



ELM PARK SNOOKER CLUB

This document constitutes the governing rules of the Elm Park Snooker Club and shall apply to all members using the snooker facilities, subject to the overarching Constitution and policies of Elm Park Golf and Sports Club CLG.

Status of the Snooker Club

The Snooker Club operates as a sub-club of Elm Park Golf and Sports Club CLG (“the Club”) and is subject at all times to the Club’s Constitution, Governance Framework and Policies. In the event of any conflict, the rules and policies of Elm Park Golf and Sports Club shall take precedence, including the Club Constitution and Governance Framework.

Purpose

The purpose of the Snooker Club is to:

- Promote and facilitate the playing of snooker within Elm Park
- Provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for members of all abilities
- Organise competitions, social events and inter-club matches
- Encourage participation across all membership categories

Membership and Guest Access

All members of Elm Park Golf and Sports Club, including golf, tennis, padel and social members, are entitled to use the snooker facilities. There is no separate membership required for the Snooker Club. Use of the snooker room is free of charge, subject to these rules. Members may introduce guests; guests must be over 21 and may not play unaccompanied.

Use of Snooker Facilities

The snooker room contains three tables (Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3). Tables must be booked in advance using the Club’s designated online booking system (available via the Elm Park Snooker section of the website). Members should remove their booking if they are no longer able to use the table.

Table 3 is available for junior and student members. Tables 1 and 2 are reserved for adult members and not for juniors or students. Members must vacate tables promptly at the end of their booked time. Matches and league games always take priority for table bookings. Members are responsible for the proper care of equipment and facilities. Guidance on brushing, blocking and ironing tables is available on the noticeboard, and a demonstration video is shared via the Elm Park Snooker WhatsApp group.



Etiquette

All members are expected to observe good snooker etiquette at all times. This includes:

- Being mindful when competitive matches are being played to stay quiet
- Maintaining a reasonable pace of play and being mindful of others waiting to play
- Showing courtesy and respect to opponents and fellow members
- Avoiding the use of mobile phones while playing a match
- Not consuming food in the snooker room
- Keeping noise and disruption to a minimum to preserve the playing environment
- Leaving the table and surrounding area in good condition after use

All etiquette falls under the overall Code of Conduct, Complaints and Grievance Policy of Elm Park.

Competitions and Activities

The Snooker Club will organise and promote:

Annual Club competitions, weekly social snooker, including the winter “Flyers” competition (held on Wednesday evenings), inter-club leagues and matches, ladder competitions and the Committee may introduce additional competitions or events from time to time.

Snooker Committee

The Snooker Club shall be administered by a Snooker Committee. The Snooker Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), held in October each year prior to the commencement of the snooker season. The AGM includes the election of the Committee and a review of the year’s activities. Members wishing to stand for election must submit a nomination to the Chair at least one week in advance of the AGM.

The Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members, with a quorum of two for meetings. Notice of the AGM shall be given at least three weeks in advance. Notice may be communicated digitally, including by email or messaging platforms such as WhatsApp. Club communications relating to snooker activities and events will primarily take place via the Snooker WhatsApp group.

Role of the Committee

Details of current Committee members are available on the Elm Park Snooker section of the Club website. The Committee shall:

- Host regular committee meetings and the annual AGM for the club
- Oversee the running of the Snooker Club and its activities
- Organise competitions and events
- Manage use of the snooker facilities
- Resolve issues arising in the normal course of club activity



- Act in the best interests of the Snooker Club and the wider Elm Park community
- Liaise with the Finance Committee and the Elm Park Board on matters relating to the Snooker Club

External Matches and Team Selection

The Snooker Club participates in inter-club competitions and matches. The Snooker Committee shall appoint team captains for such competitions. Team captains are responsible for team selection, organisation and communication with players. Team captains have the final say on who plays for their team each week.

Handicaps

All handicaps shall be created and maintained by the Handicap Secretary. Handicaps are approved by the Snooker Committee. Any disputes or concerns regarding handicaps may be escalated to the Chair of the Snooker Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Facilities and Funding

Any significant changes to snooker facilities or capital expenditure require prior approval from the Elm Park Board. Day-to-day and routine expenses are managed by the Snooker Committee in agreement with the Elm Park Finance Committee, with an annual budget allocated to support refreshments and general upkeep. The snooker tables are professionally covered annually by an approved supplier, reflecting the level of usage throughout the year.

Code of Conduct

All members using the snooker facilities are required to adhere to the Elm Park Golf and Sports Club Code of Conduct.

In particular, members must:

- Treat all players, members and staff with respect and fairness
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times
- Refrain from abusive, discriminatory or disruptive behaviour
- Respect Club property, equipment and facilities
- Follow all booking, usage and competition rules

Unacceptable behaviour will be dealt with in accordance with the Club's Code of Conduct, Complaints and Grievance Policy, which may include temporary suspension from use of the snooker facilities.

General Rules and Disputes

The Snooker Committee shall have the authority to interpret these rules and to make decisions on matters not specifically covered. The Committee may introduce additional guidelines or temporary rules where necessary for the smooth running of competitions



and activities. All decisions shall be made in a fair and reasonable manner and in line with Elm Park Club policies. Members may escalate concerns to the Elm Park Board where appropriate.

Amendments

These rules may be amended by agreement of the Snooker Committee, subject to consistency with the rules and governance of Elm Park Golf and Sports Club.

Adopted by the Elm Park Snooker Club Committee and signed off by the Elm Park Board.

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