

2026 Gatehouse Billiards Competition – Rules

- 1 There are 7 players, and everyone should play everyone else, so if we each play one game a week the leagues should last 7 weeks.
- 2 Games are nominally scheduled to start in the week leading up to Sunday 18th January 2026 with further games being scheduled at weekly intervals. These "due dates" are purely to help players to schedule matches, they are not commitments.
- 3 Games can be played on any date, but players are asked to try to play matches regularly.
- 4 There is no penalty for not playing games before the due date, but all league games should be played by close of play on Sunday 23rd February 2025. The semi-finals and final could then be completed by early March.
- 5 Handicaps for those who played last year have been adjusted to take into account recent performances.
- 6 Each player starts each frame at his handicap level.
- 7 Whenever the difference in handicaps between 2 players in the same match exceeds 60 then the higher handicap player will start at his handicap level, the other player starting at 60 points less than his opponent. Starting levels for each match are recorded on the Latest Results sheet.
- 8 All league matches are on a single frame basis. The winner is the first to reach 125 points. A player may continue his break after reaching 125 but will only be credited with 125 points on the scoresheet. 3 points for a win 1 for a loss (the latter being a small incentive for players to play their games).
- 9 At the end of the 'round robin' phase, the top 4 in the league will take part in semi-finals, 1st playing 4th and 2nd playing 3rd. The semis and final are each on a best-of-3 frames basis.
If 2 players have the same league table points, then the player who won the head-to-head in the league will take the higher league position. If there are more than 2 players with the same league points, then the head-to-head scores will be used, if possible, to allow final league positions to be derived. If the head-to-head scores cannot provide a result then league positions will be judged by measuring the difference between total points scored and total points conceded, as recorded in the results table.
- 10 Please send all results to Jack by email or WhatsApp message. Results to include date played, players' names and scores from each game played.
- 11 Results will be posted on our website which can be found at :

<http://www.gatehouse-folk.org.uk/detailpage.asp?d=260&ID=25>

Good luck and enjoy your billiards

Jack Donald