

Billericay Bowls Club Internal League 2019 Rules and Information

There are currently six teams participating in the league each consisting of a squad of up to five players including designated reserves. These have all been drawn and each have a nominated 'captain' or 'skip'. He or she will be responsible for selecting their squad for each match and for arranging for the result of each match to be passed to either of the league stewards (Nigel Burrus or Mike Monk) as soon as is practicable so that league positions and results can be published and distributed. All team members (other than those designated as reserves) shall be selected to play at least three games per season. The 'home' team captain will be responsible for liaising with the opposition skip regarding organising matches and any query over matches. Rinks have already been designated so that home and away matches against other teams are wherever possible played on different rinks and all teams will play an equal number of games on each rink.

Each team will play all other teams twice in the season on pre-selected match days. The ten match dates have been selected so as to be apportioned relatively evenly between Mondays, Saturdays and Sundays as far as was practicable. Priority times will be afternoon, morning and afternoon respectively for those days and, as an exception, if players are having difficulty meeting that time arrangement a second option may be offered as morning, afternoon and morning on those days. Three reserve days are available ***should any match be deemed unplayable due to adverse weather or some other reason.***

Should there be particular extenuating circumstances when a team is unable to play and/or reserve players are unavailable then the game may be arranged for an alternate date ***strictly at the discretion of the league stewards.*** Should a team not be able to field a team on the appointed day or alternate day (except through illness or exceptional circumstances the opposing team shall gain 2 points plus an 8 shot difference (***other than with prior agreement of the league stewards***))

Games will be played under normal triples rules over 16 ends. A maximum of two trial ends may be played by agreement of the two captains. In the event of no agreement no trial ends shall be played.

In the event of an abandoned match due to inclement weather, 10 ends will constitute a match. Matches have been scheduled (as far as is possible) to ensure that each team plays an equal number of games on each rink and so that 'return' matches are played on a different rink to the first game.

2 points will be awarded for a win; 1 for a draw; 0 for a defeat plus overall shot difference will be recorded and will count to rank teams in league in the event of an equal number of league points.