

EAST OF EXE MIXED LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. The title of the league shall be "EAST OF EXE MIXED LEAGUE", hereinafter referred to as the "League".
2. For playing purposes the League shall operate geographically east of The River Exe and in the County of Devon. Clubs outside the County of Devon may be permitted to join but only at the discretion of the member clubs' representatives at the annual AGM. The number of clubs participating will be agreed annually at the League AGM
3. Each participating club must be affiliated to Bowls England.
4. Each participating club shall appoint a delegate to serve on the League administrative committee and have one vote per club.
5. The administrative committee shall annually, at the League AGM, elect a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Fixture/Results Secretary.
6. The Joining fee and annual membership fee of the League shall be determined annually by the administrative committee at the League AGM.
7. Conditions of play:
 - a. Play shall be in accordance with The Laws of the Sport of Bowls as laid down by Bowls England and World Bowls.
 - b. The league shall be played on a Monday evening at 6:30 pm or by mutual agreement within the week specified in the playing schedule issued by the Fixture Secretary. If play is not possible, either due to inclement weather or other extenuating circumstance then the fixture is to be rearranged, where possible, within the specified week, *or* in any case within three weeks of the scheduled date. Details of rearranged matches to be notified immediately to the Fixture Secretary.
 - c. The League shall consist of Divisions and the number of teams in each Division will be set annually at the AGM.
 - d. There will be promotion and relegation between the Divisions of the League. The system for promotion and relegation shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.
 - e. Started at 6:30 pm or by mutual agreement.
 - f. **Played as four mixed rinks, comprising of at least one of each gender as a member of each rink. Play will not be permitted by any rink that is not mixed. Additionally 2 points and 5 shots will be awarded to non-defaulting team and 0 points and minus 5 shots, for each rink of the defaulting team not complying with this rule.**
 - g. Be of 18 ends with no trial ends and threes to play up.
 - h. Rearranged if play is stopped due to adverse weather conditions and less than 12 ends have been played. The date of the rearranged match to be notified to the League Fixture Secretary.
8. The matches shall be played under the following points system:
 - a. Match win 4 points
 - b. Match draw 2 points each team
 - c. Rink win 2 points
 - d. Rink draw 1 point each team

9. If there is a tie on points at the end of the season, then shot difference shall be taken into account to decide the winner.
10. Conceded games – 12 points plus 10 shots awarded to the non-defaulting team, - 0 points and minus 10 shots to the defaulting team. However, it should be emphasised that it is considered not in the spirit of the League that games are conceded, whatever the circumstances.
11. Results must be notified by both teams to the Fixture Secretary within 48 hours of the match being played. Giving :
 - a. Date of match.
 - b. Venue.
 - c. Clubs participating.
 - d. Individual rink scores.
 - e. Total shots of the match.
 - f. The score cards must be retained by both clubs until the end of the season for verification in the event of a dispute.
12. Any amendment, addition or alteration to the above rules can only be made at the Annual General Meeting of the administrative committee.
13. Each Club Delegate will be notified with a list of member clubs and their respective delegates.
14. In the event of a dispute, whatever the nature, the Chairman, Secretary, and Fixture/Results Secretary shall adjudicate and their decision shall be final and binding.

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