



## MDPL Singles League 2023

Manningtree and District Pool League (MDPL) is again running a Singles League. This will be run in addition to the existing team, singles, doubles and scotch doubles events.

### Rules of Entry

- The Singles League will be limited to players who are currently playing in MDPL
- Entrance fee of £15 per player to be paid with entry form
- Cash prizes for top 2 players in each division
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each division will receive free entry into the next season
- Only venues currently part of MDPL may be used

### How it works

- Matches will consist of eight frames; all frames to be played
- The 'home' player can choose the venue (see 'Venues' below)
- All players will play each other once
- Players should complete **fixtures by the dates shown on the fixture list** (failure to complete fixtures within the required timescale will result in an official warning. If the same player re-offends, they may be removed from the Singles League without refund. However, the Singles League Organiser may give discretion to players unable to complete their fixtures if they have a genuine reason and have given reasonable notice)
- Players may defer a fixture for a month with authorisation from the League Organiser
- Players are responsible for arranging their matches (the league organiser is not obliged to chase players to complete their fixtures on time)
- Players must contact the venue in advance to book the table

### The Match/Points/Results

- The break will be decided by the toss of a coin, the winner deciding the break
- All following frames will be by alternate break
- All matches will be played under World Rules
- There is no requirement for a referee or timekeeper and none will be provided by the League
- The 'home' player is the first player named in a match
- The 'home' player is responsible for arranging the match and contacting the venue
- The 'home' player is responsible for the cost of the table (unless a free table is provided)
- Scores to be notified to the Singles League Organiser by either player by text, email or WhatsApp.
- Signed results sheets to be sent to the Singles League Organiser (via post, email, text, WhatsApp) by the required deadline (the winner is responsible for sending in the results or in the case of a draw, the home player is responsible). Two points will be awarded for a win; one for a draw and one point per frame
- No points will be awarded if result sheet is not received by the League Organiser

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### Postponement

- In the event of a postponement of a fixture, the player postponing must give a minimum of 48 hours' notice informing the opponent, venue and Singles League Organiser
- If a player has not arrived at the agreed match time, that player shall lose a frame after 15 minutes and a further frame every 10 minutes thereafter. After 1 hour the match will be abandoned and a win awarded to the player in attendance.

### General

- Fixtures will be published on the MDPL website
- League tables will be published on the MDPL website (if email address is given fixtures and tables will also be sent by email)
- In the event of more than one division, there will be promotion and relegation between the divisions
- The number of players getting promoted/relegated will depend upon entries for the following season
- Players not completing at least 50% of matches in the Singles League by the end of the season may not be allowed to enter the following season
- The Singles League Organiser will arbitrate over any complaints/disputes
- Any appeals following the Singles League Organiser's decision must be made in writing to the MDPL Secretary within six days of the Singles League Organiser's decision
- Exceptions to the rules of entry will be at the sole discretion of MDPL Committee
- MDPL Constitution applies
- Minimum age limit is 16 years' old
- Payment to be made with application by cash or cheque (made payable to Manningtree and District Pool League)
- No refunds will be given
- Division selection will be determined by the previous season's results. No new players will be entered into the first division
- Trophies and prize money will only be presented at the MDPL Presentation Night. The Committee reserves the right not to pay out prize money if recipient is not in attendance at the Presentation Night.

### Venues

Only venues with teams currently playing in the Winter League 2023 season may be used for the Singles League:- Cattawade Crown, Brantham Leisure Centre, United Services Club (East Bergholt), The Grange, Mistley Rugby Club

**IN ALL CASES, players must contact the venue to book the table in advance of the match**

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Friday 17 February 2023**

**Singles League Organiser: Valerie Adams – singles@mdpl.org.uk**

18 January 2023