

BRADFORD & DISTRICT  
BILLIARDS & SNOOKER ASSOCIATION



## HEYS TROPHY TEAM SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

### COMPETITION RULES

- This competition is only open to players who are at least 18 years old as of the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015. In the event of a dispute, proof of age will be requested and if a team has broken this rule they will be disqualified from the tournament, their previous opponents reinstated where necessary.
- 8 players should be registered for the squad, with 4 players forming a team. Matches should not be cancelled if reserve players are available. Where less than 8 players are registered for a club and this club cannot play the match on time due to insufficient players, then the Tournament Director will eliminate that club.
- Players are not permitted to play from or at another club, even with the same side, once the entry forms have been received and draws made. In the event that players have a dispute with their own club, then they must either not play for the team, or the team play both legs of any team match at the opposition.
- In the event that the host club closes down midway through the tournament, then the Tournament Director will use common sense and consider the teams request to play at an alternative venue for the remainder of this season, but still carry the original club name.
- Dates for both legs are set by the Tournament Director and must be adhered to, unless opposing Captains make alternative arrangements due to unforeseen circumstances. In either event, the tie should be completed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg date otherwise both teams will be eliminated.
- The captain of the HOME team shall prior to the start of the match make a list of his players on the clubs board and Heys Trophy result Sheet and the captain of the AWAY team shall place his team opposite in any order. It is the HOME team Captains choice of the order of play, with TWO players from either side playing TWO frames in succession against the same opponent.
- The HANDICAP applies for both 8 frame legs separately and is to be recorded on the board and result sheet prior to the match starting. Team handicaps for all clubs will be sent at the start of the competition with first round details
- All players must be present at 8.00pm when matches must commence, but a minimum of 3 in the event of exceptional circumstances.
- If exceptional circumstances exist where a player may be late, the opposing team captain should be notified at the earliest opportunity, but this player must arrive by 9.00pm. No more than 1 player will be allowed to be late.
- If the 9.00pm deadline passes and this player is missing, penalties will be incurred. 25 points will be awarded to the opposing teams score, with 1 frame forfeited at 9.15pm and 147 points awarded to the opposing team. If a player is not present to play his final frame by 9.30pm, then that frame is also forfeited and 147 points awarded to the opposing team.
- If it is deemed that a player is unlikely to make the 9.00pm deadline and a registered reserve is available and present, then the scoreboard can be altered at any time up to 9.00pm. No alterations can be made after 9pm and the above penalties will be enforced.
- If more than 1 player is missing after 8.00pm, then at 8.15pm and for every 15 minutes thereafter up to 9.00pm, 25 points will be awarded to the opposing team.
- To make the competition run smoothly and without dispute, please ensure all competing players are at the club ready to start matches at 8.00pm.
- Where clubs have only 1 table, it is each Captain's responsibility to make suitable arrangements in advance for playing this leg of the match.
- The winners of the match will be decided on the aggregate points over both legs.
- In the event of a TIE at the end of the second leg, the players who completed the last match will call on the toss of a coin for strike. The cue ball will be played from in hand with only the BLACK BALL placed on its spot, the first score deciding the outcome of the match.
- Teams that lose their FIRST match PLAYED in the competition will then take part in the E.ROSSE HOPKINSON PLATE TROPHY tournament, the format being the same as with the Heys Trophy.
- Prizes will be presented to FINALISTS AND SEMI FINALISTS in the HEYS and only FINALISTS in the E.ROSSE HOPKINSON.
- Finals will be played at a neutral venue which will be decided at a later date. Dress code for finals will be smart/casual and referees will be officiating.
- Results sheets are to be completed in full and must be signed by both captains on completion of the match. It is the WINNING CAPTAIN'S responsibility to return them to the Tournament Director as stated on the sheet.
- A prize for the Highest Break may be awarded to the player making this break. This will be at the discretion of the TD.
- If problems arise in arranging matches, the Tournament Director should be contacted.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR FOR THE HEYS TROPHY AND HOPKINSON PLATE**

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