

# **NORTH WEST KENT BOWLS LEAGUE**

## **RULES 2007 (amended 2019)**

1. The League shall be called the NORTH WEST KENT BOWLS LEAGUE, which shall include the NORTH WEST KENT LADIES BOWLS LEAGUE
2. It will be made up of teams of two Triples, entered by Clubs in the NORTH WEST KENT area and all matches will be played on outdoor greens.
3. The Management of the League shall be vested in a committee consisting of not more than five members. One member shall be nominated as the Mens League Secretary and another as the Ladies League Secretary. A Member shall be the League Treasurer.
4. All Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
5. The quorum for all Committee Meetings shall be three committee members.
6. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October in accordance with an Agenda to be circulated to all 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 via their Representative. Likewise not less than SIX members may call for a similar meeting by a written request to one of the League Secretaries, 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 shall 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 an amendment of or addition by these rules, and any other Resolution must be given to one of the League Secretaries in writing by 1<sup>st</sup> September so that same can be included on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the year. Any matter not provided for in these Rules shall be dealt with by the Committee whose decision is final.

13. The correct dress for League matches is White/Club Shirts above the waist with grey trousers/regulation shorts/skirts and correct bowls shoes. For special matches such as Finals, Club/White shirts and white trousers/regulation shorts/skirts below the waist.
14. Play will be according to E.B.A., E.W.B.A., K.C.B.A., and K.C.W.B.A.
15. (a) All League matches shall be played at 6.00p.m. until the last week in July. Thereafter play will commence at 5.30.p.m.  
(b) All League matches shall be played on a Thursday subject to amendment by the Committee for the early part of the season (in respect of Ladies and/or mens) County Competition Dates.
16. In the event of bad weather, Team Captains can agree before the match commences to play 12 ends only.
17. In the event of rain/excessive heat etc. stopping play, 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.
18. Games postponed because of rain/excessive heat etc: the home Representative must advise the League Secretary of the mutually re-arranged date which should be played within the next 14 days.
19. One player short - One triple plays normally, while the other plays a **SIX WOOD TRIPLE** - one side to play three ladies with two bowls each and the opponents to play two ladies with three bowls each. The latter are to lose 25% of their score calculated to a fraction.
20. 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 25% of their score calculated to a fraction.
21. **In the light of the concessions allowed in Rules 19 and 20, any Club failing to field a team for a match will have THREE points deducted from their total points. The team to whom the match is conceded will be awarded THREE points. If however you have not been given a bye and your opposition does not turn up, we feel the full six points be awarded to the team waiting to play.**
22. 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 for one team. However, at the discretion of the Committee, small Clubs who have no reserve players may use bowlers from another small Club who do not play in the NWKL.
23. The home team must email or phone the result of the match to the League Secretary on the evening of the match. The home team has also to forward all 4 signed scorecards by post OR scan scorecards on the following day. Any changes of NWKL Rep. to be forwarded to Maureen Schofield, League Secretary.