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SUPERLEAGUE

2017

SuperLeague is a great fun tournament run annually in the club and it is aimed at all player levels in the Club. It's a great way to get to know other members and have some fun in the bar afterwards! Below are the rules and the format of SuperLeague.

1 COMMITTEE

The SuperLeague is run by a committee of **volunteers** made up of club members and one Executive Member. If at any point during the league you have a question or concern please feel free to contact any member of the committee.

All rules shall be enforced at the sole discretion of the SuperLeague Committee and their decisions will be **final**.

This year the committee is as follows:

Amanda Sadlier	083 3138644
Barbara Ferguson	087 2789377
Eddie English	086 2599384
Jennifer MacNamee	086 3997746
Michael Carroll	086 8241377
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2 ENTRY FEE

There is an entry fee of €60.00 to play in SuperLeague.

This fee covers the following:

- Lights for all your matches
- Prizes for the Friday Night Bar Attendance Draw. The Prize winner and 3 other team members must be in attendance in the bar to claim the prize. Otherwise it rolls over!
- The SuperLeague Dinner – meal and music
- Prizes presented at the SuperLeague Dinner for the winners and runner up's in each category.

Please note that players provide their own balls for the matches!

Each team captain will be allocated 6 tickets for the SuperLeague Dinner. We ask that all players notify their team captain if they will be attending the SuperLeague Dinner during the final group match week. Where a team player is unable to attend the SuperLeague Dinner the entry fee must still be paid in full. Unwanted tickets for the SuperLeague Dinner should be returned to the SuperLeague Committee.

Guests are welcome to join us after the meal.

3 FORMAT

The Tournament caters for 20 teams of 6 players each, totalling a full complement of 120 players (60 Men and 60 Ladies).



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Matches are played on Friday nights in two slots (7:30pm and 8:30pm) followed up by quarter finals, semi finals and finals. Upon registration you may express an option as to which time slot you would prefer. This will be accommodated where possible by the SuperLeague Committee but cannot be guaranteed.

The 20 teams are divided into 4 sections with 5 teams in each section. Each week you play another team in your section with 1 week off. Please reference the fixtures to ensure you know which week your own team is off!

3.1 TEAMS

Each team consists of 6 players (3 Men and 3 Ladies). Each player is ranked on the team according to ability/club ranking and plays at the same ranking within the team for each match. Men hold positions 1, 3 and 5 on the team. Ladies hold positions 2, 4 and 6 on the team.

3.2 MATCH DRAWS

All players should report for registration at the desk in the lobby at least **10 minutes** before play starts (i.e. 7:20pm or 8:20pm). This is to allow for all players to sign in at the desk, for the draw to take place and the courts to be allocated. If you are late you will be keeping others waiting to play!

Each night there is a Draw for doubles partners, therefore you may end up playing doubles or mixed doubles depending on the draw. Men Players ranked number 1 on the team will never be paired to play with Lady Player's ranked number 6 on their team (this is ensured by restricting the draw).

3.3 Game Rules

The First point after deuce wins the game (i.e. no deuce/advantage!).

The First pairing to 10 games wins their match. Each game you win gives you a



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point. A team can therefore achieve a maximum of 30 points each week (and a minimum of 0 point oops!!)

All match results must be recorded by the players at the desk in the lobby and the team scores will be accumulated and communicated each week. Final accumulated scores determine who gets through each section to play in the finals!

3.4 WHO GOES THROUGH FROM THE GROUP STAGE?

- The top two scoring teams from each section go through to the **Super League Quarter Finals**.
- The 3rd and 4th place teams from each section go through to the **No Hoppers Quarter Finals**.
- The lowest scoring teams from each section go through to semi-final of **Wooden Spoon**.
- In the event that two teams are level on points for qualification, the winner of their match goes through.
- In the event that two teams are level on points for the last place, the loser of their match goes through to Wooden Spoon.

3.5 WHO GOES THROUGH FROM THE PLAY OFF STAGE?

- The top scoring teams from the quarter-final/semi-final go through to the semi-final/final. In the event that the two teams are level on points, the winner of their matches goes through.



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4 SUBSTITUTES

Players must inform their Team Captain if they are unavailable to play any week and require a sub. Please ensure you give your Team Captain enough notice so that a sub can be arranged in a timely manner. Team Captains should double check each week to ensure they are able to field a full team.

Team captains are responsible for ensuring their team arranges subs.

The sub that is used must be of the **same SuperLeague Ranking** as the person being substituted.

Subs must be taken from the **Subs List** or from another team. Please use subs from the **Subs List** before asking people already playing on another SuperLeague Team to substitute. This will give everyone who wants to participate in SuperLeague an opportunity to play.

Where a team requires a sub, the whole team will incur a **2 or 4 point penalty**. If a sub is ranked over 5 places higher in club ranking, or is of a different SuperLeague Ranking, a **4 point** penalty will apply. **Two points** are deducted for use of a sub of the same SuperLeague ranking.

Where a team player has to pull out of SuperLeague the player may be replaced by a **Permanent Sub**. The Permanent Sub must be ratified by the SuperLeague Committee. A Permanent Sub can only be nominated in the first or second week of the group matches. No points are deducted for a Permanent Sub.

In the event of an injury during a match where a player retires, the captain of the team has the option to:

- continue the match with a sub (deducting 2 points or 4 points as applicable) or



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- Agree his/her score as it stands and the opposing team as winners with 10 points.

If in doubt, consult any SuperLeague Committee Member. The SuperLeague Committee's decision re subs and penalties will be final.

5 MATCH CANCELLATION

Play proceeds regardless of weather conditions. In exceptional weather a match may be postponed and details of the replay will be communicated by the SuperLeague Committee. The Bar draws will still take place as usual and the same attendance rules will apply!

6 KEY DATES FOR 2015

Date	Event	Details
12/01/2017	Registration Night - Function Room	
19/01/2017	Captains Night - Bar	This is an information meeting in the club for those lucky enough to be selected as team captains!
27/01/2017	Group Matches - Week 1	Group Match 7:30pm & 8:30 pm
03/02/2017	Group Matches - Week 2	Group Match 7:30pm & 8:30 pm
10/02/2017	Group Matches - Week 3	Group Match 7:30pm & 8:30 pm
17/02/2017	Group Matches - Week 4	Group Match 7:30pm & 8:30 pm



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Date	Event	Details
24/02/2017	Group Matches - Week 5	Group Match 7:30pm & 8:30 pm
02/03/2017	Quarter Finals Night (Everyone plays!)	<p><u>At 6:30pm</u></p> <p>Wooden Spoon Semi Final</p> <p><u>At 7:30pm</u></p> <p>No Hopers Quarter Final</p> <p><u>At 8:30pm</u></p> <p>Super League Quarter Final</p>
03/03/2017	Semi Finals & Finals Night	<p><u>At 7:30pm</u></p> <p>No Hopers Semi Final</p> <p>Super League Semi Final</p> <p><u>At 8:30pm</u></p> <p>Wooden Spoon Final</p> <p>No Hopers Final</p> <p>Super League Final</p>
04/03/2017	SuperLeague Dinner	