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MOST TEAMS EVER REGISTERED!

Welcome to the SRPL Winter Season 2025-26!

Yet another phenomenal response to registration this season!

38 teams on Tuesday and 50 on Thursday is the highest total of teams on record since 2011!

As is the case with every registration period we had our unfortunately few who just left it too late to register in the league of their choice.

Two teams had to switch to playing Tuesday over their preference of Thursday night pool. It doesn't happen often but as I'm sure those that were successfully registered will appreciate, we have to balance the league the best we can, and 1 or 2 too many teams on one night can mean potentially weeks of no matches for entire divisions.

A timely reminder for all teams to get their registration in as soon as possible and not to leave it to the last day; we just might not have space to accommodate you!

WINTER SINGLES & DOUBLES COMPETITIONS



We had another decent response to registration for the Singles and Doubles competitions though this winter season.

Don't forget that during these competitions the Golden Break and Golden Duck rules are in play so if you pot the black off the break you win and if you pot the black AND white you lose!

THE COMMITTEE

Volunteer committee members are the backbone of our pool league, giving their time, energy, and skills to keep everything running smoothly for no pay and often little recognition. These individuals step up out of passion for the game and a desire to support the community, not to be subjected to abuse, aggression, or disrespect. Everyone has the right to feel safe and valued in their role, especially those who are donating their time for the benefit of others. It's easy to forget the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes, but that's all the more reason to treat volunteers with patience and appreciation.

No one signs up to be a target for frustration or hostility, especially when they're doing their best to make things fair and enjoyable for everyone. If league members have concerns or disagreements, there are appropriate and respectful ways to express them, without resorting to aggression. A strong league is built on mutual respect and good sportsmanship, not just during matches but in every interaction. If you believe things could be improved, we encourage you to join the committee and help make a positive difference; because without volunteers, there wouldn't be a league at all.

12 FRAMES PER MATCH IS HERE TO STAY!

Our trial of the twelve single frames per night was a success and after much deliberation the Committee have voted to continue this format going forward.

At the bottom is a area to fill in the time your match finished to enable us to gather data to base future decisions on, so please try to fill it in where possible.

You'll also notice a 'decider frame' score box.

This is <u>only</u> to be used in a Cup or Shield match if the score goes to 6-6. At that point, both captains choose one player who has played in the match to play an additional final decider frame.

As always, please ensure the card is filled out <u>in full</u> and players names are written in <u>full</u> too.



SRPL PRESENTATION NIGHT 2025

Join us on **Saturday 6th September @ The Bittern, Thornhill** for an evening of trophies, food and pool competitions!

We will awarding the trophies for the Winter 2024/25 and Summer 2025 seasons and plenty of bonus trophies for the statistics gathered during the Winter season.

Everyone is welcome so please bring your family and friends and enjoy an evening out all courtesy of the SRPL Committee.

Don't forget: if you've got trophies to collect you'll need to attend as they won't be available anywhere else!

PLAYER STATISTICS

This season we will be collecting only the statistics for Break & Dishes and REVERSE Break & Dishes with a reward for the highest achieved at the end of the season.

Based on a points system; players receive 2 points for B&D and 1 point for a Reverse B&D. Players are then ranked by points, B&D tally, Reverse B&D's tally then name.



At the end of the season if there is a tie for points and stats, players will be ranked by speed of achieving their total B&D tally.

Thanks for reading. Have a great season!