



## **Singles competition housekeeping rules – Nov '24**

### **1. Player registrations**

- a. Only registered team players can enter
  - i. Players must have played at least ten legs for their team to be eligible for the semi-finals
- b. Entry fee is £5 per player
- c. Each player's default home venue is their team's home location

### **2. Competition format**

- a. Single elimination knockout
- b. Matches are randomly drawn; the first player drawn is the 'home' player
- c. Matches are played at the home player's venue
- d. Under exceptional circumstances both players can mutually agree an alternative venue
- e. Semi-finals and final are played at neutral venues arranged by the committee
- f. Each round will have a 'contact deadline' and 'match deadline'
- g. Players drawn against a bye automatically progress to the next round

### **3. Player contact**

- a. Home players must contact away players by the contact deadline
  - i. If no contact is made, the away player should notify the committee, which may disqualify the home player
- b. Home players must offer three potential match dates, including one weekend day
- c. Away players must confirm a date from the options provided
- d. Matches not completed by the match deadline will result in both players being disqualified unless one forfeits

### **4. Match format**

- a. Matches follow Blackball pool rules
- b. Rounds are best of 7 frames (first to 4)
- c. Semi-finals and final are best of 9 frames (first to 5)
- d. A coin toss or lag decides who breaks first, with alternate breaks thereafter
- e. The breaker racks the balls for each frame
- f. Players must referee their own matches fairly and honestly

### **5. Match results**

- a. Results must be sent to Matt Bumford or Jack Cotton via the NNPL Facebook group, email ([nnpl.singles@gmail.com](mailto:nnpl.singles@gmail.com)), or text
- b. Updates will be posted on the [NNPL website](#) and Facebook group

### **6. Awards/prize money**

- a. Prize money is awarded to both finalists
- b. Prize amounts depend on the number of entrants and will be confirmed during the season