



HSS Snooker Competition / Secretary's AGM Report for 2019 event

Good evening gents, it is once again my pleasure to review the 2019 competition ahead of this year's event commencing shortly. My comments will also relate to the forthcoming competition for the year ahead. I have personally enjoyed the past year more than usual for reasons you would all be aware of, namely of course CH RSL taking the rare double !!

By way of general overall comment, I please ask all team captains to consider the responsibilities of the Committee honorary office holders and to co-operate as much as possible to facilitate the discharge of our responsibilities. I thank all Captain / Managers' and appreciate your taking your responsibility as seriously as you do.

Team entry forms

Once again I have prepared the **2020 team new entry forms**, and I please ask you to ensure these are utilised and submitted promptly by email as soon as practicable prior to competition start. I understand that the first few weeks are likely to see some required team roster changes until the comp settles. I ask you to always provide each player's full Christian and surname and club membership ID # to facilitate accurate statistics. Captains and Vice captains' full contact details are of course appreciated and vital, thanks. I have a supply of these forms with me tonight for all Captains, and will on request forward any further by email if / when required.

Team entry fees

Each year, we inevitably seem to have some clubs dragging the chain with late effecting the payment of dues. Can I ask that you please place a higher priority on this being paid promptly into the competition account and advise me or Harry when this is done, thank you.

Notification of match scores

Again **2020 scoresheets are available in hard copy** tonight and I am also happy to email now or at a later date further copies to any Captain requiring that electronically. I request hosting Captains to please provide these a.s.a.p. promptly on the completion of each round's play to Harry Anderson and myself by email (not SMS) with the attachment as that enables me to distribute early results the next morning. Avoiding my chasing Captains on Wednesday mornings would be great.

Post-match host supper function etc....

May I first thank all clubs that have provided these in the past and will be in a position to continue to do so in future and again encourage all players to attend these please, if only as a courtesy to the host team and club, although we are all aware that some matches do complete late on occasions and this may not always be possible for some.

Having said that, looking ahead, I must regrettably advise on behalf of CH RSL teams hosting, that going forward, the Snooker Club has effectively lost our past significant RSL sponsorship support in providing suppers. With the assistance of Louis Minihan our President, we are doing all we can to convince the CH RSL Board of Directors that they should provide us with a special HSS Competition grant notwithstanding. This is underway and I will inform the Committee and Captains in due course of the final decision when it is made hopefully favourably and by the commencement of Round 2 at latest if not prior.

Secretary broadcast Round weekly notifications & results

Please accept once again my apologies for any errors that may have occurred last year. I encourage and thank those who have notified me of identified errors. If you should ideally like to see any enhancement to the existing format / info provided, please provide your suggestion(s) and I will see if this can be accommodated.

WPBSA Rules changes introduced

As you know, there were some WPBSA rule changes and tweeking made effective by the world body in August last year which the Cttee decided we would not consider mid-comp. I propose that we should now considered these and under General Business, we will review any of those changes which should be implemented this coming year subject to broad majority agreement.

Dress Code Violations

There were very few violations last year other than regrettably one specific instance accompanied by unfortunately entirely unacceptable conduct, which resulted in the Cttee deciding to eject the individual player from the HSS competition. I ask all Captains and players to please, as is in fact largely the case and the spirit, support the HSS competition for what it is and to observe the Dress code and the HSS Constitution, thank you.

Patrick Gauci
HSS Snooker Competition Secretary
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