



SUMMER 2014 NEW SEASON NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER 2014 SEASON!

With another successful (but stressful!) registration period finally over, we can move on into 2014 in style with the new format of 10 teams per division. Fortunately we were able to create 5 divisions on each night without losing any teams.

Included in the new format are a few **BREAK** weeks for teams to catch up on any rearrangements.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Included in your registration pack was a questionnaire which we've thankfully received many replies to help us plan for the future. If you're interested in having a say on important issues in the **SRPL**, make sure you're part of the Facebook group.

SINGLES & DOUBLES

We've got a total of 105 players registered for the singles and 70 pairs for the doubles.

The fixtures will only be published on the website and it's down to the players to communication between themselves and organise a mutually agreeable date to play the match. Each match must be played by the date stated. Please ensure you're aware of all the competition rules, available on the **RULES** page of the website.

SPONSORSHIP

We're pleased to announce that we have our first official sponsor of the **SRPL**:



They've agreed to sponsor the Thursday Premier Division and we thank them for their continued support.

If you're interested in sponsoring a division, or entire league, get in touch: info@srpl.org.uk

GAME EQUIPMENT

Where possible, all venues should be able to provide standard pool equipment including a rest. Please could all landlords/landladies do their best to make sure they are available during matches.

NEW SEASON PACK

Included in the pack is a revised copy of the **SRPL Rules** (including frequently asked questions) and the revised **Pool Rules**. Please ensure these are posted in your venue and available for teams to refer to should the need arise.

MATCH START TIME

All **SRPL** matches must commence at 8.30pm

Should the opposition not be able to arrive before 8.45pm an effort should be made to contact the home team to reassure them they are on their way.

If a team doesn't arrive before 9pm the match may be claimed. Should a team arrive well in advance of 8.30pm it's probably because they'd like to warm up first. We're a friendly league, so please show good sportsmanship and let them...

RULE CHANGES

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have simplified the **SRPL** rule for specifying colour groups at the beginning of a match to avoid conflicts.

Change to rule 6(b) Penalty following any foul:

- Following a foul made from the break off shot or whilst potting the first ball, the oncoming player is entitled to 1 shot with which he/she without nomination may play the cue ball directly onto any ball including the 8 ball (black). However he/she may not pocket the 8 ball (black), which would mean loss of game. If he/she pots a ball on the first shot, this will denote his/her group [the free table rule in 6(a) does not apply until after a ball has been legally potted], and will continue with 2 visits until he/she fails to pot a ball. 1 visit then follows. If no ball is potted on either visit or if he/she fouls whilst potting the first ball, the table will remain an open table.

Change to rule 4 (e):

- On the first occasion a player legally pockets an object ball, including following a foul, then that ball denotes their group, unless one or more of both groups are pocketed, the player **MUST** then nominate a group before play continues.

To assist in correctly making players aware, the referee calls are:

- 'Open Table' - nothing has been potted legally so the first colour you pot you are on.
- 'Free Table' - the first shot after a foul when colours have already been decided but the player can hit any ball on the table and pot any ball [except the black if they have colours remaining].

Simplified: First ball legally potted is your colour, even after a foul on the break.

REARRANGEMENTS

Any rearranged matches from weeks 1-14 **MUST** be completed before start of play on week 17.

Any rearranged matches from weeks 17-26 **MUST** be completed before start of play on week 28.

Week 28 is the last match of the season for all teams and **CANNOT** be rearranged.

Teams are limited to 2 rearrangements per season.

Team Cup KO matches **CAN** be rearranged but must be played **BEFORE** the original scheduled date.

With the league average of 7.8 registered players per team, there really isn't any excuse to rearrange games. If you have the minimum of 4 players you should make a concerted effort to play the fixture. Last season saw too many teams opting for a rearrangement.

