

E.B.C.A. Group 6 - Wednesday League

Rules and Responsibilities

1. League Secretary's Responsibilities

- a. To arrange fixtures on a home and away basis.
- b. In the first instance will attempt to resolve any dispute. Should this fail the Group officers will make the final decision.
- c. Ensure, where possible, where two or more teams from the same club play in the same Division they will play each other early in the season.
- d. Where a team has had to field a rink (or rinks) with only 3 players, the League Secretary will perform the calculation to reduce the rink(s) score(s) by 25%. Teams are to enter the scores as per their scorecards
- e. Collate results as provided and issue League Tables on a timely basis

2. Dress

- a. Approved Club shirts and trouser/shorts or those supplied by a bowls manufacturer can be worn with white tops or approved club shirts. Players in each team should wear the same dress.

3. Teams

- a. To consist of two teams of fours from each club
- b. No restriction on number of selected badged players
- c. One substitute may be used per rink during a match where a player is physically unable to continue. The substitute cannot play skip.
- d. A player may play once in a higher or lower division, then return to their original team without penalty.
If a player plays in a higher or lower division TWICE (having moved from the team they started the season playing in), they must remain in that division for the remainder of the season. No players are allowed to move teams within the same division.
- e. If any club, that has more than one team participating in the Group 6 league competition, want to withdraw one of their teams, for any reason, it will always be the team playing in the lowest division.
- f. In the event that a club withdraws a team after the draw has taken place but before the season has started, all that teams games will be declared 'byes' and no points or shots awarded for those games.
- g. In the event that a club withdraws a team part way through the season, the league secretary will delete the points and shots for any games that had been played involving the withdrawn team and make all the remaining games 'byes'

4. Matches

- a. Played in accordance with Bowls England laws of the game.
- b. Played on Wednesday evenings, time as fixture list.
- c. Teams will concede the match if they fail to appear within 30 minutes of the stipulated start time or have notified their intention is not to appear, and will forfeit 6 points and 6 shots to their opponents. A case report must be filed with the League Secretary within 7 days.
- d. Rinks must not be pre-allocated by the Home Club but should be drawn by both team captains prior to the start of the match.
- e. To commence with 2 trial ends followed by a match of 18 ends.
- f. Skips are allowed to visit the head
Three's up are allowed, or to visit the head
These are not mandatory
- g. Should an umpire be required the HOME captain will appoint a suitable person to assume umpires duties.
- h. Where bad light or exceptional weather conditions prevail, a match can be limited to 15 ends (on each rink) with the agreement of the Captains prior to the start of the match.

5. Result/s and Points Awarded

- a. 2 points will be awarded to a winning rink. A rink will share the points (1 each) when scores are equal.
- b. 2 points will be awarded to the team accumulating the most shots. 1 point will be awarded to each team where shot totals are equal.
- c. Where a team field a rink with 3 players, 25% of their total shots will be deducted prior to calculating total points awarded.

5a. Promotion, Relegation & Trophies

- a. In the event that clubs either withdraw a team or enter a new team, the League Secretary together with the Group 6 committee will determine the revised league structure. Their recommendations will be presented to the Group 6 AGM for approval
- b. Winning and second place teams from Div 2 and all other divisions will be promoted to a higher division for the next season.
- c. Teams finishing in last place and second from last in each division, except the lowest division will be relegated to a lower division for next season.
- d. When 2 teams in any division are tied for top position with equal points, shot difference will determine final league positions.
- e. When 2 teams in any division are tied for bottom position with equal points, shot difference will determine the final league positions.
- f. In the event of either the top 2 or bottom 2 teams having equal points then shot difference and if required results playback between the 2 teams will determine final league positions.
- g. Trophies to be returned to the League Secretary before the end of the season.

5b. Reporting of Results

- a. The home team are responsible for reporting the results to the league secretary. The results must be submitted via the Group website (www.group6bowls.co.uk). Instructions will be sent separately.
- b. Captains to retain all scorecards in case of any dispute.

6. Matches abandoned or cancelled because of adverse weather

- a. If a match is not started or abandoned before a combined total of 18 ends have been played then it should be rescheduled before the last match of the Group 6 League season. The game will recommence from the point it was abandoned. As stated in the laws of the game if the match has started then the teams should stay the same for the rearranged game except one substitute is allowed per rink. The substitute may not play skip. When a game is abandoned the league secretary must be notified and given the names of the players in both teams. This can be done by email or the contact form on the group website. The result will stand once combined 18 ends have been completed.

7. Rearranged matches

- a. Unavailability of regular players is not an acceptable reason for requesting rearrangement of a match.
- b. If a club wishes to rearrange a match for any other reason, this may only be done with the agreement of their opponents.
- c. Any re-arranged match must be played before 7 days after the last day of the Group 6 league season, on a mutually agreed date proposed by the non-defaulting club.
- d. In the absence of such agreement the match will be conceded by the defaulting club who will forfeit 6 points and 6 shots to their opponents.
The League Secretary must be notified immediately
- e. Where two or more teams from the same club play in the same division and they need to re-arrange a game, it must be played before the next scheduled league game (within 6 days)

8. Publication of league tables

- a. The league tables will be emailed to all clubs weekly once all results are received. They will also be published on the Group website www.group6bowls.co.uk

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