



MDPL Singles League 2017/18

Manningtree and District Pool League (MDPL) is again running a Singles League. This will be run in addition to the existing team, singles, doubles and ladies events.

Rules of Entry

- The Singles League will be limited to players who are currently playing in MDPL
- For the duration of playing in the Singles League, players must play in a minimum of 50% of team matches in a team affiliated to MDPL (under 18's are exempt from this rule)
- Entrance fee of £15 per player to be paid with entry form
- Cash prizes for top 2 players in each division
- 3rd place in each division will receive free entry into the next season
- Only venues currently part of MDPL may be used
- Players who failed to complete 50% or more matches in the previous season may not be allowed entry into the 2017/18 season

How it works

- Matches will consist of eight frames; all frames to be played
- The 'home' player can choose the venue from the venues listed below
- All players will play each other once
- Players should complete **fixtures by the dates shown on the fixture list** (failure to complete fixtures within the required timescale will result in an official warning. If the same player re-offends, they may be removed from the Singles League without refund. However, the Singles League Organiser may give discretion to players unable to complete their fixtures if they have a genuine reason and have given reasonable notice)
- Players may defer a fixture for a month with authorisation from the League Organiser
- Players are responsible for arranging their matches (the league will not chase players to complete their fixtures on time)
- Players must contact the venue in advance to book the table

The Match/Points/Results

- The break will be decided by the toss of a coin, the winner deciding the break
- All following frames will be by alternate break
- All matches will be played under World Rules
- There is no requirement for a referee or timekeeper and none will be provided by the League
- The 'home' player is the first player named in a match
- The 'home' player is responsible for arranging the match and contacting the venue
- The 'home' player is responsible for the cost of the table (unless a free table is provided)
- Scores to be notified to the Singles League Organiser by either player by text, email or phone

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- Signed results sheets to be posted/emailed to Singles League Organiser by the required deadline (the winner is responsible for sending in the results or in the case of a draw, the home player is responsible) Two points will be awarded for a win; one for a draw and one point per frame
- No points will be awarded if result sheet is not received by the League Organiser

Postponement

- In the event of a postponement of a fixture, the player postponing must give a minimum of 48 hours' notice informing the opponent, venue and Singles League Organiser
- If a player has not arrived at the agreed match time, that player shall lose a frame after 15 minutes and a further frame every 10 minutes thereafter. After 1 hour the match will be abandoned and a win awarded to the player in attendance.

General

- All venues will receive a copy of the fixtures
- Fixtures will be published on the MDPL website
- League tables will be published on the MDPL website (if email address is given fixtures and tables will also be sent by email)
- In the event of more than one division, there will be promotion and relegation between the divisions
- The number of players getting promoted/relegated will depend upon entries for the following season
- Players not completing at least 50% of matches in the Singles League by the end of the season may not be allowed to enter the following season
- The Singles League Organiser will arbitrate over any complaints/disputes
- Any appeals following the Singles League Organiser's decision must be made in writing to the MDPL Secretary within six days of the Singles League Organiser's decision
- Exceptions to the rules of entry will be at the sole discretion of MDPL Committee
- MDPL Constitution applies
- Minimum age limit is 16 years' old
- Payment to be made with application by cash or cheque (made payable to Manningtree and District Pool League)
- No refunds will be given
- Division selection will be determined by the previous season's results. No new players will be entered into the first division
- Trophies and prize money will be presented at the MDPL Presentation Night
- No entry to the Champion of Champions will be available via the Singles League

Venues

Only venues with teams currently playing in the Winter League 2017/18 season may be used for the Singles League:

IN ALL CASES, players must ring to book the table in advance of the match

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