

# EXETER POOL LEAGUE

## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022

As again there are new teams, plus the format changes to Wednesday nights, here is basically an update of a newsletter I sent out the last couple of seasons to explain current procedures. Please contact me (Kev Marsh) if you have any further queries.

### WEDNESDAY MATCHES

Following the AGM, we are now playing the Wednesday nights as FIVE Singles followed by TWO Doubles, all best of three. The start time has been brought forward 15 minutes to 7.30pm but the requirement for number players present at the start has been dropped to three. You still only have the 15 minutes grace at the start so need to be at the venue by 7.45pm at the latest now.

### RESULTS

The results sheets have been changed slightly this season as we now require BOTH doubles players to sign the sheet when playing doubles regardless of whether they have played previously. There are now separate sheets for Sunday and Wednesday, both available online.

Each team is responsible for getting their picture of the result card/sheet emailed to [results@exeterpool.com](mailto: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. (Rule 19)

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). (Rule 20)

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 a physical card, relying on the emails being sent in promptly. Only one result sheet/card now needs to be filled in during the match, with both teams photographing it to send in. There relevant result sheets are available to download from the website. This will give two A5 result sheets and is a bigger version of the cards. Old cards may be used up if you still have some, we are not looking to produce any more.

## **POSTPONEMENTS**

In 2019, owing to the rather ridiculous situation we found ourselves in with several postponements featuring one team through no fault of their own, we 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.**

## **TEAM CUPS**

The two **Team Cup** competitions have both be supplemented with a **Team Plate**. This is open to all team who lose in the prelims or first round of each team Cup. This gives everyone at least two cup games during the season and give some of the "lesser" teams something to play for. There is no Sunday Plate at present owing to the severe lack of teams!

## **EXTRA SIGNINGS**

The final change is to the procedure for submitting **Extra Signings**. The form and fee will still have to be dropped off at the Horse & Groom 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](mailto:extras@exeterpool.com), or use the online form which is now available. Either way you will receive an email back to confirm that the seven day period has commenced. As long as the form is at the Horse & Groom 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 normally only visit the pub 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!

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