

North West Kent Bowls League

Rules

(revised October 2020 to incorporate changes as a result of the suspension of the North West Kent Bowls League during the 2020 Bowls Season due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.)

- 1 The League shall be called the NORTH WEST KENT BOWLS LEAGUE
- 2 It will be made up of two triples of men, entered by Bowls Clubs within NORTH WEST KENT and all matches will be played on outdoor greens.
- 3 The Management of the League shall be vested in a Committee of not more than six members. One member shall be nominated as the General Secretary. Another member shall be nominated as the Competition Secretary and another member shall be nominated as the League Treasurer.
- 4 All Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5 The quorum for all Committee Meetings shall be two committee members.
- 6 The Annual General Meeting shall be held before 31st October in accordance with an Agenda to be circulated at least THREE weeks before the date of the meeting to all participating Clubs via their Representatives.
- 7 At all meetings of the League only one vote from each Club will be allowed.
- 8 The Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting by giving not less than SEVEN days' notice to all participating Clubs via their Representatives. Likewise, not less than SIX members may call for a similar meeting by a written request to the General Secretary, but must define the reason for such a request. No other business may be discussed at such a meeting. Voting as at the Annual General Meeting.
- 9 Subscriptions (the fee paid by each competing team) shall be paid by their parent Club and shall be determined from time to time at an Annual General Meeting.
- 10 The League may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than three-quarters of the League Clubs present at a General Meeting.
- 11 On dissolution, any excess of liabilities over assets should be borne equally by all competing Clubs. Any excess of assets over liabilities shall be disposed of as may be decided at a General Meeting called for that purpose.
- 12 Any proposal for the amendment of, or addition to these Rules and any other resolution must be given to the General Secretary, in writing, by 1st September so that same can be included in the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting for that year. Any matter not provided for in these Rules shall be dealt with by the Committee whose decision is final.

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- 13 Each Club will advise the League Secretary the name, postal address, telephone number and email address of the Club's Representative for their teams, as soon as possible, so that the lists of Representatives may be kept up to date.
- 14 The correct dress for evening League matches is WHITES above the waist with grey trousers or shorts and correct bowls shoes. For special matches such as Finals or Inter-League matches full WHITE dress is required. Club shirts are also acceptable.
- 15 (a) Play will be according to World Bowls (Crystal Mark Edition, including domestic Regulations for Bowls England) and K.C.B.A.
- 15 (b) Two trial ends shall be played in all League & Knock Out Tournament games
- 16 League teams can only be made up from playing members selected from their Club. When a Club has more than one team in the league members can only play in one team.
- 17 Green fees; no green fees will be paid by visiting teams.
- 18 In each match 6 points will be available of which 2 points will be awarded to each winning triple or, in the case of a tie, one point to each tied triple, and 2 points will be awarded to the team with the higher overall score or, if the overall score of each team is equal, one point to each team.
- 19 If any League match is conceded without having been played, six points shall be awarded to the team to which the match is conceded and six points shall be deducted from the team which makes the concession.
- 20 All League matches must be played at 6 pm (5.30 pm in August) on the Thursday evening shown on the fixture list. With the agreement of both teams involved, a fixture may be played at a time/date earlier than that in the fixture list. If a player selected by a team fails to appear and play after a maximum waiting period of thirty minutes after 6 pm (5.30 pm In August) on the day fixed for the match he may not play in that match.
- 21 In the event of bad weather, including rain or excessive heat, the Team Captains can agree before the match commences to play 12 ends only.
- 22 In the event of rain etc, stopping play and preventing the completion of the match that day, the game is to be resumed within 14 days. If there is no agreement by the Clubs (or Captains) the League Secretary will set a new date when the match must be resumed.
- 23 If a game is unable to be played because of bad weather the teams involved (or their Representatives) (1) must agree a time and new date within 14 days of the original date for playing the match and (2) within four days of the original date for the match notify the rearranged time and date to the Competition Secretary. If the Competition Secretary has not been notified of the rearranged date within those four days, the match will be deemed to have been cancelled and neither team involved will be awarded any points for the fixture.

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- 24 One player short; One triple plays normally, while the other plays a six-wood triple - one side to play three men with two bowls each and the opponents to play two men with three bowls each, the latter are to lose 33.3% of their score calculated to a fraction.
- 25 In the event of one team being two players short, they should play two against three on each rink in a six-wood triple, the offending team to lose 33.3% of their score calculated to a fraction.
- 26 Except when rule 24 or 25 is applied a League match must be contested by two triples from each team involved. A concession of a contest in respect of one of those triples is a concession by the team of the whole match.
- 27 Penalty for including an ineligible player in a match; if the offending team have won the match the shots and points of that team will be reversed.
- 28 (a) Within two days following play, the Club Representatives of both the home and away teams must send (or procure the sending of) the scores and points allocation by Email to the Competition Secretary. The Email from the home team should have attached to it copies of all four score cards. The home team must retain the original score cards in case of query. Alternatively, all four signed original score cards may on the day following play be delivered to the person nominated by the committee or forwarded to him by first class post. Neither points nor shots will be credited to a team for that or any later match unless and until the Competition Secretary is satisfied that it has complied with its obligations to send the scores, points allocation and, in the case of the home team, the score cards as required by this rule.
- 28 (b) Score cards must show the names of both Clubs, the names of each player in each team in Block Capital letters, the division number and the date.
- 29 Clubs are to check the results and League tables that are sent to them by email. If Clubs have any queries about, or objections to, the results and/or points they must be notified to the General Secretary no later than FOURTEEN days after the issue of the results and tables by Email from the League to the Clubs.
- 30 At the conclusion of each League season two teams shall be promoted from each division and two teams shall be relegated from each division, except that in order to bring the number of teams in any division up to eight, three teams may be promoted.