

## **APPENDIX 4: COMPETITIONS**

*Tournament Rules applying to specific competitions will be issued when necessary*

- Open Singles
- Masters Singles
- LD's Singles
- Seniors Tour
- U15/18/23 Tour
- Super 11's
- Jackie Paterson Trophy
- Individual Membership *Check Specific IM Rules Appendix*
- Any other competition organised and run by the SPA for its members
- Ladies Singles
- Under 23 Singles
- Under 15 Singles
- Ladies Tour
- Masters Tour
- Super 15's
- Ronnie Ferrier Trophy
- Seniors Singles
- Under 18 Singles
- Mixed Doubles
- LD's Tour
- E Barlas Trophy
- Doubles
- W McCartney Trophy

All events governed by the SPA are subject to the same rules, discipline and entry criteria. In order to enter an SPA event you must be either; resident in Scotland at the time of the event and be actively playing in an SPA affiliated league or eligible to play for Scotland at any events organised by the international governing body.

Players should enter SPA events through their area or league representative, in the area or league in which they play. If players play in multiple affiliated leagues, they must make a choice as to which area they play through. If your Individual Membership area does not enter a team event, then you CANNOT play in any other Super 11's or 15's team.

Players must consistently enter through the same area for the same SPA season (January to December). That is; Individual Membership, Scottish Singles, Super 11's, Super 15's and any other SPA events that require area qualification. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that he enters through the correct area as he/she is tied to that area for the SPA season.

In the Super 11s events each squad shall have a maximum of 15 players.

In the Super 15s events each squad shall have a maximum of 18 players.

No top 16 or current A internationals or cue sport pros in B or C teams.

No top 100 or current B/U23 A/senior A internationals or former cue sport pros in C teams.

Current = last 3 years.

TC vet teams to ensure each league's A team is stronger overall than the B team, which is stronger than the C team, which is stronger than the D team

The S11's and S15's will be run as one individual event each (i.e. one S11 and one S15) on league basis with promotion and relegation between divisions. There will be qualifiers for the lowest division. New affiliations to the SPA will be guaranteed one team in the competition and will enter at the lowest level. The places at the end of previous season determine the places for the next. All new B, C, D teams must enter through qualification to the event. Teams in relegation play-offs or B, C, D, teams in the lowest division can be relegated to qualifying stages if new leagues affiliate.

There will be **Tournament Rules** issued and displayed at Super events. Managers, Captains and players should acquaint themselves as ignorance is no excuse for breaking rules.

Members should abide by the rules of any venue hosting an SPA event. The SPA has no control if a member is not allowed into a venue.

All events have various levels of dress code, which are defined at the SPA AGM. Players in breach of the dress code, will be excluded from the event, or penalised frames until they are in a position to play conforming to the rules of the SPA.

It is the responsibility of the Area Representative to have qualifiers names into the Tournament Secretary by the deadline (normally two weeks before the date for the finals). Failure to enter names will result in players losing their place in the event and any byes will be awarded to the top ranked players in descending order from the ranking list.

The draw for each event will be carried out as near to 2 weeks prior to the final date as possible and posted on the SPA web-site ([www.scottishpool.com](http://www.scottishpool.com)). The draw will be done by the Tournament Secretary with the date and time

being announced in advance.

When a player has the 'cue ball in hand', he may place it BY HAND anywhere in the baulk. The player may continue to adjust the position of the cue ball BY HAND until he takes a shot. The cue ball is not required to leave the baulk area before striking an object ball.

Any player taking longer than sixty seconds between shots is liable to receive firstly, a warning from either the referee or an official, followed by a foul being awarded to their opponent, with the ultimate penalty being loss of that frame (these three steps can only happen per match). If a player has already been subjected to these three steps he/she will automatically lose a frame should he/she take longer than sixty seconds between shots in any further match during that tournament.

Following the conclusion of the frame in play, after 60 minutes, if a player has not amassed three frames, the match shall be reduced by two frames. i.e. from best of 11 to best of 9.

It is the player's responsibility to ensure that they are available when their match is called. Should a match be called and a player not arrive he/she will be docked one frame at this time, for every ten minutes that he/she does not appear after that, he/she will lose another frame. Should a player not arrive at all, after the time allowed, their opponent will be awarded the match (such matches are classed as walkovers)

All players are expected to play and act in a sportsmanlike manner at all times at each event. It should be noted that all players are also responsible for their own spectator's conduct as well. If necessary a player will be warned and then penalised for any unsportsmanlike behaviour from friends or supporters. Ungentlemanly conduct or misbehaviour will be dealt with as the Tournament Director sees fit.

It should be noted that there will NOT be referees for any match except during the final. A qualified referee will be present all weekend and it is the player's responsibility to ask for this referee to be present for any particular shot that may prove to be decisive. If your opponent asks for the referee, you must wait until he/she is at the table. Players must therefore act in a sportsmanlike manner and should it be highlighted that if a player tries to abuse this arrangement then further action may be taken.

In all SPA competitions, whenever a re-rack is required, it will be a 9-ball re-rack.

There are no smoke breaks as soon as a match has been called until completed. Anyone taking a break will forfeit match in line with EBA tournament rules.

There will selected and random drug testing at SPA events.

See Appendix 2 – Drugs policy and Appendix 3 - Disciplinary

The decision of the Tournament Director shall be deemed as final but each player has the right of appeal, which should be sent in writing to:

Mr David Duncan,  
SPA Secretary,  
31 Blake Street,  
Dunfermline,  
Fife KY11 4PW,

and this shall be addressed by the Executive Committee on or before the following Monthly meeting of the Scottish Pool Association.