

## JIMMY WHITES SPORTS LOUNGE

### CURRENT HANDICAP TOURNAMENT RULES

**We are delighted that the new JWSL handicap tournaments are proving so popular and successful. We are very keen at JWSL to ensure , as much as we can, that all members have a great experience in these events and we're very grateful for all the feedback we have received from members. As a result of feedback, we have now raised the player cap from 16 to 24. Due to the amount of tables we have available we can not go above 24, but are delighted to be able to go up to 24. Obviously we 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 10.30 am. Please ensure you are present AND have paid your entry fee by 10.25am There will be a player briefing at 10.25 am..
- 2: We would ask that any withdrawals from the tournament are done at the very latest by 8pm 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. If we are not able to full your spot or you withdraw after 8pm the night before the tournament we will have to ask you 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 or we can not fill your spot - we regret you would not be able to enter any future JWSL tournaments until the outstanding fee is paid.
- 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 11am 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.
- 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 quarter 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: Any player still in the tournament may not hire out any general use club tables , or join anyone playing on one. You may only hire tables out / play on non tournament tables once you re out of the tournament. Infraction of this rule will lead to sanctions which could include expulsion from the event, without refund.

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. The draw will not be published online until after the tournament has started but will be available to view at the venue from 10am on the day of the tournament. Prize money will be calculated and published with the draw. Again this is normal for most tournaments, as no shows etc affect this calculation.

10: By entering any JWSL handicap tournament; you agree to abide by the above rules in full.

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.