



Kent Bar Billiards Association



KENT
BAR BILLIARDS
ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION & RULES

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CONSTITUTION

1.The Association shall be called 'The Kent Bar Billiards Association'.

2.The aims of the Association are to promote Kent Bar Billiards in general and Inter-league matches in particular.

The Association shall organize Inter-league competitions as follows; 'A' Inter-league, 'B' Inter-league & Ladies Inter-league. The above competitions to be played in the period January to May. In addition knockout competitions shall be run for individuals, juniors & teams. The committee will also organize an Inter-Area 5-a-side competition.

3.The Officers of the Association will be as follows:

Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary & Assistant Secretary.

These officers will be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Retiring Officers will be permitted to stand for re-election.

All Officers are entitled to one vote each at Committee meetings, with the exception of the President and Chairman. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

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(A)-In addition to the above Officers, the Committee will consist of up to five members from each affiliated league, but only two (AGM 2003) members will be allowed to vote.

-These committee members will not be elected at the A.G.M. but will be nominated by their respective league committees, at a date not later than the first Kent Committee meeting following the A.G.M. Notification to be in writing to the Kent Secretary.

Should any league representative be unable to continue to fulfil the year's commitments, a replacement may be nominated in writing by the affiliated league Secretary to the K.B.B.A. Secretary.

(B)-At the first Committee meeting after each A.G.M. all members of the committee will be issued with a current copy of the Association's Rules, including any amendments from the previous A.G.M.

5. No person will be allowed to hold more than one post within the Association, e.g. Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, **EXCEPT** as in Rule 7.

6. With the exception of the Secretary all posts are honorary. The Secretary will

receive an honorarium for the last year, to be decided at each A.G.M.

7. In the event of there not being an elected Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman then Kent would go forward as a co-operative between the leagues secretaries or their representatives and the remaining officers of the committee after the **A.G.M.**

8. The Kent B.B.A. will have a president who shall hold the position for life or until voluntary retirement.

Vice-presidents will be accepted from Officers and affiliated League members, and non-members in recognition of a minimum donation of £2.50 annually, or donation of trophies to the Association. The posts of President and Vice-President are honorary and do not carry compulsory committee responsibility. Life Vice-Presidents may be nominated at Annual General Meetings. The President & Life Vice-Presidents may not vote at committee meetings unless entitled to do so in another capacity.

Current Life Vice-Presidents are:

- 1976 A.G.M. A. Benstead & R. Pratt
- 1977 A.G.M. H. Wood (deceased) & S. Pratt
- 1979 A.G.M. R. Irven & P. Bailey
- 1981 A.G.M. T. Bourner & H. Foster
- 1982 A.G.M. B. Hoyle
- 1983 A.G.M. A. Patterson
- 1985 A.G.M. J. Mills
- 1986 A.G.M. P. Wright
- 1989 A.G.M. B. Newman (deceased) & J. Keen
- 1994 A.G.M. J. Macoy
- 1996 A.G.M. A. Keen
- 1997 A.G.M. C. & G. Saville, L. & A. Green, P. Mercer.
- 1998 A.G.M. K. Foster.
- 1999 A.G.M. V. Wright
- 2000 A.G.M. B. Stevens

9. A quorum shall consist of either one third of the full committee or representation of at least 50% of the affiliated leagues of the association.

10. An Extraordinary General Meeting may only be called if the following procedure is observed:

Their committees must have instructed the secretaries of two or more Affiliated

Leagues that an Extraordinary General Meeting is necessary. They must then notify the Kent B.B.A. Secretary in writing. The Kent B.B.A. Secretary will then raise the matter at the next meeting of the Kent Committee, who will then decide on a date and venue for the Extraordinary General Meeting, which must be held within 28 days of said Committee Meeting. All League Secretaries will then be advised of the date and venue, and requested to instruct their League members accordingly.

11. Disputes and disagreements.

Complaints on all matters under the direct control of the Kent B.B.A. must be made in writing to the Kent B.B.A. Secretary within seven days of the incident concerned. Postmark will be recognized as within seven days. All other complaints must be placed before the members league committee who, if they think necessary, will instruct their league secretary to raise the matter at the next Kent B.B.A. Committee Meeting. In all cases the decision of the Kent B.B.A. Committee will be final and absolute.

12. Annual General Meetings will be held prior to the All England B.B.A. Annual general meeting, and not later than 30th September.

13. The venue for the Kent Annual General Meeting and committee meetings of the Association will be as central as possible to all the Affiliated Leagues, and will be determined by the Kent B.B.A. Committee.

14. Leagues wishing to become members of the Kent Bar Billiards Association must apply in writing to the Kent B.B.A. Secretary at least 28 days prior to the Kent B.B.A. Annual General Meeting. In the event that they are accepted they will receive full voting rights immediately.

15. Affiliation to the Kent Bar Billiards Association is free for all properly constituted Bar Billiard Leagues in Kent (AGM 2004).

16. Entries to the Knockout Competitions must be accompanied by the appropriate fees, and must be received by the Kent B.B.A. Secretary by the circulated closing date. Failure to receive fees will exclude such entries from the competitions.

17. Proposals affecting the rules & constitution of the Kent B.B.A. must be made in writing to the Kent B.B.A. secretary to arrive not less than 14 days prior to the A.G.M. Proposals will not be accepted from the floor at the A.G.M. The Kent B.B.A. secretary is to notify all League secretaries six weeks in advance of the date of the Annual General Meeting.

18. Voting at the Annual General Meeting will be on a card basis as follows:

Each affiliated League will be entitled to a maximum of 3 votes. Officers will not have a separate vote (AGM 2003). A maximum of three minutes will be allowed following each proposal to enable discussion by members of a league, to decide how they wish to vote.

The Chairman will have a casting vote if necessary.

19. In the event of an Extraordinary General Meeting Rules 9 and 17 apply.

20. At each A.G.M. the association will determine if it will affiliate to the Southern Counties B.B.A. and the All England B.B.A.

21. The Kent Bar Billiards Association will be financially responsible for all county competitions and functions.

22. Selection of County Representative Teams.

All bar two players from each of the Open and Ladies sided will be selected from the best placed players in the Interleague statistics. The remaining two players will be selected from League recommendations by vote at the KBBA committee meeting.

23. The committee shall have the power to make any decision they deem advisable to provide for any contingency that may arise.

COMPETITION RULES

24. The competitions are open to players/teams from leagues affiliated to the Kent Association.

25. All County competitions will be played to All England Bar Billiard Association playing rules. Formulation of the team event will be as directed by the All England B.B.A. Committee, but the singles events will be as determined by the Kent B.B.A. Committee.

26. Competition winners will represent Kent in any related All England or Southern Counties competitions.

27. At the start of each season, each affiliated league shall nominate tables, which they consider suitable for county matches. These tables will be the only tables used for county competitions during that season.

28. Games will be drawn to be played on one of the nominated tables, other than the tables, which are in the participant's own league.

The selection of tables will be restricted to those, which are most conveniently located to the participants. If a participant plays in more than one league, then all those leagues will be excluded.

29. Draw sheets from the county secretary will be forwarded for successive rounds to affiliated league secretaries & entrants.

30. Matches must be played by the stated date or earlier by mutual agreement. The County Secretary will book the table for the stipulated date. Failure to play will lead to elimination from the competition, except in very exceptional circumstances.

In the event of unavailability of the drawn table, the K.B.B.A. Secretary may arrange matches on a different table automatically.

The winner must notify the County Secretary of the result within 48 hours of the match being played.

Failure to do so will lead to elimination from the competition.

In the event of matches being cancelled or postponed or arranged on a different table with the permission of the K.B.B.A. Secretary, the landlord of the original venue must be informed.

31. In the event of matches not being played by the closing date, an explanation in writing must be forwarded to the County Secretary by both players/teams.

Failure to comply will result in automatic expulsion from the competition.

Upon receipt of letters of explanation, the Kent committee whose decision will be final will discuss the circumstances.

32. In all rounds the best of five games will decide the winner.

33. No instructions may be given, nor remarks made, which might be of direct assistance to either player whilst games are in progress.

34. Any complaints or disputes must be made in writing, to the Kent secretary, within seven days of the incident concerned.

In the events of any complaints or dispute the decision of the Kent B.B.A. Committee will be final.

35. In the event of a match finishing two and a half games each, the winner will be the team/player with the highest aggregate score.

36. Entry fees for competitions will be as established at a Kent Bar Billiards Association Annual General Meeting.

37. All table monies will be shared between participants.

TEAM KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS

38. Teams will consist of five players.

39. The team drawn first will be designated the 'home' team.

40. For each game the "home" team will provide a competent scorer and the "away" team will provide a checker.

41. A draw will be made on the night of the match to determine the order of play.

The "home" team will break first in the 1st, 3rd and 5th games. The "away" team will break first in the 2nd and 4th games.

42. All games will be break apiece; the balls being respotted after the first player has completed their opening break.

The FIFTH game will be played to the Equal Break Equal Time Rule.

SINGLES KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS

43. Any player discovered to have practiced on the match table after the publication of the draw will be liable for expulsion from the competition. League & Cup matches will not be classified as illegal practice.

44. In the first four games players will take first breaks in alternate games, with the

player named first on the draw sheet taking first break in the first game.

45. The players will toss a coin for the choice of first or second break in the fifth game.

The **FIFTH** game will be played to the Equal Break Equal Time Rule.

INTER-AREA 5-A-SIDE KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

46. Competition to be contested by a maximum of three representatives teams from each affiliated league.

47. Each team to comprise of five players. There is no limit to the number of players that can be registered. No movement of players between teams permitted once the competition has started.

48. No transfer of players between teams is permitted after registration.

49. Each team shall nominate a "home" table, on which it will play all its home matches.

50. No team may play neither more than three players from the "home table pub" nor more than three players from any one-league team in any one match.

51. No team may play neither more than two players from the "home table pub" nor more than two players from any one-league team in a home match.

52. Competition to be on a knockout basis. The draw for earlier rounds to be seeded so that teams from the same league does not play each other before the quarterfinals.

53. All ties will be over two legs, home and away. The first drawn team will play at home first. The winner being decided on most games won, with aggregate score, of all ten games, deciding in the event of the match finishing 5 - 5.

54. Home players to have the opening break in the 1st and 4th legs. Away players to break in legs 2nd, 3rd and 5th legs.

55. Games to be 'chase the break' i.e. no re-spot or equal time rule.

56. A draw to be made on the night of the match for the order of play.
57. The team drawn first will play the first leg at home.
58. The entry fee to be £7.50 per team.
59. If a team has to concede a game because they do not have sufficient players present then besides giving away the game, they shall also give 10,000 points in aggregate score to their opponents.

APPENDIX A

INTERLEAGUE COMPETITIONS

1. Each year Kent will arrange three inter-league competitions; "A", "B" & Ladies.
2. The "A" & "B" inter-leagues competitions to be 8 a side. The ladies to be 6 a side.
3. For the "A" & "B" inter-leagues Kent will provide 10 winners and runners-up trophies and eight of each for the ladies competition.
4. Interleague dates to be set at the discretion of the AGM (AGM2003).
5. Kent shall invite leagues to offer to host the ladies, "A" and 'B' inter-league competitions. In considering offers for the running of the competition, the Kent committee shall consider the probable financial aspects of that venue and the period of time since the proposing league last hosted the competition.
6. Each member league of the Kent association shall be allowed to enter one team into each competition, although with prior permission of the Kent committee, a league shall be allowed a second team IF SUITABLE SCHEDULE IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO THE OTHER TEAMS. If two teams from the same league are entered then the draw must be made to arrange for them to play each other as early as possible.
7. Teams must register their starting players and a maximum of two reserves to the tournament controller by 30 minutes before the scheduled time of the 1st games. The

starting players initial positions will be determined by a Random draw, by the tournament controller, of name cards placed face downwards. Substitutions may be made at any time prior to the start of the next round games.

8. A player that has played in the "A" competition will not be allowed to play in the next "B" competition, except with the prior permission of the Kent committee. Permission will only be granted in exceptional conditions.

9. Each game one shall be awarded one point. The team winning each match shall receive two additional points. In the event of a game or match being drawn then the points will be shared.

10. Final team positions will be established in the following priorities - most points

- most matches won
- most matches drawn
- most points obtained in those matches involving still level teams
- most matches won in those matches involving still level teams
- most matches drawn in those matches involving still level teams
- all points scored in all matches

11. Three tournament referees will be appointed. Their ruling on any dispute on the day will be final.

12. If an event "hosted" by a league makes an overall profit then the profit shall be shared equally between Kent and the hosting league. When a league hosts two events over a weekend, the finances of both events shall be totaled in determining any profit or loss.

14. Before each competition, the tournament controller will draw each competing league, at random, against one table. By 30 minutes prior to the published start time each team shall name one or two persons to the tournament controller. The named people only may then check and alter the selected table in order to make it as reasonable for play as possible. A league may invite people other than from their own league, to be the nominated table setters.

Table setting must be completed 15 minutes prior to the published start time. If a team has not nominated persons, to set the tables, 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time, then the tournament controller shall appoint two people to do so.

15. In each game break shot will be re-spotted for the start of the 2nd players first break. Equal time rules will not apply.
16. If a player plays in more than one league, then they may elect to play for any one of those leagues in any one season. A player may play for a league in which they do not play, only with the permission of their normal league(s). Permission should not be denied if that player has not been invited to play for their normal league.
17. Leagues winning trophies will be responsible for arranging and paying for their engraving and for insuring that the trophies are returned to the Kent Secretary, before the start of the following year's tournament.
18. A player substituted out must miss the forthcoming match.