



# SHROPSHIRE POOL ASSOCIATION

AFFILIATED TO:  
ENGLISH POOL ASSOCIATION

## Shropshire Pool Association Constitution.

The name of the Association is 'Shropshire Pool Association' or 'SPA'

### Aims:

- 1: To promote Affiliated Pool in Shropshire
- 2: To Organise and select the best teams available to represent Shropshire in events organised by the English Pool Association, and Region 3 events.
- 2: To organise a Shropshire Inter-League to take part in the English Pool Association Inter-League structure.
- 3: To organise County Championship events, Men's, Ladies & Junior.
- 4: To Operate Players Ranking point system.
- 5: To promote Junior Pool in Shropshire
- 6: To promote E.P.A playing rules & referees in Shropshire.

### Membership:

- 1: Membership of the Association can only be achieved by playing in an Affiliated Pool League in Shropshire or border.
- 2; League Affiliation fee is set at SPA AGM.
- 3: Leagues must complete all the relevant forms on joining SPA & must be signed by that Leagues Secretary.
- 4: Players must become E.P.A I.D. Registered card holder members to play in Inter-County, Inter-League events.
- 5: All membership fees & fines will be set at a SPA A.G.M.
- 6: The committee of SPA reserve the right to refuse membership to any individual, league or team for any reason they deem injurious or harmful to the SPA.

### Structure of the Committee:

- 1: The Committee is made up of:  
Chairperson. Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer.  
Players Representative/s Male/ Female & Junior.  
Referee Delegate.

### Vacancies on the Committee:

- 1: If a vacancy arises on the Committee during the course of a term of office or year as agreed at an AGM.

#### Chairperson, Vice Chairman, Secretary & Treasure.

(Terms of office) 7 years.

Full committee will sit and elect a person from this committee to fill the said position.

### Other vacancies for members of the committee:

Referees delegate: this is filled by a member from the full committee or a qualified EPRA referee.

### Quorum:

Five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of carrying on the business of the SPA. (This must include either the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson).

### **Committee Meetings;**

- 1: The Chairperson will hold regular eight weekly meeting of the Committee (subject to variance with public holidays).**
- 2: The meetings will be held at the County team's venue whenever possible.**
- 3: No expenses will be payable for attending these meetings.**
- 4: At each Committee meeting the Treasurer will be required to present a report that includes the following:**

**Cash balance at last meeting.**

**Details of all cash/ cheques paid into the Association since the last meeting.**

**Details of all cash/ cheques paid out since the last meeting.**

**Current balance.**

**Current known debts.**

### **Voting at Committee meetings:**

**All members on the Committee will receive 1 (one) vote except the Chairperson who only receives a casting vote in the case of votes being equal.**

### **Powers of the Committee:**

- 1: The Committee as the power to make any decision (within the terms of this Constitution) that in their opinion is deemed necessary or beneficial to this Association or its members.**
- 2: Playing rules will always be the EPA playing rules.**
- 3: The Committee will have the right to alter fixtures or advertisements as necessary.**

### **Fees, Subscriptions & Fees:**

- 1: Members fees will be determined at the SPA AGM and will be payable on the date set by the Committee.**
- 2: All other fees, fines & subscriptions will be set by the Committee as they deem necessary.**
- 3: Members failing to pay their fees by the due date will be deemed to have resigned from the Association and will be refused all benefits formally accorded to them.**

### **Venue:**

- 1: The home venue for the SPA is: Minnesota Fats Telford.**
- 2: All home Inter-County fixtures will be played there.**

### **Benefits:**

- 1: Only members of an Affiliated League are entitled to enter any competition. (Other than a lottery) organised by the SPA.**
- 2: Any member may request the Committee to mediate in a dispute they may have with another member of the SPA.**
- 3: However, any such request to mediate in any dispute, or deal with any complaint, or hear any appeal must be made in writing, to the Secretary, within seven (7) day's of the initial incident: or in the case of an appeal within seven day's of the original decision being given.**
- 4: The SPA will not deal with requests that are made outside of the seven (7) day's written notice requirement.**
- 5: Additionally, all such requests must be accompanied by a deposit at the current rate (£20).**
- 6: This deposit will only be refundable if the appellant:**
  - a: attends the required meeting.**
  - b: is successful with their appeal.**

### **Finance:**

- 1: Treasurer, Chairperson or the Secretary, two of these Officers must sign all cheques.**
- 2: All approved expenses must be claimed for within eight weeks of expenditure or invoice.**

### **Discipline:**

- 1: A high standard of conduct & discipline is expected at all times, from all Association members.**
- 2: Breaches of discipline will be dealt with by the Committee.**
- 3: The Committee reserve the right to suspend or expel any individual, team or league for any breach of these rules or any rules that the committee makes in the future, or for any act which the Committee deems has brought the SPA, or the sport, into disrepute.**
- 4: Any individual, team or league charged with an offence against the SPA will be afforded every opportunity to defend themselves or explain their conduct either, in person, or, in writing to the Secretary.**
- 5: Any Individual, team or league expelled from the SPA will forfeit the whole of their subscriptions for that year, and all entitlements formally accorded to them.**
- 6: Additionally, they may not enter event organised by the SPA until re-admitted to the SPA.**
- 7: Any member, team or league that expels or suspend a player or team must notify the SPA Secretary, in writing, stating the player's name& address and state the reason for their actions.**

### **Annual General Meeting.**

- 1: Every year in November, the SPA will hold an A.G.M when the appropriate elections will take place.**
- 2: Only fully paid up members will allowed to vote at AGM or EGM.**
- 3: An extraordinary General meeting may be called by a minimum of Twenty fully paid members after giving 28 day's notice, in writing, to the Secretary.**
- 4: Any alteration to this Constitution can only be made at an AGM or EGM.**
- 5: Changes to this Constitution is on a straight majority vote, but if a tied vote the status quo status will prevail.**
- 6: Any proposed changes to the Constitution must be notified to the Secretary, in writing, at least 28 day's in advance of the meeting.**
- 7: The same notice rule shall apply to persons wishing to add items to the agenda/s of these meetings.**
- 8: No proxy votes are permitted at AGMs or EGMs, members must be present to vote.**
- 9: At any AGM or EGM any member of SPA may charge any Officer of the SPA to give an account of any action taken by that Committee.**

### **Referee/s:**

- 1: The SPA, through the appointment of a referee's delegate, will organise the training of referee's to the current EPA playing rules.**
- 2: Any person wishing to officiate as a referee at an event organised by SPA, must first pass an Official exam set by the EPRA.**

### **SPA Team selection:**

- 1: The selection of team's representing the SPA will be done by the elected Team Captain or an elected Committee representing the SPA.**
- 2: Team Captains are elected at SPA AGMs.**

**General:**

- 1: All SPA members should endeavour to play to the Association's rules at all times.**
- 2: All Leagues' affiliated to the SPA will be responsible for keeping a register of their signed players,**
- 3: This register to be made available to the Committee.**
- 4: Any Officer of the SPA will have the right to attend any meeting of any SPA Affiliated League after giving that league 24 hour notice.**
- 5: However the Officer will not have the right to vote at that meeting.**
- 6: Any Team captain/ manager playing any player in the Inter-County fixture or Inter-League fixture who is not a SPA member, will be fined at the current agreed rate, and will be suspended for three months.**
- 7: The interpretation of this Constitution is vested in the Chairperson.**

**Dated: 12.12.05.**