

The Ripley & District Skittles League



This letter is to provide information on the League .

Background

The league has been in existence since 1978.

It is open to all pubs and clubs in the local area.

Originally it was stipulated that the pub or club should be situated in a radius of three miles from Ripley Market Place, however this stipulation has been quashed in order to complete a quota of at least thirty-six clubs.

A more recent rule has been to extend the League to try and accommodate every team who is represented at the AGM.

Committee

The League is well run and has a strong committee.

The Committee members are:

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| Chairman | Malc Shinfield | 39 Years Service |
| Vice Chairman | Tristan Dominic | 8 Years service |
| Treasurer | John Edwards | 21 Years Service |
| Match Secretary | Steve Sheldon | 33 Years Service |
| League Secretary | Paula Flinders | 7 Years Service |

Executive Committee Members:

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| Trevor Collett | 16 Years service |
| Dave Evans | 9 Years Service |

Meetings

Meetings are held monthly with a 7.15pm start. Attendance is mandatory and there is a fine for non-attendance.

League Fees are payable at each monthly meeting as specified on the fixture sheet.

Competition fees are also payable at the appropriate time.

Cup and Competition draws are made at these meetings and any other business discussed – representatives who attend meetings then have the responsibility to feedback to their team.

Competitions

The following competitions are run each year:

League Championship – Three Divisions of approximately 10/14 teams. (Each team plays each opponent from their division both home and away) – played Tuesdays.

Knockout Cup Competition – Played by all League Teams – played Mondays.

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Sunday Cup – Played by all Teams who wish to take part - who did not win Honours in the Divisions or the Knockout Cup Competition. This includes all clubs new to the League this Season – Played Sunday lunchtimes, 1pm start.

Singles Competition – Anyone signed on from any team in the league can enter - played Mondays

Pairs Competition - Anyone signed on from any team in the league can enter - played Mondays

Five A Side Competition – Any team in the league can enter as many 5 A Side Teams as they wish – played Mondays

Captains, Landlords and Ladies Cups – Played after a league meeting on Thursdays.

Champion of Champions – A Three way Competition at the end of the season, where all three Divisional Champions play off.

The top two from both Division One and Division Two will be promoted to the next division up. They will replace the bottom two in the Premier and Division one respectively.

However, should there be a need for more teams to be promoted as a result of teams leaving the league or where a restructuring of the Divisions is required, then the Committees' decision will be final as to which teams participate in which Division.

Costs

There is a one off Registration payment at the start of each new season – (which you will have already paid) – this gets you entry into the league for each season. Current charges are £25.00 for new clubs and £20.00 for existing clubs.

The match fees for participating in the League are approximately £88 per year but may be adjusted each year depending on the number of teams in the league. These fees will be payable in 4 equal payments at the first 4 meetings after the start of the season. One off adjustments may be made to these fees at the discretion of the Committee in the event of any excess funds available at the start of the season.

Entry in to each of the Singles, Pairs and Five a sides is 50p per player. There is no restriction on the number of players you may wish to enter.

The dates when the payments are due are clearly noted on the Fixture Sheet which is enclosed in the envelope with this letter.

Documentation and rules

All clubs will be provided with appropriate documentation including a Master Fixture/Information sheet

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The fixture sheet will contain the following information:

The Fixture Schedule for each division

The Competition Schedules

The Meeting Schedule – with payments and reminders for what you need to bring to each meeting.

Contact Details for the Committee.

Contact Details for all teams in the league.

You will also have received a copy of the Rules. Please read through these carefully. If you are unsure of any point or Rules contact any member of the Committee who will clarify these for you.

Please note particularly the rule relating to the submission of the completed result sheets and Signing on Sheets and who is responsible for submitting them to the Match Secretary. A fine will be payable for any late Sheet submission.

All results and league tables appear in the local press and on the website www.ripleyskittles.org.uk

It is a condition of entry to the League that you have a suitable alley and equipment. This will be checked prior to the start of the season.

Prizes

Cash prizes are provided for winners and runners up of most competitions (except Champion of Champions).

There are also prizes for the top individual score in both three and nine balls for the Season and also sporting awards for each division.

Presentation

The league holds an end of season presentation and social night in October/November for the presentation of awards. Any team winning an award must be represented at this Presentation otherwise the award and any cash payable will be held by the committee until the next AGM

Overall it is a friendly League and we try and work together as much as possible for the good of all Teams in the league. Should you encounter any problems during the season the Committee members are available to assist you in resolving any issue that may arise.

We hope you have a long and enjoyable membership of the league.

THE COMMITTEE