

5. When a team has no game due to (a) a blank date in the fixture list or (b) their opponents not providing a team, then that team shall receive an average score based on the scores of the teams who played in that team's division on that Monday evening.
6. The League shall run two knockout competitions.
  - (a) The Dennis Wigham Trophy.
  - (b) The Tony Clare Trophy.
  - (c) For the purpose of these trophies the League will be split as evenly as possible.
  - (d) The format of the team knockout competitions shall be decided by the Committee at the start of the season.
7. In all team knockout competitions if the scores are level at the end of the last round proper, complete tie break rounds are to be played until one side has established a winning lead at the end of a round. If necessary the spare questions (in sequence) may be used as additional tie break rounds. A coin shall be spun to see who takes the first tie break question.
8. If, in a knockout competition one or more objections are registered during the match, which might have the effect of producing a tie at the end of the final round, if any are upheld, then all tie break rounds should be played and the scores recorded.
9. On evenings when teams have no game because they have been knocked out of the competition, sets of questions will be available upon request to and at the discretion of the committee from the headquarters for teams wishing to play friendlies. (Spare questions will only be available from 8.00 to 8.15 pm on the Monday of cup competitions).
10. In order to take part in any cup competition from and including the quarter finals a team member must have played in at least two previous games or registered as a player at the start of the season.



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12. (a) All objections to questions and answers must be detailed on the back of the score sheet accompanied by a fee of 50 pence per objection which will be returned if the Committee find the objection was justified. In the event of a team raising an objection and the Committee being unable to reach an acceptable decision an independent and mutually acceptable arbitrator may be called in and their decision shall be final and binding.
- (b) A team shall formally register an intention to object to a question or answer prior to the next question being asked. In the event of the objection being in the last question of the match, the objection must be raised before the question master signs the score sheet.
- (c) Objections can only be raised by playing members of the team.
- (d) Playing captains of both teams must sign the objection which must then be signed by the question master. Captains are not signing to decide the validity of the objection but merely to witness that the correct procedure has been carried out.
- (e) It is the duty of the playing captain of the team not making the objection, and question master if appropriate, to sign the objection if asked to do so. The Committee should be informed immediately if a signature is unobtainable
13. At the end of the match, playing captains of both teams must sign the front of the score sheet which must then be signed by the question master. This is to confirm the match score, subject to the outcome of any objections. A submitted score cannot be changed at a later date, except by the Committee following the consideration of objections.
14. (a) An annual fee of £45 per team shall be payable by a date set by the Committee.
- (b) The annual fee may only be amended by an AGM or an EGM.

8. The Chairman does not vote on motions, but has a casting vote when necessary.
9. Any additional rules or amendments to rules shall be dealt with at the AGM at the end of the season at which copies of the rules will be available and at which 'Rules of the League' shall be a separate item on the agenda. Notices of motions and nominations to the Committee must be given in writing to the secretary at least 21 days prior to the meeting.
10. Any registered player may vote at the AGM.
11. 'Any Other Business' shall be an item on the agenda of the AGM as matters for discussion but not to involve any alterations in contravention of Rule 9.
12. An Extraordinary Meeting **must** be convened by the Committee on the request of five **teams**. Only **one vote per team** is allowed at an EGM.
13. Press reports of matters concerning the League, teams and individuals must **not** contain any statement or comment capable of causing offence.
14. All team players and possible officials must be aged 16 and over.
15. The Committee is empowered to make changes to the Question Setting Guidelines as and when considered appropriate, which will be subject to confirmation at the next AGM.

### **Section B – Match Rules**

1. Competing teams shall consist of no more than four or less than three players per side drawn from a pool of registered players. A team starting with only three players will not be permitted to add a fourth player once the first question has been asked. All players must be registered. A player cannot play for more than one team in a season except that requests for special consideration must be received by the Committee before the start of the cup competitions.