

Elmham & District Bowls League Rules

1. The League is known as THE ELMHAM & DISTRICT BOWLS LEAGUE.
2. The Committee should consist of a President, Chairman, Secertary and Treasurer to be elected annually at the A.G.M. plus one member from each of the participating clubs. This should be either the Club Secertary or Captain.
A quorum shall consist of five members of the committee
3. The League A.G.M will normally be held in January. The annual fee is to be fixed at this A.G.M and all clubs shall make their joining payment at that meeting
4. All League & Knock Out Cup games, or any other competitions played within the League's jurisdiction, shall be played under the rules of the Norfolk County Bowling Association except where varied herein.
5. The teams in the league are split into Two Divisions. Each club shall play a home and away game with each other club in its division, the respective league position for each team being decided as follows:-
Two points will be awarded to each winning block and an additional two points to the team with the highest aggregate score. (In the event of a tie the points will be shared). When all matches have been played, the team in each division with the most points overall will be that Division Winner. In the event of a tie on points the club with the highest aggregate of shots for will be deemed the winner. Under normal circumstances, the top two teams in Division Two will be promoted to Division One, whilst the bottom two teams in Division One will be relegated to Division Two. In the event of teams joining or leaving the League, the League officers shall have the discretion to vary this rule.
6. Teams to consist of Nine players each, in blocks of three, three woods each, games to be sixteen live ends. In the event of a match being stopped owing to inclement weather or bad light, a result can be recorded provided a minimum of 12 live ends per block have been completed.
The score at the time play was stopped to stand as the result.
7. Evening matches to commence at 7.00pm until the end of July and at 6.30pm from August 1st.
A maximum of 15 minutes grace to be allowed for late arrivals. Should a club be unable to field a team after this time the opposition may, if they wish, claim the game with the points recorded as 8-0 and the shots as 80-0.
8. Before the start of the game the Two Captains shall provide a set of Three Scorecards marked with the Players of each block. These cards shall be placed face down and the Visiting Captain shall then place his teams cards on top of each one to form the teams for each rink, and marking the appropriate rink numbers on the reverse of the Scorecard.
9. The play shall be in rinks. All rinks to be plainly marked and numbered. The mat and jack shall be aligned with the rink markers. The minimum cast shall be 23 metres, where possible. The maximum cast shall be 36 metres. For the first end the front edge of the mat shall be placed 2 metres onto the green and for subsequent ends the mat may be placed anywhere from the 2 metre point forwards in the rink provided a legal cast can be made. After the jack has come to rest there must be at least 2 metres between it and the end of the green. If not the jack must be moved in the rink so as to achieve this. The jack is live in the ditch and will be played to, its position being indicated by a suitable marker placed above it on the face of the bank. All bowls in the ditch are dead. Where a green has no ditch the Captains must agree before the match either to replay the end or spot the jack outside the string that marks the edge of the green at the point where the jack crossed the string. All bowls on or over the string are dead.

10. Should circumstances arise compelling two players to play against three, the order of play shall be lead,lead,second (repeated as necessary) to be followed by the skips.
11. In any one season, any member playing for a team in one division of the league shall not be eligible to play for another team in the same division of the league. Any member playing for one team in the K.O. competition shall not be eligible to play for another team in the K.O. competition. If a Club enters two teams in the same division of the League, the players for each team must be registered with the League Secretary prior to playing the first games of the season.
12. The Secretary/Captain of each home club, is to be responsible for informing the League Secretary of the results of matches as soon as possible after a game by returning the Scorecards supplied by the league. Score cards to be signed by both captains, or their appointed delegates, before leaving the green. The result can also be sent via an Email if desired.
13. All K.O. Matches the results are decided by the aggregate score
14. All players taking part in games of the league **MUST WEAR FLAT SOLED SHOES**
15. Dress shall be Greys and Whites for all matches. Grey Tailored Shorts are also allowed.
16. The winning clubs shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the safe custody of the Trophies and shall return them to the League Secretary before the end of the third week in August.
17. The Committee are the sole interpreters of these by-laws, and from their decision there shall be no appeal at law or otherwise.
18. Should any club wishing to put forward a motion at the A.G.M. Must do so in writing Two Months prior to the meeting.
19. The League Secretary shall convene a special meeting of the Committee at any time on receiving a requisition to that effect in writing signed by the Secretaries of not less than two clubs belonging to the league. Such a requisition must state the objective of such a special meeting.
20. Any club wishing to raise a objection under these by-laws regarding a specific match must do so in writing to the League Secretary, within five days (excluding Sunday) of the match in question. Any dispute will be dealt with by the nominated arbitrator for that particular Division. The Captains of the clubs involved will be contacted to discuss the complaint. The decision made by the arbitrator and the League Secretary is final.
21. No by-law shall be altered, rescinded or added to without the consent of the majority of those present at a Committee meeting.

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