets and is a bigger version of the cards. Either may be used but we will distribute the remainder of our stock of the cards with the fixtures etc. before the season starts.

Our next major change is to **postponements**. Owing to the rather ridiculous situation we found ourselves in with postponements featuring one team through no fault of their own, we have decided that there will be no postponements allowed, unless for exceptional circumstance. We feel that all teams should be capable of sending the minimum number of players required to a match (see Rule 9). All failures to attend a match must be notified both to the opponents and the Fixtures Secretary as soon as possible, the earlier the better and certainly no later than two hours before the match. All failures to attend will be reviewed by the committee to rule on the eligibility for a formal postponement. Rule 13 for missed games will still apply so don't fail to make more than three matches. **Teams whose opponents fail to attend will still have to complete the result card/form correctly and submit it to claim the game.**

There will be a couple of changes to **Competitions**. The **Mixed Pairs** will no longer be held owing to falling numbers. The Pairs is open to any combination of male or female players anyway.

The two **Team Cup** competitions will both be supplemented with a **Team Plate**. This will be open to all team who lose in the prelims or first round of each team Cup. This will give everyone at least two cup games during the season and give some of the "lesser" teams something to play for.

The **Sunday season** will be curtailed next winter to try and avoid the situation of one week on, one week off due to Easter and Bank Holidays. Easter Sunday is 12 April next year so we will aim to have the season completed by then. Quite when we start and finish will depend on numbers, especially as we only have seven teams registered at present.

The final change is to the procedure for submitting **Extra Signings**. The form and fee will still have to be dropped off at the Clifton but, to ensure clearance is given as soon as possible, you will have to contact us by email or online form asap. The seven day clearance for a player will commence from the time that we receive notification, so we recommend that you either photograph the form and email it to extras@exeterpool.com, or use the online form which will be available in the next few weeks. Either way you will receive an email back to confirm that the seven day period has commenced. As long as the form and fee are at the Clifton for me to collect on Saturday, then all will be well. Any problems and you will be notified. This procedure has been brought about by the fact that, due to work, I only visit the Clifton on Saturday afternoon and that could mean a form not being cleared within a week as the time period would then commence from when I pick up the form! *As a bonus, your team's first extra signing this coming season will be free! I would still like to receive the form though.*