

APFSCIL POOL LEAGUE RULES

1. Each team shall comprise of 6 players
2. Matches shall consist of 6 singles and 3 pairs
3. Matches will commence between 7:30 - 8pm but no later than 8.30pm, unless both captains previously agree otherwise.
 4. For both singles and doubles there will be no pre publication of order of play. Teams will exchange full order of play before the match commences. In Singles should a player not arrive before their turn to play, the next listed player will be promoted and this will continue until the player arrives. Should the player not arrive by the end of the Singles he/she may be substituted or, if no substitute is available, rule (5) may be invoked
 - 4 (i) If both captains agree, the order of play can be altered to accommodate unusual circumstances. This will include playing a doubles match before all singles games are completed.
 - 5 (i). A team may on occasions comprise of 5 players. On such occasions players will 'double' up to ensure that all game are completed. The substitute 'singles' player will be decided by a draw supervised by the two captains.. The 'doubles' players will also be decided by a draw supervised by the two captains. No player may 'double up' more than once in any match
 - 5 (ii). A team may on occasions comprise of 4 players. On such occasions players will 'double' up to ensure that all game are completed. The substitute 'singles' players will be decided by a draw supervised by the two captains. The remaining two players will play 'doubles'
 - 5 (iii) A team fielding three players shall forfeit 4 points. The 'offending' team will only be able to score points on the first three singles and two doubles games. The opposing captain shall nominate the player to complete the 2nd pairing. However, to ensure that everyone gets to play, 'dead' games should still be played
6. Up to three substitutes may be used. Substitutes can only be introduced between the Singles and the Doubles. The Opposing captain must be notified of any changes prior to the commencement of the Doubles. Excepting in the Cup when if one team has already acquired 5 or more points. They are then allowed to change their team to field previously unused substitutes after the doubles has already commenced.
7. The first 'break off' will be decided by a toss of a coin. The winner of the toss will have the option to put their opponent in first. Subsequently the 'break off' will alternate
8. The team not breaking off will provide a referee
9. The home club will pay for all games. Except for cup matches when all costs (including food) will be split 50-50.
10. The APFSCIL Pool League will operate under EPA (old) rules apart from the setting up of the object balls for the break.
11. In the event of both sides fielding less than 5 players, rules 1 - 6 may be varied/altered/suspended with the prior agreement of both captains.
- 12 Coaching during games is not generally permitted. However, during doubles games, the two participating players may discuss tactics/strategies only between themselves and only between visits, ***unless 12 (ii) is***

invoked. Consultation between doubles' players at the start of a visit is deemed to have ended when the player plays a shot, not when they or their partner touch the table.

12 (i) At captains' discretion, and with both captains agreeing nominations before the match, a nominated person will be able to assist a novice, but only when the novice player requests assistance.

12 (ii) Coaching during visits in doubles games can be permitted, but only if both captains agree before a match commences.

13. One point is awarded for each frame won and a further three points are awarded to the match winner

14. In the event of a team withdrawing from the League during the season and failing to complete their fixtures

(i) In the event of playing two or less fixtures the defaulting club will have their record expunged.

(ii) In the event of the defaulting club having completed three or more matches they will forfeit any unplayed fixtures by a margin of 6-0

15. In the event of 2 or more teams ending the season on the same points, league position will be determined by (a) the number of matches won overall, then (b) the head to head results, then (c) the number of frames won head to head. If 2 teams are still tied then if necessary there will be a playoff.

16. Clubs competing in the League and Cup will pay an annual fee of £16. Clubs competing in the League only or the Cup only will pay an annual fee of £10. Failure to pay will result in expulsion from the League

17. Players must be fully paid up members of the Club they represent

18. Participating Clubs must be paid up members of APFSCIL

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