

# **Bristol Northwest Skittles League - 2022 AGM notes**

We once again welcomed the return of our AGM following last year's postponement because of Covid restrictions. A full agenda was presented with two important votes also taking place.

**Vote 1** - It was unanimously agreed by all teams that the playing format for the 2022/23 season would remain at 10 a side.

**Vote 2** - It was also unanimously agreed that the 2022/23 season would see the return of the Front Pin First Cup, All In Cup, Champions of Champions & Hedley Varcoe competition, however the Fours, Singles & Pairs would remain in suspension because the resources to run these were not available.

## **League Structure & Fixture Plan -2022/23 season**

The information provided by teams when they returned their completed 2022/23 Team Registration forms allowed us to plan for the new season accordingly....

- 59 teams have said they will register for the 2022/23 season.
- Prem & Divisions 1, 2 & 3 will therefore contain 12 teams.
- Division 4 will have 11 teams.
- Additional Open Nights are added so that each division numbers 14.
- Prem & Divisions 1 & 2 remain as Front Pin First.....Divisions 3 & 4 stay as All In.
- The league season will start week comm Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 & conclude week comm Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**Note:- league games must be completed end of week comm 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Weeks comm 1<sup>st</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 are reserved for the closing stages of Cups & Competitions.

## **Rules – some gentle reminders**

**Player Registrations** – please ensure that all players are registered. The playing of unregistered players will incur a fine & possible points deduction. Additional players can always be registered by contacting the league fixture secretary or any member of the league committee.

**Scoresheets** – the submission of the scoresheet is the responsibility of the Home Team. It must be in the hands of the fixture secretary within 7 days latest – or preferably as soon as possible after your game. Persistent late submissions will incur a fine, subsequent repeat offences will also incur a points deduction.

**Cancelled games - Home or Away** – the team responsible for cancelling the game must inform the league secretary or fixture secretary – in writing – immediately. They must also inform the opposition at least 72 hours beforehand. Failure to do so will incur a fine for each offence.

**Cancelling a game** – is only permitted if it's a Bank Holiday – unless agreed by both teams, Serious Inclement Weather or Double Booking of the alley. Please get in touch with a member of the league committee if the game is to be cancelled for any other reason.

**Postponed Games** – must be played within two weeks of the closure of the fixture programme.

**Player Shortages** – are not a valid reason for cancelling or postponing a game – it must be played.

**Forfeit the game/points for a match** – is not allowed under any circumstances.

Last season, several teams broke one or many of the above rules – hence the reason why we ended the season with some incomplete fixtures & adjusted league positions.

Please abide by the rules & don't incur a possible fine/points deduction against your team!

Bristol Northwest League Committee