

NYC Snooker Association LLC

2019-2020 Thursday Night League

Information, Rules & Entry Details



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1. League Details

1.1 The league will commence at 8pm Thursday September 5th 2019. Matches will be held at 8 pm every following Thursday for 26 weeks, home and away at four separate venues, skipping the weeks of October 31st 2019, November 28th 2019, and December 26th 2019. The final week of play will be March 19th 2020, with a Trophy and Prize Presentation Banquet on April 2nd 2020 at 8 pm at New City Billiards & Cafe.

1.2 Participating Venues, Number of Tables and Subway stop in brackets

Prince Snooker Club (6)

6322 20th Ave, Bensonhurst Brooklyn NY (N – 20 Ave)

New City Billiards & Cafe (4)

4312 50th Street, Woodside Queens NY (7 – 52 St-Lincoln Ave)

Carom Café (3)

34-02 Lindon Place, Flushing Queens NY (7 – Flushing Main St)

City Snooker (2)

7532 Broadway, Elmhurst Queens (EFMR7 – Jackson Hts-Roosevelt Ave)

2. Conditions of Entry

2.1 Entrants of the League must:

2.1.1 not currently or previously have been in possession of a World Snooker Tour Card (e.g. professional player).

2.1.2 be a minimum of 18 years of age at the start date of the season.

2.2 Entrants must pay 10\$ cash per week in league dues, to be placed in an envelope with weekly scoresheet, and hand delivered to the venue cashier.

2.3 Once dues have been received, not under any circumstance will they be refundable.

2.4 If there is any contention in respect to any interpretation of the Rules contained in this document, a player must respect the final decision of the League President

3. Method of Entry

3.1 All players wishing to participate in the 2019-2020 NYC Snooker Association Thursday night league must have their name, phone number, and high break listed on the official entry sign-up sheet available at their home venue.

3.2 Closing date for entries is August 15th 2019.

3.3 To ensure the integrity of competition, each player must present a photo ID matching their sign-up details to their home venue at time of sign-up, and have it available upon request during each match played.

3.4 All weekly League dues must be paid in cash, no other form of payment will be accepted.

3.5 All players will split any greens fees/table time as charged by the venue in question, not to exceed \$18.00 an hour per table.

4. League Format

4.1 The league will be played using a round robin format in which each player will play a best of 5 match against all other players in their group, once away and once at home.

4.2 Two groups of no more than 20 players each will be formed based on the high break provided at time of sign-up.

4.2.1 Group A - highest 20 breaks listed at sign-up.

4.2.2 Group B - lowest 20 breaks listed at sign-up.

4.3 At the completion of the season, the bottom four players from group A will be relegated to Group B, and the top 4 players from group B will advance to group A for the following season.

4.4 In the event that any advancing player withdraws from the league for the following season the next ranked player will be invited to advance, continuing down the rankings until the invitation is accepted.

4.5 In the event that any relegated player withdraws from the league for the following season no additional players will be relegated to Group B.

4.6 Any player wishing to join the league for any following seasons, must play through Group B in their initial season.

4.7 The order of merit for rankings will be as follows:

4.7.1 Frames won

4.7.2 Overall frame differential

4.7.3 Frame differential between players

4.7.4 High Break

4.8 Champion Club will be determined by the aggregate of the top three home players of each club

5. Prize Payout Algorithm

5.1 Of all league dues collected there will be a 5% administrative fee applied to cover expenses, e.g. paper, envelopes, trophies, banquet and banking fees

5.2 If a Corporate sponsor is acquired by the League, rule 5.1 will be revoked

5.3 The formula for determining prize money awarded at banquet will be as follows:

N=Number of Frames played by Group

P=Number of Frames won by Player

D=Dues Collected for Group

X=Payout

$$.95(D)(P/N)=X$$

An example of estimated prize money for a dominating first place player, using an estimated 4 frames played on average per match group wide:

$$.95(\$7600)(114/1440)=\$571.54$$

6. League Rules

6.1 The NYC Snooker Association President will be solely responsible for the management of the league, and will do so at their discretion in accordance to these rules. All players must respect the final decision of the league president. The league president will also compile the match schedule one week prior to the start of the league season, which all players must observe.

7. Player Match Attendance

7.1 Players are strongly advised to ensure that should they wish to enter the league, they make themselves available for the whole duration of the season.

7.2 All players are expected to be in attendance and ready to play at 8 pm (20:00) for each of their scheduled matches. Play may begin early if both players are present.

7.3 At the discretion of the League president, if any matches must be rescheduled, the players must inform the League President no less than 48 hours prior to the match, emergency situations will be taken into account.

7.4 The home player shall have the honor of the first break-off and the break-off shall alternate for all following frames

7.5 Start of play is 8 pm (20:00)

7.6 The home venue cashier will allocate and determine which table shall be made available for each match

7.7 If a player is not in attendance at start of play, precisely 8 pm (20:00), that player will forfeit one frame.

7.8 If a player is not in attendance after precisely 30 minutes from the start of play, that player will forfeit two frames.

7.9 If a player is still not in attendance after precisely 50 minutes from the start of play, that player will forfeit the match. The player present will be awarded the score of 3-0 and will only be responsible for paying their own \$10.00 in league dues.

7.10 Three forfeits for a player over the course of the season will result in the player being removed from the league.

7.11 For any player removed from the league via forfeit or voluntary withdrawal, their prize payout may still be collected at the end of season banquet.

7.12 Comfort Breaks, e.g. restroom, should be granted for any player at any time if requested during their turn of play.

7.13 Intervals, e.g. smoking or extended breaks between frames, will be limited to once after the third frame played, not to exceed 15 minutes, and players shall not smoke in the vicinity of the match table.

8. Withdrawal of Entry and Player

8.1 Please inform the NYC Snooker Association as soon as possible should you wish for any reason to withdraw your entry to the league. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary procedure of suspension to enter future leagues.

8.2 Should the withdrawal of a player happen during the course of the season, their league dues will not be returned, and said player will not be able to collect any prize payouts until the end of season banquet.

9. Snooker Rules

9.1 The official snooker rules as defined by the World Professional Billiards & Snooker Association (WPBSA) and the International Billiards & Snooker Federation (ISBF) will be upheld [also see Rule 10.1.2], with the following League condition enforced:

9.1.1 Once all of the red balls have been pocketed and just the colored balls remain on the table, if a player on their next visit to the table then requires **three** or more snookers to the value of the “ball on”, that player will then be obligated to concede the frame or their opponent will be permitted to verbally claim the frame at the end of the losing player’s visit to the table.

9.2 A copy of the official rules can be downloaded from the WPBSA website at www.wpbsa.com.

10. Referee Absence

10.1 There will be no referee provided for any matches. In lieu of a referee the following will apply:

10.1.1 The non-striking player must spot the pocketed colored balls for their opponent, and keep an audible running total of the break compiled.

10.1.2 When snookers are not required by a player, failing to escape from a full-ball snookered position will not be called a compulsory “foul and a miss”. However; in the spirit of the game, a player must to the best of their ability endeavor to hit the ball-on. Failing to make contact with a ball-on in a non-snookered position (player can see full face of ball-on) must automatically be called a “foul and a miss”, and the non-offending player will have the option of having the balls replaced in their original positions with the agreement of both players.

10.2 In the event of a contentious situation in which a ruling cannot be agreed upon by the two players, contact the NYC Snooker Association President for an official ruling which must be accepted by both players.

10.3 Loud debate, aggressive arguments, or ungentlemanly conduct by league members will not be tolerated during any match, at any venue. All violations to this policy should be immediately reported to the league president.

11. Score Sheets/Weekly Dues

11.1 Players are required to complete a score sheet for each match played. The players are required to **sign** and return the completed scoresheet in a sealed envelope with league dues of **\$10.00** from each player to the venue cashier. Scoresheets and envelopes will be provided by the association and be made available at each venue.

12. Dress Code

12.1 During matches players are expected to dress in a respectable manner, wearing no clothing with offensive images or language.

12.2 If a player's match is designated as a TV match, 'TV' will be listed on the schedule next to the match, the players will be expected to wear ankle length pants or jeans, closed toe shoes, and a collared shirt.

13. Practice

13.1 Each player will be permitted 5 min of warm up on the table played. This time will be included with any greens fees/table time charged by the venue, and order of practice shall be determined by the home player.

14. Publicity

14.1 If required, the players must be available for interviews and photographs in the interest of publicizing the league.

14.2. Some matches may be streamed on the internet or video recorded for public broadcast, by participating, players acknowledge their consent to have their match live streamed, recorded, and/or available for public broadcast.