

RULES: OVER 60s LEAGUE

- (a) Each competing Club shall be represented by four rinks of "Fours" with all players to be full playing members of the Club and to be aged 60 years or over. Two rinks of "Fours" will play at home and two rinks of "Fours" will play away and the home and away matches will start at the same time unless an alternative start time has been agreed by both Clubs.
- (b) Play will be on Wednesdays on fixed dates. Starting times unless alternative times are agreed by the Clubs will not be before 10.00am and not later than 3.00pm. Dress code is greys, except for the play-off final when whites will be worn.
- (c) A time limit may be imposed by either competing Club but this has to be declared prior to the start of play. Such a time limit cannot be less than 3 hours.
- (d) By entering the competition you implicitly agree that your Club **will play all** competition matches prior to the Finals Day as shown in the County fixture schedule (unless match cancellations are due to genuine significant health issues (eg Covid; eg ventilation deficiencies)).

Fixture dates may be re-arranged by mutual agreement between the Clubs and the Competitions organiser should be advised of any change. Should the Clubs mutually agree that a match cannot be played then no points will be awarded to either Club [but Condition 2(m) also applies]. **[see below**]**

All disputes will initially be referred to the Competitions organiser and if required a selected committee will be convened to make a final determination.

Where there is evidence of persistent intent by a Club not to play their fixture(s) the Executive Committee reserves the right to suspend such Club(s) from the competition.

- (e) The competition shall be played on a league basis with points in each game awarded as follows:-
 - 8 points for an overall win
 - 3 points for each winning rink
 - 1 point for each rink where the score is tied
 - 1 bonus point when the overall win is by 11 to 20 shots
 - 2 bonus points when the overall win is by 21 shots or more

Total maximum points possible is 22

In the event of 2 or more teams finishing on equal points their league position will be determined by the team with the greater shot difference. Should a number of matches be cancelled for health reasons (eg Covid; eg ventilation deficiencies), league positions will be determined for each club on an average points won per match played basis

On completion of the league fixtures the top 4 Clubs from each division will then participate in a knock out competition with the two clubs remaining at the end of the knock out phase competing in the Final. See clause (g) for Play-Off format.

- (f) The Executive Committee will have the right to propose further changes to the Competitions structure and playing format.
- (g) The Play-Offs and Final will consist of 21 ends and the Challenger (first named in the draw) will prior to the draw for rinks and opponents, nominate which rink number will play the extra

end in the event of a tied game. The Final will be played on a neutral green as designated by the Executive Committee.

Play-offs: Quarter Finals

1A v 4B
2A v 3B

3A v 2B
4A v 1B

Play-offs: Semi Finals

1A or 4B v 3A or 2B
2A or 3B v 4A or 1B

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Winner Semi-Final 1 v Winner Semi-Final 2

(h) In the event that a Club withdraws from the competition during the season then all points earned against the defaulting Club will be rescinded.

(i) Late results Submission (League matches) - Deduction of points gained

Scores (including all detail sufficient to update League tables) must be received by the relevant League Co-ordinator within 72 hours of the conclusion of the match concerned.

The Result Sheet for the current season must be completed and is the prime notification medium for reporting results for League matches.

The preferred method of reporting is email with a copy of the Result Sheet attached.

Where postal services are relied on instead, the result must also be phoned in within the permitted period stating overall match score in terms of shots, and also stating number of rinks won, drawn, lost.

In the absence of a timely submission of a match result by one of the two teams, initial updates to the League Tables may use the Opposition's Result submission for both teams.

However, failure by a team to comply with the time limit stated will result in any points accredited to the Offending Team's record for the match concerned being deducted, and further being recorded as Penalty points. "Shots for" will also be deducted, but "Shots against" will stand.

(j) Clubs with "A" and "B" teams must register a minimum of 16 players for each team. Players registered for the "A" team cannot play for the "B" team. If Clubs have "A" and "B" teams in separate divisions in any season "B" team players may play a maximum of 2 matches for the "A" team without compromising their eligibility to continue playing for the "B" team. Should a "B" team player play 3 matches for the "A" team he automatically becomes an "A" team player and can no longer play for the "B" team.

****2(m) [DCIBA COMPETITION RULES] (also applies):-**

With the exception of matches being cancelled for significant health issues (eg Covid; eg ventilation deficiencies) the following applies:-

In respect to all Team Competitions if a scheduled game is cancelled then the team cancelling shall within 5 days of cancellation offer to their opponent at least two alternative dates one of which shall be accepted within 72 hours.

If the team cancelling the game does not offer alternative dates within the 5 day period then the opponent shall offer at least two dates one of which shall be accepted within 72 hours.

If an agreement on date cannot be reached then initially this will be referred to the Competitions Administrator and if required a select committee will be convened to make a final determination.

11. QUESTIONS & DISPUTES [DCIBA COMPETITION RULES] (also applies):-

All questions and disputes will be referred in the first place to the Officer in charge of the competition concerned but if necessary will be referred to an Emergency Committee in order to provide a resolution.

Any question or dispute arising in respect of a match must be submitted in writing (this can be by email) to the Officer in charge of the competition within 24 hours of the match completion.