

# Stapleford Cue Club

Free Membership for all registered league members



## Handicapping System

1. Handicaps would be set/reviewed at the start of each season based upon past performances/results. New players joining the league would be allocated a handicap based upon any known knowledge of that player's playing ability or a league average based figure. The committee may at their discretion alter player's handicaps if the handicap is deemed to be incorrect
2. **How it Works**  
A player's league/league cup handicap would be adjusted automatically following each group of four singles frames played by the player, based upon the following:  
  
Played 4, won 4, lost 0 - the handicap goes down 10  
Played 4, won 3, lost 1 - the handicap goes down 5  
Played 4, won 2, lost 2 - no change  
Played 4, won 1, lost 3 - the handicap increases by 3  
Played 4, won 0, lost 4 - the handicap increases by 6  
  
As an example, player A's handicap at the beginning of the season is set at 20. After playing four singles frames 3 have been won and 1 lost, therefore, the handicap is reduced to 15. A further four singles frames are played and again 3 frames are won and 1 lost and the handicap is again reduced by 5 to 10.
3. Handicaps would be used for all league, cup, singles and doubles matches, but only singles frames played in either the league or league cup formats would be used to adjust the actual handicap.
4. Handicaps for Singles and Doubles competitions would be set, in line with a player's prevailing league handicap, every time a next round draw etc was made.
5. In doubles frames individual player's handicaps would be added together and the total halved to create a handicap for the pairing. Any half mark is to be ignored, for example player A's handicap is 20 and player B's handicap is 15 = total of 35, halved is 17½. Therefore, the ½ is ignored and the handicap for the frame is 17.
6. No player will be handicapped lower than -20 or higher than +55. Players who reach these handicaps levels will have their handicap frozen until the next review of their handicap would either raise it from -20 or lower it from +55.
7. Irrespective of any individual or pairing handicap no more than a 40 point start will be allowed in any one frame.