

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT  
TO SBA APRIL 10th 2021 AGM/ COMMUNICATIONS MEETING

Please note that this report has been prepared in advance of any Government COVID 19 statement and therefore points made may well not apply when League matches commence.

Since the last SBA AGM in 2019, Bowls in general has been subjected to large scale disruption. Significantly, SBA have not been able to operate the normal League season. The question now is will we be able to fare better in 2021? Of course, the answer to this is not really in our hands – but rest assured that we will do all that we can whenever we can to operate a full League season.

This may necessitate changes to our normal procedures regarding the published League Rules that are on the website. For example, we may only be able to play triples as opposed to full rinks. The rules will be modified to reflect the conditions placed upon us.

There are other factors that will have to be addressed in time :-

- what changing facilities will be available (if any),
- what hospitality facilities will be available (if any),
- will transport to away matches be an issue,
- will Club memberships support all the teams currently submitted for the Leagues??
- Dress Cde might be modified to ease pressures on changing facilities – play in greys rather than whites?
- Should the League operate as a triples league will promotion and relegation be applicable this year?

Currently, I think that it is unlikely that result cards will be issued to clubs – normally done at the Spring Communication Meeting – so clubs will be required to use electronic means to report results.

I am sure there will be other factors that come into play as well as these outlined here.

The current League Rules have been appraised and only relatively minor changes would be required. The new issue will be posted on the website should they be required.

I am also pleased to include the following message from Matt Hamilton regarding the Ladies County League.

“I am pleased to announce that we have launched a Saturday Ladies County League for the 2021 season.

The aim of this league is to allow working women to play competitive bowls at the weekend rather than during the week where this can be challenging due to start times and working commitments.

The aim is to encourage more women to the game using our open days and club recruitment for younger people in the 20 – 50 age range to play and enjoy.

We hope to expand the league with more clubs in 2022. I am pleased to also have Barbara Colby who will be working with me through this season to get this off the ground and will be taking control moving forward”.

David Bendall, League Secretary