



# ***Gosport, Fareham & District Mixed Triples League***

*(Established 1974)*



## **Rules**

*(Revised 2015)*

All games shall be played in accordance with the rules of ***Bowls England***, except where the rules of the Gosport, Fareham & District Mixed Triples League apply.

### **League Rules**

1. Teams will be arranged in an appropriate number of leagues as decided by the Executive Committee.
  2. At the end of the season a promotion and relegation system will operate, with the top two teams of divisions, other than Division One, being promoted by one division, and the bottom two teams of divisions, other than the lowest division, being relegated by one division.
  3. A team will play all other teams in their league in home and away matches.
  4. A team will consist of twelve players of mixed gender. ***Penalty if broken is 2 points deducted.***
  5. Matches will consist of 18 ends, and the rink allocation of both teams will be drawn for.
  6. All players must be registered by email or letter, only players registered with the League Secretary to a team shall be eligible to play for that team, (with the exception: - see rule 17). Any team that plays an unregistered player shall be liable *to a 6 points deduction on that match.*
  7. Starting times for all matches shall be 18.00 hours.
  8. Woods must carry club stickers on both sides for all matches.
  9. **Points**
    - 8 points for an overall win (total shots)
    - 4 points for a draw (total shots)
    - 2 points for each winning rinks
    - 1 point for each drawn rink
- Match results must be agreed by both captains at the end of the game. The home captain is responsible for completing the '***score notification card***' which must be signed by both captains, and forwarded to the League Secretary within 48 hours.
10. Individual score cards must be forwarded to the League Secretary by the team captain, to arrive within 7 days of the game having been played.
  11. The League shall run all league competitions. Any profits or losses shall be borne by the League.
  12. **Fixtures**

During the close season, the League Secretary will forward to each club, details of the weeks during which their teams' fixtures are to be played. The day in that week on which the fixture will take place will be decided by negotiation between the representatives of the two teams at the Annual Fixture Meeting.

13. All games must be played on the scheduled date, or re-arranged date; no team captain will be permitted to give the game away. ***Postponement of matches shall only occur through inclement weather, or if the green is not available due to a County, Portsmouth & District or Southampton & District, Triples or Rinks match is scheduled to be played on the same evening as an arranged G & F League match. A match cannot be cancelled due to lack of players.***

If a match is not played on the scheduled date, it must be rearranged within the next fourteen days following that date. In the event of a team cancelling a scheduled match (other than the above exceptions) the penalty shall be ***6 points deducted*** from the offending team and ***10 points awarded*** to their opponents

14. In the event of a game having to be abandoned through inclement weather that renders the green unfit for further play before the completion of 5 ends, the game shall then be restarted as a new match. If more than 5 ends have been played, all outstanding ends shall be played at a later date. Scorecards will be retained by the respective team captains, and used to record the completion of the match. As far as is possible, the same players must occupy the same rinks against the same opponents as in the original game, and the rink should be laid out in the same direction and colour as originally. In the event of a substitute being required, the substitute should occupy the same position as the player that he/she is replacing, except if that person was a skip. In this case a member of the original rink must skip, and the substitute must play in that person's position.

15. Any team finding themselves a player or players short at the start of a match must start the match on time. Only if the players arrive by 18.15 hours, will they be permitted to join in the game.

16. A rink with one player short will be penalised by losing 25% of their final score. They will also play only eight woods to their opponents' nine. The order of play must remain as normal, hence if the team with its full complement of players is leading, their skip will have the last wood, and if the team that is short is leading, the opposing skip will have the last two woods.

**Playing order**

First wood Non defaulting team (O)	First wood Defaulting team (X)
O X	X O
O X	X O
O X	X O
O X	X O
O X	X O
O X	X O
O X	X O
O X	X O
O X	X O
O -	- O

17. **Registration** All players must be registered in their appropriate teams on or before 15<sup>th</sup> April. Where a club has more than one League team, players may ***'play up'*** twice for a team playing in a higher league before being tied to the higher team. Players are not permitted to ***'play down'*** in a lower League. The League Secretary and the opposing captain are to be informed even though it is not a transfer. A team may only ***'borrow'*** up to 3 players for one match, if they are still short they must play with the players they have and be penalised (see Rule 16). Teams cannot borrow from another of their teams in the same division. Any player transferring from one team to another within a club will be tied to that team for the rest of the league season. ***Penalty for players playing down, 2 points deducted for each offending player.***

18. **Transfers** will only be accepted if written notification is given to the League Secretary up to 24 hours before the game for which the transfer is effective.

19. A player registered as a member of a league team shall not be permitted to transfer to a team in a lower division after 1<sup>st</sup> July.

20. Dress will be white above the waist (including headwear), grey tailored trousers/regulation skirts below the waist, with regulation footwear, (*no shorts permitted*), for all League and other events unless specified. Club coloured shirts may be worn provided every member of the team has the same uniform with no exceptions. The whole team including reserves must have the same colours. Whites will be worn for all events on Finals Day, and for all Presidents matches.

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## **Competition Rules**

Any bowler playing in G & F League Competitions, who finds that they are unable to play on Finals Day, must withdraw from the competition before the quarter final of that event.

### **Audrey Pearce (Ladies Singles)**

### **Masterman (Men's' Singles)**

### **Presidents (Singles)**

### **Secretary & Treasurer (Singles)**

### **Bowler of the Year (Singles)**

Winners in each round will be the first player to **21 shots**. The first named player in the tie will be the challenger, and will have the advantage of being at home. ***The challenger must offer his/her opponent at least two dates within seven days of the draw being issued, otherwise the challenged person shall become the challenger and assume the advantages of the challenger.*** Matches must be played by the scheduled date for each round of the competition, and failure to do so may result in the disqualification from the competition of one or both players. The final of these events will take place on Finals Day.

### **Presidents' Trophy**

This is a singles competition for the current ***President of the Gosport & Fareham League, the current President of all constituent Clubs, all Past Presidents of the League and all Past Club Presidents.***

### **Bowler of the Year**

Each club in the League is permitted to nominate two players, (one male and one female) to compete in this competition. ***Those selected should, in the opinion of the club, have done most for that club during the season, and NOT be selected because they are the best bowler.***

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## **Gosport & Fareham Cup**

1. The competition will be an all-day event commencing at 9.30am. One team of Mixed Triples from each of the G & F League Teams will be eligible to enter. All players must be registered with that particular Team.
2. The Teams will be divided into Two groups, "A" and "B" and will play 6 ends or 45 minutes each session, to a maximum of Four games up to the Final, playing alternate sessions. A bell will signal the start of each session and will ring again 45 minutes later, if 6 ends have not been completed, the game will finish with the end being played. No trial ends will be played, all shots obtained at each end, including the first will be recorded. In the event of a Dead End Two shots will be awarded to the opponents.
3. Two points will be awarded to the winning team of each game and one for a drawn game. The winning Team from group "A" will play the winning team from group "B". Should two or more teams have equal points at the end of the Four sessions, then the Shot difference will decide the finalists. If two teams have the same score, then the Team with the highest score "*For*" will go through to the Final. If the score is still the same, then the Team that has won the ***Most Ends*** overall will go through.
4. If a Team is more than 10 minutes late for any session, they will forfeit that game and 2 points will be awarded to their opponents. Shots for and against will be calculated on their average for their total games played at the end of the sessions.
5. A Team playing with one player short will lose 25% of their score. If a Team is more than one player short they will forfeit the game.
6. New score cards will be issued for each session, it is essential that they are handed to the recorder at the end of each session.
7. The final will take place at the end of all games being played, against the Winners of each of the Two Groups and will be played over 6 ends, with an extra end played in the event of a tie. An umpire will be present, whose decision will be final.
8. Dress code will be Greys below the waist with White or Club Colours above the waist. The entry fee will be £2 per person, in line with all other G & F Competition entry fees. The game will be played on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in September. Each Club will be invited to host the event in turn, but must insure that they are able to set-out 7 rinks.
9. The draw is set out to accommodate 28 Teams, if more Teams enter, the Host Club will be asked to reduce their Teams, if we get less entries, they will be asked to enter extra Teams to make the number up to 28.

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*The amended Rules were approved by the members present at the Annual General Meeting of the League, held at Rowner Bowling Club on Sunday 1st November 2015.*