

Student Sport Ireland

Pool Competitions

2023-24



RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Standard Rules

The SSI Pool League shall be run under the World Eightball Pool Federation (WEPF) rules. Regulations 2 through 8 (below) shall also apply and where any conflicts arise, the regulations below shall supersede all others.

2. Groups

SSI shall run the SSI Pool League over multiple groups, based primarily on the location of the teams involved, to minimise travel costs. The number of groups and the number of teams within each group will depend on the number of entries received.

3. Teams

3.1 Teams shall consist of five (5) players.

3.2 Each Team shall appoint a fixtures secretary.

Fixtures Secretary's Role:

- Act as primary contact between their teams, opposition teams and the SSI office
- Booking appropriate table times (see 6.1)
- Confirm all fixture dates, times and venue with opposition teams and SSI office within designated time period (see 4.2)
- Take responsibility for correctly completing match cards and returning to SSI office within 5 working days (see 4.3)
- Maintaining contact with SSI office throughout academic year

3.3 Institutions are permitted to enter multiple teams into the league.

4. Matches & Scoring

4.1 Matches shall consist of four (4) sessions of five (5) frames (20 frames total). Player rotation shall be

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
1 v A	1 v D	1 v C	1 v B
2 v B	2 v E	2 v D	2 v A
3 v C	3 v A	3 v E	3 v D
4 v E	4 v B	4 v A	4 v C
5 v D	5 v C	5 v B	5 v E

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4.2 The SSI office shall set the fixture list for the duration of the league. A weeklong period will be allocated for each fixture or set of fixtures to be played, however Wednesday afternoon / evening shall be set as the provisional day during each allocated week for each fixture to be preferably played. The home team is responsible for the confirmation of the fixture with the away team(s), be it on the allocated Wednesday or another day during that same week. Once finalised and agreed between each team, the date, time and venue shall be emailed to the SSI office and cc'd to the away team(s) by the home team. The deadline for confirming the aforementioned information shall be 2pm on the Thursday of the week prior to the fixture.

4.3 Scorecards

Prior to each match, the team captain shall enter their team on an official score sheet and exchange it with the opposing captain. Following hosting a league round each hosting captain is responsible for returning all score sheets to the SSI office within 5 working days. It is the responsibility of the home team captain to ensure that the score sheets are correct and are returned.

4.4 Substitution

In the event of a player not arriving on time, a substitute may be introduced to replace the late arrival before the match commences provided that the substitute has been registered for that team. Where an institution has multiple teams in the league, players may not substitute in from other teams.

4.5 Scoring

Two (2) points will be awarded to the winning team

One (1) point will be awarded to each team in the event of a draw

Zero (0) points will be awarded for a defeat

One (1) point will be deducted for any team that withdraws from a fixture

Two (2) points (and a 20-0 frame scoreline) will be awarded to the non-offending team for a walk over

4.6 In the event of a tie at the end of the league, group winners will be decided by (a) frames difference (b) frames for (c) frames difference based on matches between the two teams in the league fixtures. In the event of a tie at the end of a knockout match, a final session will take place between the five players who have not played each other in the group stages.

4.7 The deadline for receipt of results is Friday February 16th at 5pm. All results received after this time will not be included on the final league tables.

5. Registration & Eligibility

5.1 All registered players must satisfy SSI's Eligibility Guidelines for Domestic Competitions, which may change from time to time as per SSI regulations. The Eligibility Guidelines document is available for download from SSI's website at www.studentsport.ie. All players must also be aware of and compliant with all rules and regulations of the Irish Pool Association.

5.2 A student must be fully registered and hold a student card for the institution with which they are internally registered. All players must carry their student card with them to all fixtures.

5.3 No "year of grace" shall exist in the SSI Pool League.

5.4 A student must be 18 years or older to compete in Student Sport Ireland national third level sports competitions on the island of Ireland.

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6. Equipment & Facilities

6.1 The following minimum table time MUST be booked by the host team for a fixture:

6.1.1 A minimum of 2 tables for 2 hours MUST be provided.

6.1.2 Failure to book the minimum prescribed above will result in the home team forfeiting any frames not completed should the match not be finished.

6.2 The host team is responsible for ensuring that correct equipment is used as per HESPC guidelines.

6.3 HESPC Dress Code shall apply for all matches (www.hespc.com)

7. Rescheduling of Fixtures

7.1 Any team wishing to withdraw from a fixture shall (save in truly exceptional circumstances) inform the opposition and SSI office by email and phone at least one week prior to the date of the fixture. Any necessary rescheduling of this fixture shall be undertaken by the SSI office if the teams involved can't agree to a rescheduled date between themselves. Rescheduled dates must not interfere with league fixtures already in place.

7.2 If less than one week's notice is given the said team will forfeit the match and be deducted 1 point. The non-offending team shall be awarded a walkover and 2 points. If this happens more than once during the course of the league the offending team may be removed from the competition and may not be allowed to enter the league the following year.

8. Enforcement of Rules & Regulations

8.1 SSI shall have the power to enforce all regulations concerning this competition and to decide for any matters not provided for in the rules. No organiser may be involved in decisions concerning their own college.

9. Appeals Process

9.1. Appeals must be submitted via email by the college Sports Officer to the SSI Hon. Secretary copying the SSI office by 5pm the day after the fixture was played or a decision communicated.

9.2. Please follow this link to refer to the [SSI Appeals Procedure](#).

9.3. The Hon. Secretary has the authority to dismiss an appeal received within one week of a scheduled knock out match if s/he is of the view that the appeal may result in the match not proceeding as scheduled.