TEESSIDE LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE RULES

1. The results of all matches to be sent to the League Secretary by the designated representative of both teams within 48 hours of the match.
2. Game scorecards must be signed by the captain of each team and are to be retained until the end of the season.
3. Each Club shall appoint a captain who will throw for the jack before a match begins; the captains together will decide any point of dispute.
4. All games will be played on a natural surface.
5. Wherever possible 2 spare weeks will be included in the calendar in order to play rearranged games or future games where teams know they will be unavailable.
6. Where games are stopped through rain or any other cause, the score will remain as it is and carried on when the game continues. If, however, the game has reached 15 ends or over it shall be counted as a finished game and the total score to stand as it was at 15 ends. The League Secretary must be informed of any postponed games and dates of replays. Scoring system 2 points for a winning rink, 1 point for a drawn rink and 2 points for the long game. Total 6 points.
7. Matches should be played on the scheduled fixture date. If a team is unable to play on that date, then another date can be arranged. If the rearranged game is cancelled by the same team, for any other reason than weather or green conditions, then the game is conceded and the opposing team is awarded the 6 points. All matches must be played by Finals Day. The Secretary is to be informed of any change of date.
8. Any team arriving 15 minutes after the start time (1.30 pm) and failing to give notice to opponents except in unforeseen circumstances, i.e. breakdown of car or coach, will forfeit points to the opposition.
9. No trial ends are to be played. One shot only to count on the first and second end.
10. Teams to consist of 2 rinks of 3 players – 3 woods per player – 18 ends to be played. One reserve only is allowed for each team.
11. If a player leaves the green for illness or other reasonable cause, the reserve (if available) may take a place, but not that of Skip, i.e. 2nd wood should move to Skip. If there is no reserve available play on that rink will cease and the score held until the end of the game.
12. In exceptional circumstances teams are allowed to play with one player short, no more than twice in a season. The League Secretary must be notified.
13. Dress for all matches, league and Competitions, will consist of grey or club colour below the waist, white or club shirts with collar and sleeves, any flat-soled shoes. All members of a team must wear the same shirt i.e. all in white or all in club shirt and the same colour below the waist.
14. The Captain of the Home Team may give the "Welcome Address" at the start of the match.
15. Smoking is not permitted on the green or during the game in League or Competition matches.
16. Emergency Rule - In extremely inclement weather* games may be classed as finished after 5 ends or more have been played. This means when greens become unplayable, etc. to alleviate expenses being incurred unnecessarily.

*FOR INFORMATION ONLY

BE interpretation of inclement weather is the following

Inclement weather shall mean the existence of rain or abnormal climatic conditions (whether they be those of hail, snow, cold, high wind, extreme high temperature or any combination thereof) by virtue of which it is either not reasonable or possible to play.

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Unusual situations not covered by the above can often arise. If a situation arises that is not covered by the above, Players, Markers, Umpires and Officials shall use their common sense and a spirit of fair play to decide on the appropriate course of action.

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