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About the Fixture List

The competition has been divided into regional leagues to reduce traveling time. Leagues containing high numbers of teams have been split into two divisions – also helping to maintain a good standard of competition for the teams involved.

UPolo is keen to ensure that each team is comfortable with their fixture list, so please don't hesitate to let us know of any issues. Until 31st August 2008 you are welcome to suggest changes to your match calendar – beyond this point all fixtures will be considered finalised.

How to Organise Fixtures

The fixture list is broken down into week numbers (1-15), and runs from 13th October 2008 to 22nd February 2009 with a Christmas break in the middle. All fixtures are assigned a week number along with the home and away teams playing. The specific match date will be determined by the home team's pool time, bearing in mind that both teams must make every effort to fulfill the fixture in the allotted week. A number of empty weeks have been inserted to allow for missed games to be played (as a last resort).

To support your organisational responsibilities, we will provide you with contact details and pool times of all other teams in your league. We will also feature the fixture list on the website (www.u-polo.com) and have specific regional forums on our Facebook group (<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=20157871647>) to help with communication. It is then up to the individual teams to contact each other and confirm the time and venue. We ask you to confirm your fixtures as far in advance as possible.

Other Information

Problems Completing Fixtures

One team unavailable – The team unable to honour a fixture must give at least one week's notice to the other and suggest another acceptable time to play. If a team cancels at late notice or without providing another acceptable date which they can fulfill the fixture, they will be given 0 points and a 5-0 victory will be awarded to the other team.

Both teams unavailable – If both teams agree that due to unavoidable circumstances the fixture can't take place, and it is not possible to play during one of the 'free' weeks, a draw can be agreed. This will be registered as a 0-0.

Distance is a problem – If the teams feel that the distance they have to travel to play a particular game is too far then we suggest the following:

- 1) You agree to play your match at a more central location, such as at a pool of another team in your league who has an away game that week.
- 2) Both teams use their goal difference against the other teams in the league to decide who is awarded the win, e.g. comparing results against the same teams decides the winner. More details on this can be provided if required.
- 3) Both teams agree to make the result a draw (as mentioned above).

Points System

The points system for the league will work as follows:

Win	3 points
Draw	2 points
Loss	1 point
Not Complete	0 points

Note: If teams are level on points it will then go to goal difference followed by results against the level teams.



Registering Results

After a game is played, a Match Sheet with the recorded result should be emailed to us. It goes without saying that we need to receive this as soon as possible to keep the league standings current on the website. This will contain the game score, the goal scorers and players with major fouls. More details on this process will follow shortly.

Promotion/Relegation

In regions where there are multiple divisions a promotion/relegation system will function between the leagues. In the coming season, the top-placed team in Division 2 will be promoted and the bottom-placed team in Division 1 will be relegated. This promotion/relegation happens at the end of the season and forms the basis of the leagues for the following year.

End of Season Tournament

UPolo aims to host an end-of-year tournament whereby the top teams from each division compete to determine who is the best of the best. More details on this will follow shortly – if you have any comments or suggestions in the meantime, please feel free to let us know.