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There will be a £50 Team Registration fee payable upon entry to the new season or at the Formation League meeting. Should a team wish to enter either the Team Handicap or Team Championship Competitions, an additional £5 per competition is required.

➤ **Amendment to existing Rule 8b**

Submitted by League Committee

This change is to amend the existing text

Match fees are £1.00 per player/per match; Payable at the Monthly Meetings.

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Match fees are £2.00 per player/per match; Payable at the Monthly Meetings.

➤ **Section 18 Handicaps
Amendment to existing Rule 18**

Submitted by Jeff Robinson

This change is to amend the existing text

The league shall have a maximum handicap of 50 with the minimum handicap being capped at -50. Novice players that have not previously played in snooker leagues will start with a maximum handicap of 25. For other players who are new to the Warrington Snooker League but have played in other snooker leagues, it is the responsibility of the team delegate to recommend a fair handicap. Such “Novice” and “New” players will have their handicaps adjusted at every monthly meeting after the player has played two games and until they have played 6 games in any number of seasons.

Adjustments are 2.0 points per win/loss difference, for example

- i. If a player has won 9 and lost 5 , a difference of +4 then their handicap is reduced by $4 \times 1.5 = 6$,
- ii. If a player has lost 9 and won 5 , a difference of -4 then their handicap is increased by $4 \times 1.5 = 6$,
- iii. Where the difference equates to 0.5 point then the handicap change is rounded down, i.e. a difference of $3 \times 1.5 = 4.5$. This is rounded to 4.

If it is found that team delegates have recommended an unfairly high handicap for an individual then the team will be subject to a penalty, imposed at the discretion of the committee, of a number of points up to that gained by the individual, including any aggregate score points, plus a fine.

At the end of every season all players will be re-handicapped, “Novice” and “New” players as per rule 17c, and all other players based on the difference of wins/losses.

Adjustments are 1.0 point per win/loss difference, for example

- i. If a player has won 9 and lost 5 , a difference of +4 then their handicap is reduced by 4,
- ii. If a player has lost 9 and won 5 , a difference of -4 then their handicap is increased by 4,

Professional snooker player’s handicap will be 7 less than the lowest handicapped amateur player. If the professional player is player within the Pairs Competition, the pair containing the professional will play off the professional’s handicap only.

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The league shall have a maximum handicap of 25 with the minimum handicap being capped at -30.

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.

‘New’ players will be assigned a twelve (+12) handicap (unless the Committee has evidence to suggest otherwise).

“Novice” and “New” players will have their handicaps reviewed and if required adjusted monthly

over the first 15 games they play.

After one season a 'Novice' players handicap will be aligned to the -30 to 25 range, 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. -51.

Supporting information

1. The handicap range (based on last season was -35 to 50, a range of 85 points, this excludes Wayne Brown who is designated "a professional player").
2. The handicap range of the proposal is fixed at 55 points.
3. Requirement to re-align existing player handicaps into the new structure.

9. Notice of Meetings

Pre-Season Meetings Schedule :

- **League Registrations Return** - **1st August**
- **League Formation Meeting** - **to be confirmed**

10. Any Other Business (Open discussion)

Competitions and Formats

- **Clarification on procedure to activate a reserve player within both the Pairs and Three-Man Team competitions.**

The authorisation to activate a reserve player is from the Competition Secretary ONLY and must be done prior to the competition match affected. Once the reserve player is included to the team the replaced player can then no longer take part in any of the remaining rounds of the competition.

- **Seniors Competition – update to entry criteria**

This handicapped competition would be open to team players over the age of 55. Players are only eligible who have played for more than 10 years within the League.

Any professional, or player who competes in any WPBSA or EPSB tournaments (with the exception of playing in the English League Championships) are unable to enter this competition.

The Competition will be played similar to the format for the Individual Handicap Competition, with ALL matches being the best of 3 frames.

- **Increase entrant fees for the following competitions :**

	Existing	Proposed
Individual Merit	£4.00	£5.00
Individual Handicap	£4.00	£5.00
Seniors	£2.00	£5.00
Pairs Handicap	£8.00	£10.00
Three Man Team	£10.00	£15.00

11. Formal Closure of AGM

12. League Presentation