

DORSET COUNTY INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

THE DORSET 60+ LEAGUE RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY

Players who are bona fide members of affiliated clubs and who have reached the age of 60 years by the 1st September in the year under consideration shall be eligible to play in the teams selected for this competition. Players who have been selected to play in the Liberty Trophy or have played more than once in the Purbeck Challenge Trophy A or B Leagues in the current season shall not be eligible to play in this competition.

(The whole purpose of the League is to give those players who are never selected for the Purbeck Challenge Trophy teams a chance to play in similar matches. (Clubs are expected to honour this principle).

2. ENTRIES

Each club may enter up to three teams. Any one player may only play in one and the same team throughout any given season.

The closing date for entries will be the 1st July prior to the opening date for the forthcoming season.

3. LEAGUE FORMAT

The competition shall take the form of a league composed of one, or two, divisions.

The number of entries received will determine whether the league shall consist of one or two divisions in any given season. The League Secretary of the day to decide which option to adopt prior to the commencement of the season.

Each team to play each of the other teams in their division twice, once at home and once away, during the season.

All matches shall be played in the scheduled weeks of the fixtures programme within the period 1st October and 31st March. The actual day and time of play to be arranged by the scheduled home team of each match. Away teams will be obliged to accept the proffered day of play, with the start time being mutually agreed, but not later than 14.00hrs.

All match arrangements to be agreed by 31st August. Details of match arrangements must be sent by each club to the League Secretary by 15th September each year.

Should a club have difficulty in providing rink space, the home fixture may be played at the opponent's, or any other club, in which case the appropriate rink fees must be paid.

In the event of a 'two division' season there will be an end of season 'play-off' to determine the finalists.

'Play- offs'

Runner-up Division A -v- Winner Division B

Runner-up Division B -v- Winner Division A

The venues to be arranged by the League Secretary.

The FINAL to be played on a green at a time and date determined by the County. In each of the above games, in the event of a tie after the first 18 ends, an extra end(s) to be played by both rinks to decide the winner.

Dorchester Bowls Club have kindly presented a trophy for this competition which will be held for one year by the winning team.

4. MATCH FORMAT

Each team shall comprise two rinks of triples and each match will be played over 18 ends.

4a The visitors will have the mat on the first end, there is no choice to give it away.

4b There shall be no trial ends, but on each of the first two ends played, there shall only be one shot scored on each rink. For the semi finals and final, two trial ends shall be played, followed by a normal game of triples

4c There are no dead ends, the jack is respotted on the relevant side of the T.

4d There are no 2's up, the lead and 2 should be at the same end for the first 6 bowls of each team (unless the 2 has to temporarily replace the skip eg due to a call of nature). After 6 bowls of each team the 1, 2 and skips will change ends at the same time (no staying up at the head. The skip will be allowed one visit to the head each end but visits should be kept to a minimum to keep the game moving

- 4e** All matches shall be played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as issued by the WBB except as may be superseded by this document.

5. POINTS SCORING

There shall be a **total of six points** for each match, the points score being determined as follows :

- 5a** The team with the higher shot aggregate over the two rinks shall be awarded **two points**.
- 5b** If the aggregate scores are equal then each team shall be awarded **one point**.
- 5c** In addition, a winning rink shall be awarded **two points**, and where the rink scores are equal, **one point** shall be awarded to each team.

6. RESULTS

A match result form, signed by both team captains, shall be sent, by first class post, from the home team to the League Secretary, within 24 hours of completion of the game. Scorecards shall be retained by the clubs for possible future reference.

7. RINK FEES

Rink fees for matches shall be agreed between the clubs on a 'reciprocal' basis.

8. DEFAULT

Where a team concedes a match or does not fulfill a fixture on the originally agreed date of the scheduled week, or a rearranged date that has been previously agreed by the League Secretary, that team will concede all six points and twelve shots to their opponents.

Any team which at the start of the match is unable to field six players, shall forfeit the match points and one set of rink points, plus a penalty of ten shots against the defaulting team. A single triple can be played for the remaining rink points.

9. DISPUTES

All disputed matters between teams or matters not covered by these rules shall be referred to the League Secretary, whose decision shall be final.

10. DRESS

All league matches shall be played in regulation 'greys' with white or, where approved, coloured shirts.

Amended July 2015: Rule 4 Trial ends, added

Rule 8, Default, 2nd paragraph added.

Amended May 2016: Rule 4a, Re-spot rule added

Amended May 2019: Rule 2, Each club may enter up to three teams

Amended Dec 2019: Section 4 revamped