

# **KNOCKOUT RULES & GUIDELINES**

Knockouts will be drawn after each round, copies of the draws will no longer be circulated to individual venues except for the first round which will be circulated with the league fixtures at the start of the season. Copies of the draws will be sent via email, and posted on the league website [www.lincolnpool.co.uk](http://www.lincolnpool.co.uk) and social media pages.

## **ARRANGING MATCHES**

The onus is on both parties to make contact to arrange the match, and the home players who must supply 3 match dates, not all dates can be in the same week and only one can be a weekend. Failure to make contact by either player, or failure to follow the rules and guidelines will result in elimination from competitions.

**ALL PLAYERS PLEASE NOTE THAT TELEPHONING VENUES AND ASKING FOR OPPONENTS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE CONTACT. PLEASE LEAVE CONTACT DETAILS (& MATCH DATES IF HOME PLAYER) IN WRITING OR CONTACT OPPONENTS DIRECTLY.**

The home players are responsible for the availability and cost of the Home venue match table.

In all knockout competitions only 7' x 4' tables are permitted to be used for matches.

In the interest of sportsmanship please be tolerant towards players who may work shifts, play on another night or be on holidays during the season. In exceptional circumstances only, it may be possible for an extension to be granted beyond the closing date. However, no extensions will be granted for more than 7 days after the closing date, and no players will be granted more than one extension across all competitions during any one season.

## **SINGLES & SCOTCH DOUBLES KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS**

PC Singles & Doubles matches are best of 5 frames, semi-finals best of 7 frames, and Finals best of 9 frames.

World Rules Singles matches are best of 7 frames, semi-finals best of 9 frames, and the Final best of 11 frames.

Blackball Singles matches are race to 7 frames up to the semi-finals, and the Final is race to 9 frames.

Toss of coin for first break, or lag if both players prefer, alternate breaks thereafter.

In Scotch doubles both players must alternate breaks, the same player cannot break every time.

## **TEAM KNOCKOUT**

Matches best of 7 frames, consisting of a 4 man scotch team frame, 2 scotch doubles frames and 4 singles.

Teams may play a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 12 registered players.

Away team to fill out result sheet first, once completed player names and order cannot be altered.

Home Team to break first, alternate breaks thereafter.

Players may not coach or advise the player at the table, except following the break off prior to the 1st visit

players may confer which colour to choose, and players may confer whilst not at the table as per league rule 11.

New player registrations accepted as per current league rules, and subject to players not having been registered or played for another team or expelled from the league. No player transfers from other teams allowed.

## **RESULTS & CLAIMS**

**RESULTS** are the responsibility of the winning players and can be submitted in either of 2 options

1. By text or WhatsApp to 07765 662647, detailing the players names, competition, and final score

2. By email to: [kosecretary@lincolnpool.co.uk](mailto:kosecretary@lincolnpool.co.uk)

For Team Knockout matches please send a clear and legible copy of the result sheet via email or WhatsApp.

**CLAIMS** can be made by the non-offending players stating why the match is being claimed and giving as much supporting facts and evidence as possible i.e. dates and times of contact, when and with whom messages left, no contact made etc. Home players must have supplied 3 dates to be able to claim match.

All results and claims must be received by the closing date and time stated on the Knockout draw sheets.

Failure to submit results or claims before the closing date will result in automatic elimination of both parties.

If both parties claim a match the committee will decide the outcome and may set a date and time on which the match must be played, failure to attend by either party would result in elimination. Players must comply with all the above guidelines when submitting a claim. The committee's decision in all matters is final.

**FINALS OF KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS WILL BE PLAYED AT DESIGNATED VENUES AT COMMITTEE'S DISCRETION**  
**ALL KO COMPETITIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE LEAGUE PRESENTATION EVENING**

**BYES MAY BE FILLED SUBJECT TO LATE ENTRIES & PRINTING ERRORS OR OMISSIONS.**  
**ALL LATE ENTRIES WILL BE DRAWN AWAY & WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTACTING OPPONENTS**

**ANY PLAYERS EXPELLED FROM THE LEAGUE WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM ALL KO COMPETITIONS**