

**RULES**  
**THURSDAY PAIRS PETANQUE LEAGUE**  
**Amended 31/01/2019**

1. The League shall be known as The Thursday Pairs League
2. Matches shall be played on Thursday Evenings throughout the summer, and should commence at 7.45pm. Team captains are allowed to adjust the start time mutual consent.
3. A team shall consist of 4 players with no substitutes allowed during a match except in extenuating circumstances and if both captains agree
4. (a) Players shall be tied to one team once they have played 3 games for that team.  
(b) Players may only play for one Team in the K.O. Cup  
(c) Transfer between clubs can take place during the season with approval of the committee. Transferred players cannot take place in subsequent cup matches.
5. (a) A match consists of 4 games of pairs; each played "the first to 13" with each pair playing the opposition's two pairs during the evening.  
(b) The League is a Pairs League; therefore, a pair will not be allowed to play with a player short.  
(c) The K.O. Cup is played as the best of 5 games. If the 5<sup>th</sup> game is needed, any 2 of the 4 team players involved can play the final game. The 5th game is to be played first to 7 points.  
(d) The away team in any match can decide whether to move between the 2 designated playing areas, or not, after the first game.
6. Any teams/pair unable to commence playing their first game by 8.00pm shall deduct 2 points at that stage, and then 2 points for every 10 minutes further delay until 8.30pm. At this stage, the first game(s) will have been deemed over, and the waiting team awarded the game(s) 13-4. If a first game has been conceded/awarded for default, the second game should commence by 8.45pm (except if the opposition pair is still playing first game). If by 9.00pm the defaulting team/pair has still not arrived, the second game shall be awarded to the waiting side 13-0.
7. Matches may be re-arranged by mutual consent provided the team requesting the rearrangement gives at least 48 hours' notice to its opposition and that the re-arranged fixture is played within 2 weeks of the original fixture date. The committee must be kept informed of all deviations from the published fixture list via the website.

If a new date cannot be found, the team unable to make the original date concede the 4 games with scores of 13-4, 13-4, 13-0 and 13-0.

All rearranged matches must complete by the scheduled end of the season.

8. **For Cup matches** - Quarter final, semi-final and final matches cannot be rearranged. The committee shall select a neutral venue for the semi-final and final matches. The team winning a toss shall choose to be the home or away team.
9. In the event of a team being unable or unwilling to complete a started match, the defaulting team shall score as many points as they have already accumulated in completed ends and the opposition will get 13. If the first game is not completed then the second game shall be scored 13-0 to the non-defaulting team. In the event of a started match not being completed for any other reason, the outcome will be determined by the committee.
10. No match can be claimed without the committee's approval.
11. Results must be entered on the website or posted to the League Organisers by the Sunday following the match (result sheets may be downloaded from the website).
12. Disputes between clubs are to be referred to the committee. The decision of the committee is final.
13. Code of conduct: This is a friendly league. All players should respect the rights, dignity and worth of all the other players and spectators at all Thursday League events. Never engage in or condone inappropriate or abusive language or gestures, discrimination, bullying, harassment, intimidation or violence. The committee may sanction players found to have behaved inappropriately.