

BENACRE & DISTRICT BOWLS LEAGUE

The League is affiliated to the Suffolk County Bowls Association and accordingly all matches shall be played under the general rules of the S.C.B.A.

The following rules shall also apply:

1. The League shall be called the Benacre and District Bowls League hereinafter referred to as League. All Clubs competing in the League must first affiliate to the Suffolk County Bowls Association and the Suffolk County Womens Bowls Association each year; ie male players must be affiliated to the SCBA and female players must be affiliated to the SCWBA and pay their SCBA Registration fee.
2. A council consisting of the President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and two delegates from each member club shall govern the League. Two officers of the League plus seven delegates shall be a quorum. Each member club shall have two votes.
3. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in January each year.
4. The League rules shall not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting or a special General Meeting. Any proposed alterations shall be sent in writing to the League Secretary at least 28 days before such meeting and the League Secretary shall immediately notify the Secretaries of all member clubs.
5. The League Secretary shall be an Honorary Member of all Clubs forming the League.
6. The Secretary of the League must receive applications from clubs wishing to enter the League not later than 31st December each year. Clubs will only be accepted if their green conforms to a standard acceptable to the committee and any existing member club will be debarred from membership the following year if their green falls below the acceptable standard. Clubs being debarred will be informed by 31st October prior to the commencement of the following season and will be dealt with by the committee under Rule 8.
7. The structural composition of the League shall not be altered except at the Annual General Meeting. Any proposals on this subject shall be notified to the Secretary in writing at least 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, except when an alteration to the number of member clubs is made or becomes Known at the Meeting, when a proposal may be made from the floor. The League Secretary shall circulate written proposals to member clubs immediately on receipt.
8. Matters of urgency shall be dealt with by an Emergency Committee consisting of the Officers of the League together with any two Secretaries of member clubs. Decisions made by this committee will be final.
9. Affiliation fees to the league shall be fixed Annually by the League Council and shall be payable for each team by 30th April. The fee shall be a once and for all payment to cover all liabilities of member clubs for the ensuing season.
10. Match nights shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting and fixtures subsequently compiled by the Secretary or Match Secretary.
11. Fixtures must be played on or before the published date except for the following circumstances (1) Inclement weather (2) Senior or Junior Cup Game intervening. 4 (four) points will be deducted from the point's total of any team cancelling a fixture for any reason apart from the aforementioned. Any appeal should be sent to the League Secretary in writing accompanied by a £5.00 fee. This fee will be refunded if the appeal is successful. Any cancelled game must be re-arranged within 7 days and must be played within 28 days. The League Secretary must be notified of the new date within 7 days of the cancellation.
12. Each club shall forward a list of playing members to the league Secretary by 30th April. New players must be registered with the League Secretary seven days before playing in a League Match. Any club playing an ineligible player shall forfeit two points from their aggregate. Clubs with 'A' and 'B' registered players may only play 'B' team players in the 'A' team for two games. Any player playing three times for the 'A' team becomes an 'A' team player and may no longer play for the 'B' team.
13. A player can only play for one club unless adequate notice is given in writing to the League Secretary that he/she wishes to transfer to another Club. He/she may do so if the Clubs in question are in agreement. In the event of non-agreement the matter shall be referred to the League Emergency Committee.

14. Each team shall play home and away games with all other teams in the same section of the League. In each game a team shall play 12 players in blocks of three each playing 21 live ends.
15. All matches to start at 6.45p.m.
16. Captains of each team shall act as referees for matches. In cases of dispute both shall be in agreement. Failing to agree the end or ends shall be declared void and replayed.
17. Before a match starts the opposing captains, with the names of their own players written on their scorecards, shall place the scorecards face downwards and each captain shall mark the rink numbers on the reverse of the opposing captain's scorecards. All four rinks to be played at the same time. In the event of a captain finding his/her team short of a player or players prior to the first jack being bowled necessitating in his re-allocation of players, he may re-adjust his team. This means all cards be re-written and all rinks drawn again. Once a jack has been bowled on any rink no player may change rinks.
18. In the event of a player arriving late he/she shall be allowed to join his/her rink before three ends have been completed. After three ends the player in question shall be excluded and the leader of that rink shall be allowed to take one extra wood. This player shall not be allowed to play two bowls consecutively.
Order of play. For this example the team with 2 players shall be known as Team 'A' and the team with 3 players will be Team 'B'. Where Team 'A' has won the toss or the previous end the order of play is as follows: -
'A' Lead 'B' Lead 'A' Lead 'B' Lead
'B' no 2 'A' Lead 'B' no 2. With skips playing as normal 'A' skip first.
Where Team 'B' has won the toss or the previous end this order of play is as follows: -
'B' Lead 'A' Lead 'B' Lead 'A' Lead.
'B' no 2 'A' Lead 'B' no 2. With the skips playing as normal 'B' skip first.
19. In the event of a normal 4 rinks match being unfinished owing to rain or other causes deemed sufficient by the league committee a total of 64 Ends must have been completed for the score to stand. **Easey Cup.** 1 shot to count on the first two ends of the game to eliminate trial ends being played. In the event of a match being unfinished owing to rain or other causes deemed sufficient by the league committee, the match shall be replayed in its entirety unless at least 32 of the total number of ends have been completed at each of the venues (i.e. 32 at home and 32 away). If 32 of the ends have been played at home and 32 of the ends have been played away then the score at the point of abandonment shall be taken as the final score. If the scores are level, the last end on the rink nominated to play the extra end will count as the extra end.
20. Skips shall take charge of each rink and both shall agree as to shots scored. In the event of a dispute the referees shall be asked to adjudicate. No person other than the players and referees to be allowed on the green.
21. In each game seven points shall be awarded. The Team finishing with the highest total shots to be awarded, three points and one point shall be awarded to each winning rink. In the event of a match or a rink or rinks finishing with the same number of shots for either side the relative points will be divided. If at the end of the Season there is a tie on points for any position in the League the team with the greatest shot difference will be awarded the higher position. If the points and shot difference are the same then the team scoring the most shots shall be awarded the higher position. If points, shot difference and shots are the same then it will be declared a tie.
22. The Secretary of the home team shall forward the result sheets of matches played during the week. To reach the League or Match Secretary by Saturday of that week.
23. Dress for League Matches and Competitions to be white tops and grey trousers. Ladies to wear grey skirts or trousers. Club coloured shirts may be worn providing all players (Male & Female) are dressed alike. Club colours must be registered with the County Secretary prior to their use. Shirts may be sports-type (polo) with turned down collar (not Tee Shirt) and long or short sleeves (not sleeveless) and may display one identifying club badge (logo) and/or one sponsors name (logo) that must not exceed 100mm square each. All players must wear smooth flat heel-less bowls shoes.

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