DORSET SQUASH RACKETBALL LEAGUE RULES 2014

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Version	Date Amended	By who	Changes
1.0	5 August 2009	Ian Chislett-Bruce	Agreed at LMC 1 July 2009 Rule 4 (a) matches played under England Squash & Racketball rules. Rule 4 (b) added in respect of PAR scoring.
2.0	25 August 2010	Ian Chislett-Bruce	Agreed at LMC 14 July 20910 Ruke 4 (l) make of ball not specified Rule 5 (b) rearrange matches
3.0	05 September 2011	Ian Chislett-Bruce	Agreed at LMC 13 July 2011 Rule 4 (n) updating results Rule 10(b) players playing up from lower team in the same division.
4.0	13 August 2012	Ian Chislett-Bruce	Agreed at LMC 11 July 2012-08-13 Delete rule 10 (b) playing uo for team in same division.
5.0	25 September 2012	Ian Chislett-Bruce	As discussed at LMC 11 July 2012 Change to colour ball rule 4(l)
6.0	15 August 2013	Ian Chislett-Bruce	Rules changes as agreed at LMC 24 July 2013. 4(c), 4(l), 4(n) and 5(c)
7.0	09 September 2013	Ian Chislett-Bruce	Clarification to rule 8(b)
8.0	07 September 2014	Ian Chislett-Bruce	Rule 4 (b) Handicapping for new teams in Division 1

Qualification for entry into the League:

1(a) Each Club and Sports Centre must be affiliated to the England Squash and Racketball.

1 (b) All players must be fully paid up members of the Club they represent, as noted in the Dorset Squash constitution.

1 (c) An entry fee, as agreed at the Annual General Meeting, must be sent to the League Co-ordinator. This may be paid in full, and accompany the entry form, to reach the League Co-ordinator by the date stated therein.

1 (d) Entry fees are non refundable.

Teams

2 (a) Clubs may enter as many teams as they like, provided enough court time is available.

2 (b) Any new team entering the Dorset League will be placed in a suitable division at the discretion of the League Co-ordinator.

Players

3(a) Players will be registered for the Team they play their first match for in the season, unless the League Coordinator is notified in writing or by Email prior to the commencement of the match.

3 (b) Teams will play in a registered, fixed, squad order throughout the season.

3(c) Each player playing out of their registered playing order will be deemed to have lost that rubber by 3 games to 0. If a player from both teams is playing out of order in the same rubber, the result between the two players stands.

3 (d) Teams may only change their playing order during the season after notification of the change, in writing or by email, to the League Co-ordinator. If the change is agreed, the League Co-ordinator will notify the team as to when the change can be implemented.

3(e) A player cannot play their first match of the season for their Club in a team's last match of the season.
Penalty - The team will forfeit the rubber of the offending player and all lower rubbers

3 (f) All players who play 2 matches for their Club must be individual members of England Squash and Racketball.

3(g) England Squash and Racketball membership numbers must be supplied by Club Representatives to the League Co-ordinator by 31st March.

3(h) If the England Squash and Racketball membership number has not been supplied for a player, that player will be deemed to have lost every match during the season by 3 games to 0, and the league table adjusted accordingly.

3 (i) Each club will provide a ranking list of ALL the players that they expect to be playing for that clubs teams during the season by the first Monday of the season. This list will be used to monitor the positions of players playing up for higher ranked teams. The list can be amended to during the season by notifying the league co-ordinator as per rule 3(d).

Matches

4 (a) All matches will be played in accordance with England Squash and Racketball rules as published on the website and will be to the best of five games.
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4 (b) Matches will be to best of five games with PAR (Point a rally) scoring to 11 points. If the score is 10-10 a player must win by 2

clear points. This applies to all 5 games.

In order to assist the clubs coming into Division 1 from Division 2 and 3 there will be a handicap of -4 points for West Hants 1 and 2, Police and Bournemouth Squash for all 4 strings. Should the other clubs have a new player in their squad then the question of whether the handicap will apply will be decided by the League Coordinator who will notified of the new player and playing strength prior to them playing.

4(c) All matches must be played by the end of April. One match to be played at home and one away. For Division 1 only matches will be Home and Away each half of the season for 2013-14.

4 (d) Matches will be played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as scheduled by the League Co-ordinator. Other nights may be used if mutually agreed between the two captains.

4(e) A team will consist of 4 players in order of ability in accordance with Rules 3 (a, b and i).

4 (f) A team may not play with less than 3 players.

4(g) A team short of players will forfeit the fourth string.

4(h) Unless previously agreed with their opponents, teams should have three players ready to play by 15 minutes after the start time and all four players ready to play by one hour after the start time.
Penalty - The team will forfeit the rubber of the offending player and all lower rubbers

4 (i) Written team lists must be exchanged by the match start time, as determined in Rule 3 (b).

4 (j) The Home team are responsible for marking all matches in accordance with the current England Squash and Racketball rules. Dorset Squash recommend that each team should include a qualified referee.

4(k) Any differences should be amicably settled between the Team Captains at the time if possible. If this cannot be achieved, both Team Captains should Email, or write, to the League Co-ordinator, within one week of the date of the match, whose decision is final.

4 (l) A black ball will be used for all Division 1 matches. ES&R approve Price, Dunlop and Technifibre make of ball but Dorset Squash will recognise any make. However clubs are requested to consider purchasing 'Price' balls when replenishing stock. A blue ball will be used for all other Divisions unless both captains agree otherwise.

4(m) The home team is responsible for providing sufficient court time for all rubbers. If there is insufficient time to complete a match, the home team will concede all unfinished rubbers, unless the delay is due to the late arrival of the away team, when both team captains should email, or write, giving details to the League Co-ordinator within one week of the date of the match.

4 (n) Match results must be entered on the Dorset Squash web site within 7 days of the fixture. It is the home teams responsibility to enter the result. It is the away teams responsibility to check that the result has been entered correctly.

Penalty- 5 points will be deducted from the Home Team unless the League Coordinator has been advised that there will be a delay.

4 (o) Match cards should still be completed and held by the home team for reference in case of disputes. (It is recommended that the Away team also keep a record in case of dispute. *(Note: It has been suggested that a smart phone could be used to record the score).*

Fixtures

5(a) The fixture list will be devised by the League Co-ordinator and be posted on the Dorset Squash website.

5(b) There will be two opportunities to re-arrange matches without penalty:

1. After the fixtures are issued until the start of the season.
2. During the Christmas break. Revised dates should be given to the league coordinator before the start of the season and before the start of the second half of the season respectively.

Under exceptional circumstances, e.g. extreme weather or courts unavailable, matches may be re-arranged without penalty (see Rule 5c.) The league coordinator should be notified immediately if this is the case.

5(c) If during the season a team wishes to rearrange a match then this can be permitted subject to the following conditions:

i) Both team captains agree to a change
ii) At least 7 days notice must be given to the other team
iii) 5 points will be deducted from the team requesting the change

Out of pocket expenses incurred as a result of the change will be reimbursed by Dorset Squash & Racketball committee and reclaimed from the club postponing the fixture. Details of the expenses should be sent to the League Coordinator.

5(d) Teams failing to complete their fixtures will either have all match scores voided or a walkover given at the discretion of the League Co-ordinator.

Points System

6 Teams will gain one League Point per game won plus 5 bonus League Points for winning the most rubbers in a match.

League positions, Promotion and Relegation

7(a) Teams will be ranked in order as follows:
- Highest number or points
- Highest number of matches won
- Tied teams will be ranked by matches against each other by rubbers won, then games won and then points won

7 (b) The top team in each division will automatically be promoted and the bottom team relegated in each division except for the top team in the top division and the bottom team the bottom division.

7(c) The teams finishing in second place and second from bottom will be promoted/relegated at the discretion of the League Co-ordinator.

7 (d) The League Co-ordinator may adjust the league to compensate for teams joining and leaving the league and teams that are obviously in the wrong division the previous season.

Playing for higher Teams

8 (a) No player shall play in a lower team than they are registered for.
Penalty - The team will forfeit the rubber of the offending player and all lower rubbers

8 (b) Players may play for a higher team than the one they are registered for 5 times, this includes Cup matches as well as league matches. On the 6th time that they play for a higher team they will automatically be *re*-registered for *that team and will not be able to play for any other team during the season.*

8 (c) If, in the League Co-ordinator's opinion, the player playing for a higher team is obviously playing in the wrong position in the higher team, ie they win and every other player loses or vice versa the following penalty will be applied.
Penalty - The team will forfeit the rubber of the offending player and all lower rubbers

Re-Registration of Players

9 (a) No player may be registered for two different clubs in the same season.

9 (b) If a player would like to change club, they should Email, or write, to the League Co-ordinator, who will advise whether the re registration will be allowed.

9 (c) In the event of a significant change in playing strength, a player may be either re registered for a lower team or change their team playing order. Requests should be made to the League Co-ordinator, who will advise whether the re registration will be allowed.

9 (d) Changes in registration will, **if agreed by the League Co-**

ordinator, be effective from the 1st of the month following one month from the request. For example if a request were received, and agreed, by the League Co-ordinator in October, the registration would be valid from 1st December.

9 (e) Players from a team withdrawing from the league will not be eligible to play for a lower team.
Penalty - The team will forfeit the rubber of the offending player and all lower rubbers

Clubs with more than one Team in the same Division

10(a) No club shall have more than three teams in any division.

10 (b) If more than one team from one club is in the division, there can be no interchanging of players within the teams, except in the lowest division where players from the lower designated team may play for the higher team.
Penalty - The team will forfeit the rubber of the offending player and all lower rubbers

10 (c) Clubs may split the strength of its teams if they wish.

10 (d) Players playing up from a lower division may only play for one of the teams.
Penalty - The team will forfeit the rubber of the offending player and all lower rubbers

10(e) Matches between clubs with two teams in the same division must be played at the start of each half of the season. If a Club has three teams in the same division, the fixtures of the third team will not be affected by this rule. If the match is postponed, it must be replayed within one calendar month of the date of the original fixture.

Penalty - The offending team(s) will be penalised 10 League Points

10 (f) Players from a team withdrawing from the league will not be eligible to play for the other team in that division.
Penalty - The team will forfeit the rubber of the offending player and all lower rubbers

Miscellaneous

11(a) The home team is expected to provide suitable refreshments after the match, unless otherwise agreed prior to the match.

11 (b) The league rules will be maintained by the League Coordinator.

Penalties, Disputes and Disciplinary Matters

12(a) Disputes should be sent, by Email, or in writing, to the League Co-ordinator.

12(b) Matters of discipline should be sent, by Email, or in writing, to the League Co-ordinator.

12 (c) The League Co-ordinator will rule on any disputes or issues. If the ruling is contested an appeal can be lodged with the Dorset Squash Committee whose decision will be final.

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