

## THE CENTRAL STAIRLIFT TROPHY.

Invitation to this event is sponsored by Central Stairlifts and is strictly at the discretion of the organising committee.

**All participating clubs must be affiliated to the relevant Worcestershire bowling associations.**

Gentleman and Lady players must be full members of the club and guest players are not permitted without permission from the Tournament Secretary or his deputy. Members of more than one club may only play for the one club in this competition; any club in breach of this rule will forfeit **all points** in the match involved.

The entry fee is £20.

For League requirements teams will consist of six triples with fixtures played on a three at home and three away basis; to be played as **separate matches** at the same time.

Points: 2 points per winning triple and 1 point for a draw. Team with the most shots 2 points extra or 1 point each for a draw. There is a total of **eight (8) points available per match.**

In the event of a tied points situation at the end of the league fixtures **total shots scored** will decide.

If a team turns up with a player short the team fielding the full side will be given two (2) points and ten (10) shots.

In the event bad weather interrupts play the minimum number of ends shall be nine (9) and scores at both venues shall stand at the last end completed on or after nine ends. The games being individual, should only one team fail to play nine ends then that game shall be replayed and the other result shall stand. Players in the decided game shall not be permitted to play in the re-arranged fixture.

Toss for jack home and away.

Clubs must make their own arrangements for any catering and we suggest this is done when confirming fixtures and players clearly advised if food is provided.

Any team conceding a fixture; no points awarded and a fine of £25 may be imposed at the discretion of the committee.

Clubs must endeavour to complete their fixtures in the pursuit of the spirit of the game and in fairness to the other clubs **even if they have a non qualifying position** at any stage of the

tournament. It is requested that clubs do not allow fixtures to pile up and attempt to play them all in August when the evenings darken earlier. You are asked to try and get in at least one fixture a month regardless of team strength as the idea of the competition is to give all participants a chance of reaching the semi finals.

Not wishing to labour the fact there has been temptation to delay fixtures because the semis and the final are virtually at the end of the season; from experience clubs have agreed it is better to try and get fixtures earlier rather than late as the later it is the less time you have to re-arrange postponed games.

**All cards to be signed by both skips and retained by team captains in case of any referral.**

Results – Result sheets have been supplied for all games. The Home team to fill out the sheet at the start and both captains to sign it at the end of the game. It should then be forwarded to Mike Rowe for recording purposes.

PRIZE MONEY.

The winners will receive £500 and the Central Stairlift Trophy

Runners up will get £250

Losing Semi finalists will get £125 each.

Overall 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> positions will get £75 each.

This year we are reverting back to playing three (3) groups of four. **The winner of each group and highest placed runner up overall will play the semi finals.**

The semi-finals and final are fixed dates and times and **cannot be altered.**

If for any reason a qualifying semi-finalist cannot play on these dates the next club with the highest number of points/shots shall take their place and any prize money.

Semi-finals and Final will be played as two games albeit on the same green at the same time. The first three triples consisting as the home team and the second three as the away team.

Before the start of the Semi-finals and the Final a draw to decide which rink will play the extra end will be made should the match end as a draw eight (8) points a piece. The extra end shall not be played until all six triples have finished.

Arbitor in any disputes will be decided by the Central Stairlift Committee.