



## **NATIONAL KURLING LEAGUE 2018 – RULES**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Entry to the National Kurling League is open to any organisation within Great Britain.
- Each organisation may enter up to 3 teams.
- A team will be comprised of a minimum of 4 registered players and maximum of 8 registered players.
- A player cannot play or be registered for more than one team.
- Any game played by an ineligible player shall be awarded to the opposing player / pair with a score of 10-0.
- A team may register additional players, up to the maximum of 8, providing that GBKA are advised at least 48 hours before the player(s) competes in the competition.
- Teams failing to turn up for 2 matches, without a valid reason, will be expelled from the League and their results expunged.

### **VENUES**

- Venue must be large enough for a standard size Kurling court but a 10% width or length reduction will be permitted if advised at the time of league registration.
- Court Markings – A minimum of 2 Hack Boxes and the Near & Far Hog Lines must be marked out prior to the start of any match. Temporary court markings will be permitted.

### **ENTRY COST**

- £30 per team if the organisation is affiliated to the Great Britain Kurling Association.
- £60 per team if the organisation is NOT affiliated to the Great Britain Kurling Association.
- Teams withdrawing from the league within 1 week of notification of the League Schedule, due to geographical constraints, will receive a full refund minus a £2.50 administration charge.

### **LEAGUE STRUCTURE**

- There will be two Regions, North & South, with teams allocated to a Region on a geographical basis.
- Each Region will be sub-divided into Area / County Leagues after the Entry Closing Date with a recommended minimum of 4 teams per Area / County League.
- Where it is not possible to establish a viable league within a Region that part of the competition will be cancelled and entry fees fully refunded.
- Wherever possible teams from the same organisation will not play in the same Area / County League.
- Teams will play each other on a home and away basis. Home and away legs can be played at the same venue on the same day if both captains agree.
- All matches to be played at weekends unless mutually agreed by both captains.
- Any match not completed by the published league completion date shall be declared void and no points will be awarded.
- The winner of each Area / County League in the North shall proceed to the Northern Regional Final.
- The winner of each Area / County League in the South shall proceed to the Southern Regional Final.
- At the discretion of the GBKA Organising Committee, runners-up in Area / County Leagues may also be invited to participate in the Regional Finals.
- Regional Finals may be played in groups or as a knockout at the discretion of the GBKA Organising Committee. GBKA will provide equipment and umpires for these Finals.
- The winners of the 2 Regional Finals shall contest the National Final. GBKA will provide equipment and umpires for this Final.

## PLAYING FORMAT

- Home team = players A, B, C & D. Away team = players W, X, Y & Z.
- Each match will comprise of 10 games (8 Singles & 2 Pairs).
- Order of play: A v W; B v X; C v Y; D v Z; A v Z; B v Y; C v X; D v W; 2 Pairs games.
- In the Pairs games:
  - Up to 4 registered players, who have not played Singles, may be nominated to play in the games.
  - No player may play in more than one Pairs game except where the team has only 3 players when one player will be allowed to play in both games.
- In Area League matches the Away Team will always call at the toss prior to the start of each game.
- All games will be played over 6 ends. **Only those ends necessary to achieve a result will be played.**
- One point will be awarded for each game won.
- Drawn games will see half a point awarded to both teams.
- The match score will be determined by adding up the points awarded to each team as defined above (e.g. if a team wins all 10 games the match score will be 10-0)
- Where a player or pair is not present within 5 minutes of being required to play, the game shall be awarded to the opposing player / pair with a score of 10-0.
- Where neither opponents are available to play, the game will be void with no points awarded to either team.
- Teams will self-umpire Area League matches.
- All matches to be played under GBKA New Age Kurling Official Rules.

## REPORTING RESULTS

- The match scorecard must be signed by both captains and returned by the home team to the GBKA Secretary within one week of the match being played.
- Electronically scanned copies of match scorecards are acceptable.
- League results will be communicated to participating organisations on a regular basis.

## DETERMINING LEAGUE POSITIONS

- The position of each team in each Area / County League shall be determined by:
  - The total number of league points awarded (see Playing Format above) from all matches played. Note that if for example Team A beats Team B 8-2, then Team A will be awarded 8 league points and Team B 2 league points.
  - If two or more teams are equal on league points then on the difference between stones won and stones lost.
  - If two or more teams are equal on stones difference then on the difference between ends won and ends lost.

## EXPENSES – AREA / COUNTY LEAGUES

- Venue: – Home team to meet cost.
- Refreshments: – Home team to meet cost.
- Travel: – Away team to meet own cost.
- Where home and away legs are played on the same day at the same venue all costs should be split equally between the two teams with settlement on the day.

## EXPENSES – REGIONAL & NATIONAL FINALS

- All teams to meet own travel and accommodation costs.

## TROPHIES

- The winner of the Northern Region will hold the perpetual National Kurling League Northern Winners trophy for a period of 12 months.
- The winner of the Southern Region will hold the perpetual National Kurling League Southern Winners trophy for a period of 12 months.
- The winner of the National Kurling League will hold the perpetual National Kurling League Winners trophy for a period of 12 months.
- Members of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams in the National Kurling League will receive individual trophies or medals as decided by the GBKA Organising Committee providing that each team member has played in a minimum of 10% of their team's games (including on the day walk-overs and Regional / National Finals where applicable) during the course of the season.

**KEY DATES**

- Entry Closing Date 24/11/2017
- Draw 27/11/2017
- League Schedule Issued 01/12/2017
- Area / County League Matches 15/01/2018 to 02/09/2018
- Regional Finals September 2018 – dates and venues TBC
- National Final October / November 2018 – date and venue TBC

**OTHER INFORMATION**

- Matches should take less than 2 hours based on only 2 Kurling courts being used.
- All League matches to be completed by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018.