

## ELLAND AND DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

### LEAGUE RULES

1. Teams shall consist of 8 players, playing home and away fixtures on Monday evenings. All games shall be subject to the 'Laws of the Games of Bowls' and regulations adapted by the Yorkshire County Crown Green Bowling Association.
2. Any club in the league shall have first call on its home green on Monday nights.
3. Matches shall be numbered and no player may play in 2 matches of the same number.
4. Play to commence at 6-30pm in April, August and September, and at 7.00pm in May, June and July.
5. The games start with 4 jacks on the green at the official starting time, team captains having already numbered the cards, and after 4 games have been completed any side with absent players shall forfeit any unplayed games 21-0.
6. 1 bonus point shall be awarded to the team with the best winning aggregate over the 2 matches, home and away, extra to the 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie. Each winning player gains a point for their team.
7. The team captains shall be responsible for collecting a levy each league game. This levy to be handed to the Treasurer at the close of each season and the levy for the coming season shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting. The levy is 25p per player per league game.
8. The Fixture Secretary will issue a 2 match result form to be used for all league matches. The forms will cover home and away fixtures between the 2 teams. They must be filled in as usual for the first fixture with the visiting captain taking the form ready for use in the return fixture and the then home team captain is responsible for posting it after the second game, The forms must reach the Fixture Secretary within 3 days of the return fixture or a fine of £5 could be due from the team responsible. The result of each game can also be sent via e-mail or website submit box to the secretary.
9. Any club playing an unregistered player shall be fined £2 and the result of the players game forfeited 21-0 to the non-offending club. Where it is found that a player has played in a match under another name, the offending club shall be fined £10, shall have 3 points deducted from their league total and the player shall lose 21-0.
10. Prizes to the value of £150 shall be awarded to the winners of each division and can upon application have up to 8 free tickets for the Annual Prize Presentation. Runners-up in each division shall receive £70 and can upon application have up to 2 free tickets for the Annual Prize Presentation. Values of prize money to be fixed annually by the Management Committee. All competition winners to be sent an invitation by the Association.
11. All players of any age to be registered with the Registration Secretary by the 1<sup>st</sup> April each year. Late registrations will be accepted to the end of June. After the original submission of players in early January any further additions shall be made in writing to the Registration Secretary who will acknowledge these in writing. On receipt of acknowledgement the players named will be eligible for matches. Telephone additions will be accepted in emergency only.
12. Any protest in regard to league matches must be sent to the Secretary and the Secretary of the opposing team within 7 days of the match in question. The decision of the Management Committee in such cases shall be final. All clubs concerned in a protest must be represented at the meeting when the protest is considered. A fee of £5 must accompany each protest, this fee to be returned if the protest is upheld.
13. Submissions of fees and levies – The Committee calls an end of season meeting to collect fines, levies and payments for all clubs.. Failure to submit these items causes extra expense and work for the Treasurer and Secretary. Failure to submit payments by the required date shall result in a fine of £5. Failure to pay fines may result in the club being excluded from future participation in the league until fines are paid together with any additional fee the Committee may decide. Website averages to determine winners of average prizes.
14. No player shall play on an opponents green within 7 days of a match- competition excepted. This rule includes Home team club members playing for the opposition.
15. League average prizes shall be awarded on the basis of a player having the best average in his/her division and having played  $2/3 + 1$  of the possible league matches for that division.
16. The accounts of the Association shall be closed each year on the 30<sup>th</sup> November, by which date all outstanding monies shall be paid to the Treasurer.
17. The league entry fee shall be £16 per team ( to include 10 fixture cards per team ) to be paid with the original entry form in early January. The entry fee to be reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

18. Where clubs have 3 teams or more entered in league competitions, 4 players must be double starred and can play for the 'A' team only. A further 4 players to be single starred who can only bowl for the 'A' or 'B' teams. If a club has entered 2 teams then 4 players to be starred in the 'A' team only. .
19. Starred players – any starred player who does not play in the first 4 matches shall be replaced. Clubs to advise the change to the Registration Secretary.
20. In all league matches the visiting player takes the jack.
21. Postponements can only occur due to bad weather on the night, greens not being open or due to extenuating circumstances. Postponed matches shall be played on a date fixed by mutual agreement between the clubs concerned and shall be played within 28 days of the original date. Notification shall be given to the Registration/Fixture Secretary of the re-arranged date in writing. All outstanding matches shall be played before the date of the last match of the season. Should the last match of the season be postponed, it must be played within 7 days. If league matches are to be re-arranged then they must be played before the scheduled date. Failure to fulfil or complete a fixture will render the club liable to a fine of a minimum of £10.
22. Should any player desire a transfer, written application must be made to the Secretary before 1<sup>st</sup> June for this to be considered by the Management Committee.
23. In the event of a tie for promotion or relegation the number of wins shall determine the final position in the league, definition of a win is a score of 6-4, 7-3, 8-2, 9-1 or 10-0, if still a tie, total individual points (for) to decide, if still a tie, least number of individual points (against).
24. Any eventuality not covered by these rules will be dealt with by the Management Committee and their decision in all matters will be final.