

THE HALESWORTH THREE WOOD FEDERATION BOWLS LEAGUE RULES

REVISED IN JANUARY 2013.

All games to be played under S.C.B.A.(E.B.F.) Rules except for the following.

1. The league shall be called:- **THE HALESWORTH THREE WOOD FEDERATION BOWLS LEAGUE**
2. The league shall be governed by a Council consisting of **Two delegates** from each **Member Club** from which shall be elected a **President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer**. No Club shall have more than **Two Votes**. Seven to form a Quorum.
3. The **Annual General Meeting** shall be held in January each Year.
4. The **League Rules** shall not be altered except at the **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. The League Secretary shall immediately notify the Secretaries of all Member Clubs.
5. Applications from Clubs wishing to enter the League must be received prior to the Annual General Meeting. Clubs will only be accepted if their Green conforms to a standard acceptable to the Committee, and any existing Member Club will be debarred Membership the following year if their Green falls below the acceptable standard. Clubs being debarred will be Informed by the 31st January prior to the commencement of the following season and will be dealt with by the Committee under Rule 7.
6. The structural composition of the League shall not be altered except at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Any proposals on this subject shall be notified in writing to the Secretary at least 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, except when an alteration of Member Clubs is made or becomes known at the Meeting, when a proposal may be made from the floor. Written proposals received by the League Secretary, shall be circulated to Member Clubs immediately they are received.
7. Matters of urgency shall be dealt with by the Fixtures Sub-Committee, consisting of, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Secretary. Any appeals against decisions made by the Fixtures Sub-Committee shall be dealt with by the Emergency Committee consisting of the Officers of the League together with the Secretary of each Member Club. Decisions made by this Committee will be final.
8. The Affiliation Fee to the League shall be fixed Annually at the Annual General Meeting and shall be payable for each Team on or before the 31st March. The Fee shall be a once for all payment to cover all Liabilities of Member Clubs.
9. All Clubs competing in the League must first affiliate to the Suffolk County Bowls Association and the Suffolk Women's County Bowls Association each Year.
10. Match nights shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting and the Fixtures subsequently compiled by the League Secretary. Fixtures found to be unsuitable may be rearranged by mutual agreement of the Clubs concerned. Any rearrangements to be notified to the League Secretary immediately.
11. Each Club shall forward a list of playing members to the league secretary by 30th April each year. 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' & '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.
12. A player can only play for **ONE** Club unless adequate notice is given in writing to the League Secretary that the person wishes to transfer to another Club. They may do so if the Clubs involved are in agreement. In the event of non-agreement the matter shall be referred to the League Emergency Committee.
13. Each Team shall play Home & Away games with all other Teams in the same section of the League. In each game a Team shall play, Twelve players in Rinks of Three, each playing Eighteen Live Ends which must be completed. However, in the event of a normal 4 Rink match being unfinished owing to Rain, or other causes it is deemed sufficient by the League Committee that **A TOTAL OF 54 ENDS MUST HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR THE SCORE TO STAND.**

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14. All Matches throughout the season to start at **6.30pm**
15. Fixtures must be played during the 7 days before or during the 7 days after the published date except for the following circumstances
 - a) **Inclement Weather**
 - b) **Senior or Junior Cups intervening.**Seven points will be deducted from the points 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 **Fee of £5.00**. 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. **ALL MATCHES MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE 31st AUGUST.**
16. The Captain of each team shall be appointed Referee before the Match commences and in case of dispute both shall be in agreement, failing which, the end or ends shall be declared void.

17. Procedure for playing all League games:- Each Captain shall write the names of his/her Team in Rinks of Three on Four Scorecards. These cards shall be placed face down and each Captain shall write the Rink numbers on the opposing Teams Cards and at this point no player can be changed from one Rink to another unless one Team is more than one player short as for illness Then if a player has to be moved :- i.e. one Rink has only one player. Then the Captains must agree as to who shall be moved. The Captains shall toss a coin to ascertain who shall cast the Jack on the first end. If a Team starts a game with one or more players short, players can be added to the Rinks that are short of players up to **Three Live Ends** from the time the first Bowl has been Bowled as this denotes the start of the game, but there will be no movement of players.
18. When a Club has to field an incomplete Team no extra Bowls shall be allowed
19. Skips shall take charge of each Rink and both shall agree to the shots scored. In the event of a dispute the Referees shall be asked to adjudicate. No persons other than the players and the referees shall be allowed on the Green.
20. In each game seven (7) points will be awarded, the Team finishing with the highest total of Shots shall be awarded Three points and, one point will be awarded for each winning Rink. In the event of a Match or Rink or Rinks finishing with the same number of Shots for each side the relevant points will be shared. If a Team withdraw from the League all points gained by their opponents in matches played will be deducted.
21. If at the end of the Season there is a Tie on points for any position in the League the Team with the most Wins shall be awarded the higher position. If these are equal the Team with the highest shot difference will be the Winners. Yet again, if equal the Team with the most shots shall Win. If this does not resolve the issue then it will be declared a Tie.
22. Home Club Secretaries shall forward to the League Secretary full particulars of each match as quickly as possible.
23. All players may wear Club Coloured Shirts providing all players (Male & Female are dressed alike. Club Colours must be Registered with the County Secretary prior to their use.
24. A copy of these rules should be displayed on each Club's notice board.

AS PER A.G.M. 2013.