

# Kentishmen Bowls League

## League Rules

### AMMENDED CONSTITUTION MARCH 2017

#### General Rules

- 1.1 The league shall be known as the Kentishmen Bowls League and prefixed by the main sponsors name, if any.
- 1.2 The main object of the League is to promote the playing of Mens Bowls and to provide additional interest in the normal weekend fixtures played between Member Clubs of the League. However were a Club is a mixed club or has a Ladies section of the same club, it may play up to one woman per rink in order to fulfil the fixture.
- 1.3 The League is open to all Kent CBA Affiliated Clubs from Division 2 of the County who have at least one fixture during the season with all other Members of the existing League.
- 1.4 Entry to the League will be offered only to Clubs meeting the above criterion or who are prepared to meet these commitments within 1 or 2 years. They must be able to play 80% of matches in the first year. Entry for new clubs will be as agreed at the AGM by a majority of the Clubs present.
- 1.5 Where two Clubs play each other twice during the season, the game to be played in the League will be mutually agreed and the Home and Away venues will be alternated in each subsequent year.
- 1.6 An Annual General Meeting of all Member Clubs will be held in February of each Year. To receive Annual Reports from Officers, elect Officers, elect new Member Clubs, consider changes to the rules and decide on Annual Fees.
- 1.7 Clubs wishing to amend the Rules must submit their Amendment 14 days prior to the AGM in writing to the League Secretary. To be considered at the AGM all Amendments must be Seconded by another member club either in writing before the AGM or in person on the day.
- 1.8 The Officers to the League will be: Chairman; Secretary/Administrator; Treasurer.
- 1.9 Each Member Club will nominate a representative to attend the AGM and be the contact for the League Administrator. Any member of a Member Club may attend the AGM but each Club will have only 1 vote by the official representative or a nominated reserve and in the event of a tied vote the Chairman will have the casting vote.
- 1.10 The Management Committee will consist of the Elected Officers and two Club Representatives to be elected from those attending the AGM.
- 1.11 The entry fee for the League will be decided each year at the AGM and the money after officer's expenses will be apportioned to the League Winners, Runner-up, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, and 4th Place. Barry Warren Cup Winners, Finalist & Semi-Finalists at rates to be decided at the AGM. No profit will be made on League fees.

1.12 Entry fees must be paid by each Club by the 1<sup>st</sup> May in each year

## League Match Rules

- 2.1 All matches to be played under Bowls England Rules.
- 2.2 Matches should be played over 6 or 5 Rinks as mutually agreed with 5 being the minimum.
- 2.3 Matches will be decided by the total points on the day, on the basis of 1 points for each winning rink, 1/2 point for a tied rink, nil for a loss. An additional 4 or 5 points will be awarded for winning the match on overall shot difference depending on the number of rinks played giving a total of 10 points for the match.
- 2.4 The League points and shot difference will then be used in the League Table. (The rink points are not carried forward. Therefore the number of rinks played will not affect the League Table.)
- 2.5 It will be the responsibility of the **Winning Captain** to ensure that the result card is completed properly and signed by both Captains after each match and sent to the League Administrator by first class post. The result should also be phoned in to the League Administrator as soon as possible.
- 2.6 It shall be the responsibility of the League Administrator to prepare and distribute to all Member Clubs and the Press a monthly report on the League positions during the season and a Final League Table and report at the end of the season.
- 2.7 The League will be decided at the end of the season by the highest points total. In the event of a tie, the best shots difference will decide. In the event of a further tie, the Clubs involved will share the prize money and each Club retain any Trophy for six months.
- 2.8 All scheduled matches must be played, to complete an all-played-all League during the Season.
- 2.9 The official League Fixture List specifying the Venue, Date and Number of Rinks must be adhered to by both Clubs, unless changed by mutual agreement. Where any changes are made i.e. change in number of rinks due to shortage of players. This must be done by the evening of the Wednesday prior to the weekend match and by mutual agreement. Any change must be notified to the League Administrator as soon as possible. If Clubs fail to agree due to a serious shortage of players, then the League Administrator or a League Committee Member must be notified prior to the match.
- 2.10 Clubs unable to field the number of rinks agreed after the previous Wednesday will lose 1 point for the missing rink plus a penalty of 10 shots. A minimum of 5 rinks is required to constitute a match.
- 2.11 In the event of a shortage of players on the day, the playing of up to two triples versus Fours will be allowed. In these cases Bowls England rules would apply and each Triple would lose 25% of its shots to give a final result for that rink. Any Club unable to field at least 18 players will concede the Match in accordance with Para 2.10 & 2.12

- 2.12 In the event of a Club failing to play a scheduled Match, the non-defaulting Club will be awarded the Match, 10 League points and 50 Shots. The defaulting Club will be penalised 50 shots.
- 2.13 The playing of opponents reserves to complete Rinks to play on a friendly basis is normal, but these Rinks will not count toward the League Match and rules 2.10 2.11 & 2.12 would apply.
- 2.14 All players representing the Club must be fully paid up Members of the Club. No guest players are allowed in any League Matches. The playing of an ineligible player would result in the loss of the Rink points plus 10 shots. Repeated offences may result in forfeiture of complete Matches.

### **Arrangements for Play**

- 3.1 The team having the jack will be decided before the Match commences, by the toss of a coin by the Captains
- 3.2 The Captains rinks will play each other. The opposition on all other Rinks will be randomly selected.
- 3.3 All matches will be played in normal Rinks to 21 ends.
- 3.4 The conversion of the Match to Triples or an Evening Tie would only be allowed in emergency situations toward the end of the season, to ensure all matches are played and with the agreement of the League Administrator.
- 3.5 If the green is deemed unfit for play for reasons other than bad weather on the day, then the Match should be rearranged on the opponents Green or rescheduled.
- 3.6 If the weather is bad on the day and the match is abandoned either before or after commencement it should be rescheduled. If at least 50 ends in a 5 rink match or 60 ends in a 6 rink match have been played then the score will stand if no agreement to reschedule can be agreed.
- 3.7 If it is impossible to reschedule a Match due to fixture commitments then the points will be shared by mutual agreement.

### **The Barry Warren Trophy**

- 4.1 A Club Knockout competition will be held Annually called the Barry Warren Trophy
- 4.2 All matches to be played under Bowls England Rules.
- 4.3 The competition will be played on fixed dates decided at the AGM.
- 4.4 The draw will be by ballot at the AGM and the appropriate venues for Semi-Finals and Final plus reserves will also be selected by ballot.
- 4.5 The competition will be based on 1 Rink, 1 Triple and 1 Pair all matches to be played to a conclusion and the Club winning at least two matches will progress to the next round.

- 4.6 Dress will be Greys up to and including the Semi-Finals and Whites/Club Shirts for the Final.
- 4.7 The Club having the jack will be decided before the Match commences, by the toss of a coin by the Captains
- 4.8 It will be the responsibility of the **Winning Captain** to return the card to the League Administrator and phone the result in as soon as possible.
- 4.9 All players representing the Club must be Men and fully paid up Members of the Club. No guest players are allowed. The playing of an ineligible player would result in the loss of the Match.

All these rules constitute the basis of the League Rules, which shall be reviewed annually at the AGM of the Member Clubs. Any incident not covered by these Rules should be agreed by reference to Bowls England Rules and in the spirit of good sportsmanship. Any unresolved matters should be referred to the League Management Committee, whose decision will be final.

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