

TEESSIDE LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

(Amended 2016)

1. The League shall be called the **TEESSIDE LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE**
2. The Aim of the League
 - a. To foster and encourage the game of bowls within TEESSIDE and the surrounding area.
 - b. To hold annual competitions/ Singles, Pairs, Triples and Rinks
3. Elected Officers
 - a. The League shall have the following Officers
 - b. President, Senior Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Competition Secretary and Child Protection Officer.
 - c. The position of President for one year only, with progression being made from Senior Vice to President. A new Senior Vice President will be elected annually.
4. The affairs of the League will be conducted by the above officers and a Secretary from each member club who will convene twice a year to conduct the necessary business.
5. The Annual General Meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of October. Any propositions must be in the Secretary's possession 14 days prior to the AGM
6. An Extraordinary Meeting can be called by the Officers or a combination of 5 member clubs, the Honorary Secretary must give all members 14 days notice at least, of this meeting.
7. Fees. These will be reviewed annually by the Officers and notified to members at the AGM.
8. Regulation Dress. This will follow the dress code of the Bowls England i.e. White or Club shirt, Grey Skirt, trousers or crops. Brown, White or Grey shoes.
9. Rules and Competition By- Laws. These will follow the World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls including Domestic Regulations for Bowls England as displayed in the current edition of the rule book.

TEESSIDE LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE RULES

1. The results of all matches should be sent to the League Secretary and the Website Editor by the designated representative of the Home Team within three days of the match by email.
2. Game scorecards must be signed by the Captain of each team and are to be retained until the end of the season.
3. Each Club shall appoint a Captain who will throw for the jack before a match begins; the Captains together will decide any point of dispute.
4. Where games are stopped through rain or any other cause, the score will remain as it is and carried on when the game continues. If however, the game has reached 15 ends or over it shall be counted as a finished game and the total score to stand as it was at 15 ends. The League Secretary must be informed of any postponed games and dates of replays. Scoring system 1 point for a winning rink, ½ point for a drawn rink and 2 points for the long game.
5. In the event of a club failing to fulfil a fixture an alternative date must be given within 14 days and played before the last game of the season. If the game cannot or will not be played within this period then no points will be given to either team. The Secretary is to be informed of any change of date.
6. Any team arriving 15 minutes after the start time (2.00pm) and failing to give notice to opponents except in unforeseen circumstances, i.e. breakdown of car or coach, will forfeit points to the opposition.
7. No trial ends are to be played. One shot only to count on the first and second end.
8. Teams to consist of 3 rinks of 3 players – 3 woods per player – 18 ends to be played. One reserve only is allowed for each team
9. If a player leaves the green for illness or other reasonable cause, the reserve (if available) may take a place, but not that of Skip, i.e. 2nd wood should move to Skip. If there is no reserve available play on that rink will cease and the score held until the end of the game.
10. Under no circumstance will teams be allowed to play a game with less than 9 players.
11. Dress for all matches, league and Competitions, will consist of regulation grey skirts, tailored grey trousers or crops, white or club shirts with collar and sleeves, brown, white or grey shoes. All members of a team must wear the same shirt i.e all in white or all in club shirt. The wearing of tights or stockings is optional. Pop socks may not be worn.
12. The Captain of the Home Team may give the "Welcome Address" at the start of the match.
13. Smoking is not permitted on the green or during the game in League or Competition matches.
14. Emergency Rule- In extremely inclement weather games may be classed as finished after 5 ends or more have been played. This means when greens become unplayable, etc. to alleviate expenses being incurred unnecessarily.