

JIMMY WHITES SPORTS LOUNGE
CURRENT HANDICAP TOURNAMENT RULES
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JWSL need to ensure every member of JWSL is considered and properly catered for, including those not playing in the tournament - so its necessary to introduce some clear rules to ensure both the smooth and timely running of the tournament and the availability of tables for non tournament players. These rules are as follows:

1: Doors will open at 10am. Tournament will start at 11 am. Please ensure you are present AND have paid their entry fee by 11am There will be a player briefing between 10.50 and 11 am.

2: We would ask that any withdrawals from the tournament are done at the very latest by 6pm the night before the tournament by posting in the group that you need to withdraw. The organiser / TD will see that post and will endeavour to fill your spot from reserve list players. Regardless of whether we can fill your spot or not, if you withdraw after 6pm the night before the tournament you will still need to pay your entry fee. This is to ensure the prize money and also in fairness to other players. This prevents the age old problem of people seeing the draw, not fancying who they have and suddenly 'granny' needs to go up to hospital etc. If you miss the deadline and still withdraw after the deadline- we regret you would not be able to enter any future JWSL tournaments until the outstanding fee is paid. We may from time to time vary the time of this deadline. If we do, it will be posted clearly in the JWSL members group what the new deadline time is.

3: Late show penalties will apply. Please do not call the club and / or TD to say you're delayed and ask for extra time. Regardless of whatever the reason for lateness is, no extensions will be given. There will be a grace period of 5 minutes from the start time of the tournament. Once that ends any late shows will be one frame down. After a further 25 minutes so at 11.30 am any players that are still not present, paid and ready to play will be removed from the tournament and their opponent will receive a bye. If this happens the no show will be considered as a late withdrawal and rule 2 above will apply . We reserve the right to use discretion and allow a player more time in extreme circumstances that DO NOT include bad traffic , car breaking down , cant find anywhere to park , failure to read these rules and other reasons that are not an 'extreme' circumstance. We will be the sole judge(s) of what constitutes and extreme circumstances and you may be asked to provide evidence of what you're claiming happened. Please do not be offended by this. We need to ensure fairness to all players that did arrive on time.

4: Entry fees must be paid in cash. We are now unable to take cards for entry into these events as we pay out prize money in cash.

5: Matches in the Prelim round to and including the semi final round will be subject to a maximum time allowed of 1 hour 30 mins per match. The TD{s} will decide when that time is up, based on the round start time and the actual start time of any given match. If your match over runs, a clock of 10 mins will be put on your match. It will not matter what point in the match you are at , even if it's the final frame and only a few balls left, the clock will still go on. When the time runs out, frame scores will be taken into account, and if frame score is level, ie 1-1 then actual scores in final frame will be taken into account. If that is level , all balls will be removed from the table and the game decided on a re-spotted black. This rule is essential to both ensure timely hand back of tables for club use, timely running of the tournament and also this rule protects the loser of the match and puts a cap on the cost of the light they will have to pay. Timing is solely at the discretion of the TD(s) .

6: We aim to provide a friendly, inclusive and enjoyable event for everyone. We would request that your behaviour reflects this. We know it can be very frustrating to miss that 'key ball' or your opponent get a fluke against you etc, but please can we ask that you moderate your behaviour if things like this happen. Obviously we do not wish to have to take any remedial action against players who's conduct is unacceptable but we will act if we have to. This could lead to expulsion from the event, so please be nice, be friendly and just smile when that fluke goes in 😊

7: Practice Policy: You may practice on any club table from 10am to 10.50am before the start of the tournament. All practice tables are charged at the standard table rate for the table selected. There is no half price practice and no special rates for any player regardless of whatever non tournament arrangement they may have with the club. You may also practice in between your matches subject to the following conditions. First, if a non tournament (that is a player who is not in the tournament or who has been knocked out of the tournament) wishes to play on your table or needs a table to play on as all the others are taken. You MUST come off the table within 2 minutes of being asked to do so by JWSL staff. You may not finish the frame and / or practice routine you are on. Secondly once your match is called you will have 5 minutes to stop your practice, pay for it and be present and ready to play your match . You will be docked a frame if you are not ready to play within this time frame. You are therefore strongly advised to check when youre likely to be playing your next match.

8: Once your match has finished please immediately can the winner come and inform the TD(s) of the result. Please do not wait around chatting etc before you do this. It is in the losers interests to get the table switched off as soon as possible. Prelim winners WILL play on the same table in Round 1 proper.

9: The draw will made the day before the event using a random number generator as is normal for many snooker tournaments. We do not and never will manipulate the outcome of a draw. It is totally random (other than Jimmy White will always start in the last 16 if he's playing). The draw will be published online shortly after the cut off deadline has passed. Prize money will be calculated and published on the day of the tournament, once its started. This is normal for most tournaments, as no shows etc affect this calculation.

10: Jimmy White (JW): If JW is playing in the tournament, he will always start in the last 16 and can practice on table two whenever he wishes before and / or after any match he plays. If JW is playing in the tournament Table 2 will not be available for pre tournament practice or for tournament practice for any other player. Remember , if you play JW the table is free if you lose & you're playing JW (and its his club) for £20!

11: By entering any JWSL handicap tournament; you agree to abide by the above rules / conditions in full. Any feedback / comments / concerns relating to these rules must be made in private to either Terry Teeman or Kevin Morris BEFORE you enter the tournament. We will not change any rule mid tournament.

We hope very much that everyone will understand the need for these rules to keep our handicap tournaments fair , friendly , inclusive and respectful not only of players, organisers and JWSL staff but also of all patrons of JWSL and we thank you for your co-operation.