

THE JOMTIEN 8-BALL POOL LEAGUE

PROCEDURAL RULES

In accordance with Rule 1 of the Playing Rules, the competition should be played in a sportsmanlike manner. As such, these rules should be treated as guidance, although every effort should be made to abide by them. The non-offending team may agree to overlook a breach of these rules but if the two captains cannot agree and a dispute is registered, the committee will be guided by these rules.

1. Teams and Match Format

- a) There is a seasonal registration fee of Bt600 per team to cover the on-going costs associated with the League. The fee is payable before the first game of the season and is not refundable.
- b) A deposit of Bt600 per team is required to cover the penalty for a breach of the 'no-show' rules - see Section 2. The fee is payable before the first game of the season and is refundable at the end of the season (or carried forward to the next season) but is not refundable if a team withdraws from the League in mid-competition.
- c) The requirement for an acceptable venue is a well maintained, standard seven, eight or nine foot pool or snooker table with good quality supplementary equipment (cues, rests, etc).
A venue considered to have fallen below an acceptable standard may be suspended from the League.
- d) All teams must provide two names and telephone numbers able to be contacted without too much trouble. An email address is required for teams wanting to get weekly League Tables and for other updates such as fixture list changes.
Teams without two phone numbers or an email address will be responsible for any consequences arising from them not being able to be contacted.
- e) A team must have a minimum of five and may have up to fifteen players. All players must be over 20 years old. As we are primarily an expat group, each set of five games must have at least three resident or visiting foreigner players.
Because there is no team member registration there are no restrictions on who may play for a team or on individual players changing teams mid-season but teams may not recruit players specifically in an attempt to strengthen their team for crucial matches.
Teams shown to have offended the team membership requirements will forfeit that match (a 10-0 loss).
Any team or individual player guilty of inappropriate or unsportsmanlike behaviour may be suspended from the League.
- f) The match format will be fifteen straight singles games played in three sets of five games. A player can play only once in each set and opposing players can play each other only once in a match. An example of the required format is attached to these rules.
- g) Matches will be played according to the Jomtien 8-Ball Pool League Playing Rules which are the (old) English Pool Association (EPA) rules with some minor amendments for local preferences.

2. Match Arrangements

- a) Matches will be home and away, as detailed in the fixture list, and will take place weekly on Thursday.
- b) The official match start time is 8:30pm.
- c) The home team should allow the visitors reasonable time (say, 15-20 minutes) before the official start time for a practice session. Practice time after the official start time will be at the home team's discretion.
- d) It shall be the responsibility of the home team to cover any table fees for the match and for the visiting team's practice session before the match.
- e) The home team must add their players' names to the playing schedule first. Within reason, names may be changed after they have been added to the schedule but only with the agreement of both captains.
- f) Teams must have at least four players present and on the playing schedule at the official start time. The full team must be present by 9:00pm and all must remain until the match is completed. Players arriving after 9:00pm will not be allowed to play.
Unless the opposing captains agree to waive this rule, an offending team will forfeit the match.
- g) A match may take place on an alternate date and/or time as agreed between the teams involved. A postponement should be the exception but within reason, a team must accept such a request. A minimum 24 hours notice is required from the team requesting the postponement otherwise they will forfeit the match.
- h) The date for a rearranged match must be set at the time of the postponement and it must be within ten days of the original scheduled date, or before the final match of the season if that should be sooner. Otherwise, the team that wanted the postponement will forfeit the match.
- i) The official scorer must be informed of any rearranged matches otherwise Rule 4b (no result) may be applied.
- j) If, for any reason, a match cannot be completed within the scheduled session, any games remaining not played shall be void; they will not be awarded or rearranged.
- k) If a team forfeits a match for any reason, they will lose their Bt600 'no-show' deposit, which will go to the other team as compensation for travel or other expenses. A team that forfeits their deposit will be required to deposit a further Bt600 before being allowed to play further matches.

3. Referees and Disputes

- a) The home team must have copies of these Procedural Rules and the official Playing Rules available to settle any match night disputes.
- b) The home team must provide competent referees for all games.
In the event of a dispute the referee shall consult the Playing Rules before making a decision. If a dispute still exists both team captains shall consult privately and agree upon the action to be taken. If agreement cannot be reached the referee's original decision shall stand, the game shall continue and both team captains shall make a report to the Administration who may rule on the individual game.
If a player disagrees with a referee's judgment call (for example, if the referee calls a double hit) there are no grounds for a formal complaint and the referee's decision is final.
- c) A dispute of any kind is no reason for a match to be abandoned. A match must be completed and the dispute referred to the Administration. Any team refusing to complete a game or match because of any dispute will forfeit the match.
- d) A dispute of any kind that requires the Administration's attention must be registered with all the details as soon as possible after completion of the match. The Administrators shall meet and rule on the course of action.

4. Reporting Results

- a) It is the responsibility of the winning team to advise the match result to the official scorer within 24 hours of the completion of the match.
- b) The scorer will not be expected to chase outstanding results. If a result is not received, the match will be scored as a 0-0 draw.
- c) An updated League Table will be emailed to each team as soon as possible after all results are in.

5. The Championship

- a) The match winning team will be awarded three league points and the losing team and teams in a drawn match will be awarded one point each. A bye will be scored 0-0 with no points.
In a match involving a no-show or forfeit, the offending team will be awarded a 10-0 win and the offending team will receive no league points.
- b) If for any reason a team leaves the competition a replacement team may take over the withdrawn team's situation in the standings.
If a replacement cannot be found; if the withdrawal is in the first half of the season, all of that team's games will be changed to a bye; if the withdrawal is in the second half of the season, the first half season's results will stand and the second half's games will be changed to a bye.
- c) Positions in the league standings will be decided on league points. If there is a points tie, positions will be decided on best game difference ie games won less games lost.
If there is a tie and either team has drawn matches, the team with the most wins will take precedence.
- d) If league positions are tied after having applied the above rules and it has a bearing on who should be awarded trophies the teams involved shall play off as described below.
- e) If the League has more than one division a normal promotion/relegation system will apply to the top and bottom three teams of each division.
- f) If a play-off is required for any reason it will be a single match played under normal League conditions at a mutually agreed venue.
- g) Trophies, medals and prizes will be awarded to the winning and runner-up teams in each division or group. There will be perpetual trophies (that is, they will be held until the end of the following season) for the division or group winners otherwise all trophies may be kept.