



2024 AGM Proposals and Rule Changes

The following proposals were made at the AGM on Wednesday 27th July 2024. All delegates in attendance:

Rule change proposal from Steve Quinn:

- Revise maximum start from 40 to 50.

Rule change proposals from Joe Witkiewicz:

- Introduction of an 'elite' player category whereby if you reach a certain handicap, you then give a 50/55 start as opposed to a current cap of 40.
- Blind picks for league match which is currently adopted in team KO.

Following discussions on above, these changes were rejected in favour of the following:

1. The removal of the 40-point cap - Agreed
2. The handicap range to be reset from -35 to 25 for experienced league players, thus the maximum start that can be given is 60. Re-handicapping at the end of the season will go beyond -35 if so. This method to continue without change for 4 years.
Agreed at AGM method adjusted – see 'Adjustment to Handicap Method' on Page 2.
Players 'Revised' handicap at the end of the 2023/2024 season will be proportioned into this scale, see APPENDIX A for the proportioned handicap scale.
3. For players new to the EADSL, it is the responsibility of the Delegate to recommend a fair handicap in the -35 to 25 scale. If it is found that the delegate has recommended an unfairly high handicap, then the team will be subject to a penalty of a fine and the number of points won by that player will be deducted from the team. The delegate may call on league officials to help in the assessment of any player.
Agreed
4. For 'novice' players, defined as 'a player who has recently started playing and has previously not played league snooker in any league', the delegate may request a 'Novice' player handicap of 30. Such definition is subject to the penalties as per point 3 if found misleading. Changes 3 and 4 replace part of the current rule 5c which states 'New players will be assigned a twelve (+12) handicap (unless the Committee has evidence to suggest otherwise)'.
Agreed.
5. Any professional, or player who competes in any WPBSA professional ticket qualification events (e.g. Q-School, etc.), to concede a further 21 points below the min handicap, i.e. -56.
Agreed.

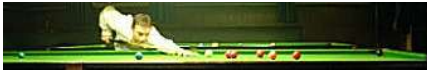
Rule change proposals from Joe Witkiewicz:

Review of clause 4(e) of the leagues rules concerning postponement of matches. Change time from 3 days to Noon on the day of the match.

After this the team must turn up with all available players else forfeit the match 6-0. Replay of the match must be on the requested by the non-offending team.

Agreed.

It was agreed to have a Prize Fund meeting at some time immediately after the final competition entries are received.



Adjustment to Handicap Method

When applying the handicap method to the final 'revised' handicaps for the 2023/24 I identified an unfair situation for the higher handicap players.

The issue is caused by Mike Chester's revised handicap of -62 which is 10 points less than the next at -52. As the new handicaps were proportioned on this basis, a range of 87 (-62 plus 25) and because 25 is set as the maximum, it had the effect of compressing the majority of players handicaps upwards to the 25 mark.

As an example, a player with a revised handicap of -17 was compressed to -4, so instead of giving 42 start they would be giving 29.

This situation was discussed with Tony Kelly and Bill Cocker and to make it fairer for all, the following adjustment were made:

Mike Chesters handicap was excluded from the range, making the range -52 to 25 a range of 77 (-52 plus 25). In addition to this the highest handicap was moved up to 30 with the lowest now -30 (to maintain the maximum 60 difference). This also helps some of the higher handicap players whose current revised handicap was above 25 and would have been capped to 25 in the old system.

With this change the example of a -17 player, who as before was giving 42 is now giving 34 rather than 29, which of course is fairer.

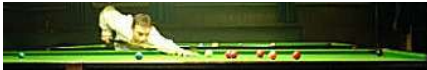
The players revised above 25 are:

Player	Team	Hcp	P	W	L	Revised	New Revised
Gallagher, Harvey	The Turpin View	25	10	1	9	36	30
Kenrick, Bradley	The Turpin View	25	22	8	14	31	30
Woodcock, Gary	The Turpin View	25	22	8	14	31	30
Worrall, Andy	Mr. Earls	25	11	4	7	29	29
Blackburn, Brian	Newton Conservative 'A'	25	7	2	5	28	28

To continue the fairness, Mike's handicap has been adjusted outside of the agreed range to -36.

Novice players handicaps are also adjusted as 5 more so 35.

For comparison, APPENDIX A shows the original proportioning, APPENDIX B shows the new proportioned handicaps and what will be applied for the new season.

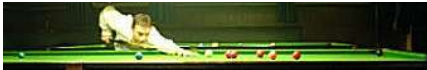


APPENDIX A

The original proportioned handicaps

From the web site, look up your 'Revised' handicap for the 2023/24 Season to see your new handicap for the 2024/25 season:

2023/24 Revised Handicap	2024/25 Handicap	2023/24 Revised Handicap	2024/25 Handicap	2023/24 Revised Handicap	2024/25 Handicap
-62	-35	-33	-15	-4	5
-61	-34	-32	-14	-3	6
-60	-34	-31	-14	-2	6
-59	-33	-30	-13	-1	7
-58	-32	-29	-12	0	8
-57	-32	-28	-12	1	8
-56	-31	-27	-11	2	9
-55	-30	-26	-10	3	10
-54	-29	-25	-9	4	11
-53	-29	-24	-9	5	11
-52	-28	-23	-8	6	12
-51	-27	-22	-7	7	13
-50	-27	-21	-7	8	13
-49	-26	-20	-6	9	14
-48	-25	-19	-5	10	15
-47	-25	-18	-5	11	15
-46	-24	-17	-4	12	16
-45	-23	-16	-3	13	17
-44	-23	-15	-3	14	17
-43	-22	-14	-2	15	18
-42	-21	-13	-1	16	19
-41	-21	-12	-1	17	19
-40	-20	-11	0	18	20
-39	-19	-10	1	19	21
-38	-18	-9	2	20	22
-37	-18	-8	2	21	22
-36	-17	-7	3	22	23
-35	-16	-6	4	23	24
-34	-16	-5	4	24	24
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APPENDIX B

The new proportioned handicaps

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-52	-30	-24	-10	4	11
-51	-29	-23	-9	5	12
-50	-29	-22	-8	6	12
-49	-28	-21	-7	7	13
-48	-27	-20	-7	8	14
-47	-26	-19	-6	9	15
-46	-26	-18	-5	10	15
-45	-25	-17	-4	11	16
-44	-24	-16	-4	12	17
-43	-23	-15	-3	13	18
-42	-23	-14	-2	14	18
-41	-22	-13	-1	15	19
-40	-21	-12	-1	16	20
-39	-20	-11	0	17	20
-38	-20	-10	1	18	21
-37	-19	-9	1	19	22
-36	-18	-8	2	20	23
-35	-18	-7	3	21	23
-34	-17	-6	4	22	24
-33	-16	-5	4	23	25
-32	-15	-4	5	24	26
-31	-15	-3	6	25	26
-30	-14	-2	7	26	27
-29	-13	-1	7	27	28
-28	-12	0	8	28	29
-27	-12	1	9	29	29
-26	-11	2	10	30	30
-25	-10	3	10		