

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 4th November 2026

Attendees:	Tony Kelly	Chairman - Newton Conservative 'B'
	Jeff Robinson	Secretary - Newton Conservative 'B'
	Bill Cocker	Senior Delegate – Golborne CMC 'A'

Agenda:

1. Situation with Ashton Chisnall (Ashton Recs) Handicap.

Following concerns raised by several delegates the Management Committee have investigated the situation with Ashton Chisnall in respect of rule 11c.

'For players new to the EADSL, it is the responsibility of the Delegate to recommend a fair handicap in the handicap range. If it is found that the delegate has recommended an unfairly high handicap, then the team will be subject to a fine and the number of points won by that player will be deducted from the team. The delegate may call on league officials to help in the assessment of any player.'

The investigation was discussed at the League Meet on Wednesday 4th November. The meeting was attended by the Management Committee of Tony Kelly (Chairman), Jeff Robinson (Secretary) and Bill Cocker (Senior Delegate). Chris Cooper was asked to attend the meeting to state his case, to which he agreed, Unfortunately, Chris failed to turn up for the meeting, the excuse being that he had forgot and was required to look after his daughter.

The Management Committee agreed that the handicap nominated for Ashton was significantly higher than his abilities, in coming to this decision advice was taken from several delegates, including Tony and Bill Cocker along with from statistics from the two St Helens leagues for last season.
The meeting therefore passed that Ashton's handicap be reduced further from 8 (his revised handicap under the New Player rule) to 4. Going forward Ashton's handicap will be reviewed as normal under the new player rule. To facilitate this, his Starting Handicap (the base for calculating new player handicaps), will be reduced from 20 to 16.

The committee then considered the action to be taken on the Team, Aston Recs for submitting an unfairly high handicap.
Since the rule 11c was incorporated, the Committee has gone to great length to make sure that all delegates are aware that is their responsibility to provide a fair and reasonably accurate handicap for new players and that they should make every effort to do so.
The consideration then was:

Did the delegate and team of Ashton Recs fail to conduct suitable investigation to derive the handicap and were there mitigating circumstances that prevented this,
or,
did they deliberately assign an unfairly high handicap.

As Chris Cooper failed to attend the meeting, no discussion could take place to determine any mitigating circumstances, and the Committee could only conclude a deliberate misrepresentation of the handicap.

In this case the Committee has assigned to the team Ashton Recs the full penalties described in rule 11c which are:

1 An immediate deduction of 6 league points from the team.
2 A fine of £20 to be paid by the date of the next League match – 24th November 2026.

The Committee takes these steps to send out a clear and unambiguous message to all Delegates that assigning unfairly high handicaps to new players will no longer be tolerated.



The Earlestown & District Snooker League

2. October Re-Handicaps.

Team	Name	P	W	L	Last HCap	Start Hcp	P	W	L	Diff	Chng	New Hcp	Note
Ashton Recreation	Chisnall, Ashton	6	6	0	20	20	6	6	0	-6	-12	4	Reduced at Meeting
Bryn Community Club	Fallon, Adrian	4	4	0	12	12	4	4	0	-4	-8	4	
Golborne CMC 'A'	Beale, Harvey	5	1	4	35	35	5	1	4	3	6	35	Retains Novice Handicap
Golborne CMC 'B'	Soppelsa, Rob	2	1	1	28	21	11	5	6	1	2	23	
Newton Conservative 'A'	Brown, Robert	4	2	2	35	35	4	2	2	0	0	35	Retains Novice Handicap
Newton Conservative 'A'	Jenkins, John	4	3	1	11	11				-2	-4	7	Re-Handicapped for 2026
Newton Conservative 'A'	Lomax, Matt	4	3	1	-22	-20	12	7	5	-2	-4	-24	
Newton Conservative 'A'	Walsh, Peter	5	4	1	9	17	5	4	1	-3	-6	11	
Newton Conservative 'A'	Yeung, Paul	6	4	2	8	12	6	4	2	-2	-4	8	
The Turpin View 'A'	Cox, John	5	2	3	25	25	5	2	3	1	2	27	
The Turpin View 'A'	Hanson, Oliver	2	1	1	18	18	11	6	5	-1	-2	16	
The Turpin View 'A'	Moylan, Dave	4	1	3	26	26	9	2	7	5	10	30	
The Turpin View 'A'	Parkinson, Jon	4	0	4	25	25	4	0	4	4	8	30	
The Turpin View 'B'	Berry, Ben	5	1	4	35	35	5	1	4	3	6	35	Retains Novice Handicap
The Turpin View 'B'	Gough, John	2	0	2	30	30	5	0	5	5	10	30	
The Turpin View 'B'	Sitko, Phil	2	0	2	30	30	15	3	12	9	18	30	
The Turpin View 'B'	Wall, Scott	4	2	2	-20	-20				0	0	-20	Re-Handicapped for 2026