

# Legends Pool Series 2026



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# **1. Series Overview:**

5 Events over 12 months held on Sunday daytimes from 10am till 7pm.

(Club will be open from 9.30am and play will continue after 7pm if needed)

4 Randomly drawn tour knockouts.

Each tour event to be drawn live, roughly a week before event.

1 Grand Final event drawn from ranking points won at previous 4 events.

1 Event must be attended to compete in Grand Final event.

**Event 1 – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Event 2 – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Event 3 – Sunday - 19<sup>th</sup> July Event 4 – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

**Grand Final – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

All events played to International Rules.

First to 6 frames in all rounds and using a 4-Tier handicap system devised from local league standings.

£100 entry paid in advance – Limited to 64 players.

Deposit of £40 to be paid by December 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 to secure entry.

(Existing players given priority access until 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025)

Remaining £60 to be paid no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026.

All monies will be paid out in tour prize monies.

**£4800 prize money based on 48 players (Monies to be added if 2 solo entries are filled):**

Main 4 events – Winner £350, Runner-up £175, S/Finalists £90, Q/Finalists £40 = £865

One Frame playoff for non-Q/Finalists – Winner £25, Runner Up £15 = £40

Grand Final – Winner £450, Runner-up £230, S/Finalists £110, Q/Finalists £50 = £1100

One Frame K/O for non-Q/Finalists – Winner £50, Runner-up £30 = £80

**£6400 prize money based on 64 players (Monies to be added if any spots in ranking events added to pot):**

Main 4 events – Winner £440, Runner-up £220, S/Finalists £110, Q/Finalists £55 = £1100

One Frame playoff for non-Q/Finalists – Winner £50, Runner Up £30, S/Finalists £15 = £110

Grand Final – Winner £560, Runner-up £280, S/Finalists £140, Q/Finalists £70 = £1400

One Frame K/O for non-Q/Finalists – Winner £60, Runner-up £40, S/Finalists £30 = £160

## **2. 4-Tier Handicap System Overview:**

### **How the 4-tier handicap system is decided and administrated:**

Players will be designated to one of 4 tiers by a committee of experienced SLKPA members.

Players will be designated to one of 4 tiers based on the committee's knowledge of their current and previous ability/form in the SLKPA's competitions and other known competitive pool activities.

A players designated tier cannot be changed once the series has started unless in the unlikely event the committee decides the said player has been placed in the wrong tier by a unanimous vote.

### **Example of how players would be fitted into the 4-point handicap system (these are purely examples and not a definitive decision):**

<b>Tier 1 Players</b>	<b>Tier 2 Players</b>	<b>Tier 3 Players</b>	<b>Tier 4 Players</b>
Ryan Francis	Jack Taylor	Jason Brunton	Kevin England
Tony Gear	Ian Chapman	Michael Barnes	James McGuire
Frank Costello	Geoff Laporte	Chris Parlett	Phoebe French

All matches first to 6 (Best of 11)

Same Tier – Play off levels.

Tier 1 vs Tier 2 (Start game on 1)

Tier 1 vs Tier 3 (Start game on 2)

Tier 1 vs Tier 4 (Start game on 3)

Tier 2 vs Tier 3 (Start game on 1)

Tier 2 vs Tier 4 (Start game on 2)

Tier 3 vs Tier 4 (Start game on 1)

### **3. Tour Rankings Overview:**

#### **Tour 1 – 4 Ranking points:**

Winner – 16 - Runner-Up – 12

Semi/Finalist – 10 - Quarter/Finalist – 8

Last 16 – 5 - Last 32 – 3

Attendance – 2

#### **Tour 1 -4 One Frame KO Merit points:**

Winner – 12 - Runner-Up – 8

Semi/Finalists – 6 - Quarter/Finalist – 4

Last 16 – 3 - Last 32 (Winners) – 2

Attendance – 1

**Merit points only come into use if players can't be separated by ranking points alone.**

**The following system will be used to position player rankings for the year and to decide the final rankings for the Grand Final event:**

1. Ranking points won.
2. Merit points won.
3. Frames won (this will not include any handicap starts given)
4. Frames against (this will not include any handicap starts given)
5. Matches won in main events (this does not include any byes or walkovers)
6. Matches won in Single KO events (this does not include any byes or walkovers)
7. Whomever has the lowest average tier of opponents played across all events.
8. If players are still equal after all the above, positions are determined by whoever won the most points in any single event during the season.
9. If positions can't be decided by all the above, the countback method will be used.
  - a. This means positions will be decided by how many points were earned from the most recent event in the series.
  - b. Should this still not separate players, you continue this process looking at events working backwards throughout the series until players can be separated.

## 4. Standard Terms & Conditions

- 1) All players must be signed up to a team in the SLKPA league.
- 2) All players must have played at least 12 frames in either of the last 2 seasons in the SLKPA league which includes: Winter 2025-26 (by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026) or Summer 2025.
- 3) Players must be of 18 years old by the date of the first tour event.
- 4) All events are played to International 8-Ball Pool Rules.
- 5) All matches shall begin with a lag, with the winner determining whether they wish to break first or last.
- 6) All entry fees must be paid in full before the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2026.
- 7) Deposits and all entry fees are **non-refundable in any circumstances**.
- 8) The organisers reserve the right to remove and replace any entrant who fails to make a payment deadline.
- 9) By paying your deposit/entry fee it is deemed that you have read and agreed to abide by the rules set out by the Legends Pool Series (LPS) Organisers in these Standard Terms and Conditions.
- 10) All monies will be paid direct to SLKPA and held by them until payments are made after each event.
- 11) If the 64 places are filled, players can sell their spots for up to 2 of the 4 ranking events with agreement from the LPS Organisers. This can only be done prior to the event being drawn and payment of £30 must be made prior to draw and direct to SLKPA. £20 will be refunded back to Series player and £10 will go direct into that specific event.
- 12) Only full series players will be eligible to play in the Grand Final event and they must have played at least 1 event within that year's series.
- 13) If the full 64 spaces are not taken up, solo event entries will be allowed to join each event to make up the 64 spaces for the specific event they have entered. In this instance, Solo event entries will be allowed to pay and enter the Grand Final event based on the top ranked solo entries getting first refusal as only 64 players will be able to play in Grand Final event. i.e. 58 fully paid series players plus 6 highest ranked Solo Entry players.
- 14) Players are expected to be at the venue 10 minutes prior to their start time although start times may be delayed if previous matches have overrun.
- 15) The LPS Organisers have the right to change a previously scheduled start time. In this case, the players involved will be informed and given as much notice as possible.
- 16) Unforeseen circumstances may mean that the LPS Organisers needs to cancel or change an event at short notice – in both instances, the LPS Organisers have the right to do so. This could mean changing the venue and/or rescheduling the date of an event. The LPS Organisers will not be responsible for any personal costs incurred in these instances.
- 17) If an event is cancelled, the player will be refunded their relevant entry fee for that specific event.
- 18) The LPS Organisers aims to publish draws and a match schedule for an event at least one week before the event begins. These can be found on the SLKPA website.
- 19) Matches from the semi-finals onwards may be put under match and shot-clock conditions. Players prior to the match will be informed of the format.
- 20) LPS Organisers have the option to live stream any matches if they wish to do so.
- 21) You must attend at least 1 series event to be able to play in the Grand Final event.
- 22) A players designated tier cannot be changed once the series has started unless in the unlikely event the series committee decides the said player has been placed in the wrong tier by unanimous vote.
- 23) It is a player's sole responsibility to make sure they are aware of their start time for matches.
- 24) Prize money payouts for each event are published in advance of a competition starting.

- 25) For players that win prize money, the SLKPA will aim to pay this out within 10 working days, providing the player's relevant banking details are on file.
- 26) The LPS Organisers aim to update rankings within a week of an event concluding.
- 27) Players are kindly asked to register with the Tournament Director (TD) at least 10 minutes before their allocated match start time.
- 28) If a player is not present and ready to play at the correct table of play for their match at its allocated start time, their opponent is to make the TD aware.
- 29) This means that for every ten minutes from the designated start time, until the absent player is present and ready to play, their opponent will be awarded a frame until the match target is reached or 30 minutes has passed. If the match target is reached, this will be the outcome of the match.

*For example, if a match was scheduled at 10:00 and a player wasn't present and ready to play until 10:27, their opponent would be 2-0 up if playing from levels.*

- 30) The TDs decision is final on any rulings at events and table allocation.
- 31) Should a situation occur where someone is 'on the clock', the LPS Organisers have the right to use that affected table for another match. Should the late player turn up, the match may be put on a different table and the players may need to wait for a table to become available.
- 32) If a player knows that they are going to be late for their allocated start time, the LPS Organisers would appreciate it if they could contact (or get a message via someone else to) to the TD as soon as they can – providing it is safe for them to do so.
- 33) The TD may use discretion on the above rules in exceptional circumstances.
- 34) If a player knows that they are not going to be attending a LPS event, they must contact the TD at least 24 hours before the start time of their first match and formally withdraw from that event by declaring so.
- 35) If a player withdraws from an event after the draw has been published, the withdrawn player will not be replaced and their opponent will receive a Walkover.
- 36) All players have the right to request a rule clarification/resolve a dispute/to witness a shot/make a decision etc. Please speak to the TD to assist with this.
- 37) Players are reminded to respect the decision of TD or any other representative that they send to assist.
- 38) Coaching is not permitted during play. For clarity, this includes between frames during a match.
- 39) If a player believes their opponent is being unlawfully coached, they are entitled to inform the TD of the situation.
- 40) At the discretion of the TD, a player may be put 'on the clock' if a match is running behind schedule and/or if a player is deemed to be taking too long to complete their shots.
- 41) Players are permitted to use the toilet facilities and get refreshments from inside the venue during a match but are asked to do this in a timely and prompt manner, and – if possible – to inform their opponent of doing so and usually between frames is acceptable.
- 42) Smoking breaks must be kept for between matches and are not permitted between individual frames in a match.
- 43) If a player believes their opponent is making too many unnecessary breaks in play, they are entitled to inform the TD at the venue of the situation.
- 44) All frames and matches in all LPS events should be completed, unless with the permission or acceptance of the TD.
- 45) Players in LPS events are welcome to bring guests with them to the venue. However, please endeavour to educate your guests about their behaviour whilst at LPS events, such as showing respect to others and the

venue itself. Should the behaviour of any guest be deemed inappropriate whilst at the event, the guest may be asked to leave immediately.

**46)** Guests/spectators brought to the event become the responsibility of the player involved. Any misbehaviour by a spectator may result in a penalty being passed onto the player involved, including elimination or having frames conceded.

**47)** Be respectful to your opponents, the venue and the equipment.

**48)** Never use excessive barracking or position yourself in order to put an opponent off.

**49)** All other conduct at events should be in accordance with the SLKPA rules.

**These Terms & Conditions may be amended from time to time to suit the needs of The Legends Pool Series. Any changes deemed necessary will not be detrimental to The Legends Pool Series and all players will be informed of such changes.**

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