



## CLUB COMPETITION BYLAWS FROM JANUARY 2023

### MEN'S CLUB LEAGUE (Two Fours)

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Prizes: **Winners - £150, Runners-up - £75, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - £60, 4<sup>th</sup> Place - £45**

- 1 The League shall be called "The Hertfordshire Bowls Men's Club League" and be under the control of the Division Committee concerned whose decision in all matters shall be final and binding.
- 2 Entry to be restricted to one team per club and to be made to the Hon. Division Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> September for the following year. A team consists of Two Fours playing 18 ends on the same green. Two points shall be awarded for each winning rink and to the winning team, with a draw in either case awarded one point. In the event of a tie on points in the league the highest shot difference to count, failing this the club scoring the most shots wins, if still a tie the result of the match between the two clubs to count.
- 3 The annual entrance fee to be £10 per club.
- 4 The format of the League to be decided by a Divisional Meeting which shall also fix date, time and venue for any play-off required.
- 5 Matches to be played under W.B. Laws of the Sport on dates to be mutually agreed between clubs concerned. All fixtures are to be completed by 21<sup>st</sup> August. Results to be emailed to Honorary Division Secretary by both Clubs detailing opposition club, date played, each rinks result and total result within 24 hours of the match date. Clubs to advise dates and venues of league fixtures to Hon. Division Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- 6 In the event of inclement weather or bad light matches may be curtailed to 15 ends subject to mutual agreement by the captains before the 8<sup>th</sup> end.
- 7 In the event of a match being abandoned for any reason and cannot be rearranged, the following shall apply. Matches in which the total number of ends played equals or exceeds 24, shall be deemed to have been completed and the scores will stand. Matches where the total number of ends played is less than 24, the match shall be declared a Draw and each team will be awarded 3 points and nil shots. When it is agreed to abandon a Match, play on both rinks will stop simultaneously.
- 8 Ends commenced but not completed shall be declared null and void.
- 9 Where a club fails to fulfil an arranged fixture, the opponents will receive an average of points and an average of shots from all their other fixtures in the same competition. The defaulting team will be deducted the same number of points and shots.
- 10 A player shall play for only one club in a league match in any one season and must be a first claim member of that club. Any club including an ineligible player shall forfeit the match points and any shot bonus.
- 11 In the semi-finals and finals of Divisional or County stages of the competition if the match result is a draw, then additional end or ends shall be played by all rinks to determine the winner.

## WOMEN'S CLUB LEAGUE (One Four)

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Prizes: Winners - £100, Runners-up - £50, 3rd Place - £30, 4th Place - £20

1. The League shall be called "The Hertfordshire Bowls Women's Club League" and be under the control of the Division Committee concerned whose decision in all matters shall be final and binding.
2. Clubs are not restricted to the number of teams they may enter with entry to be made to the Hon. Division Secretary by 1st September for the following year. A team to consist of One Four playing 18 ends. Two points shall be awarded to the winning team, with a draw one point. In the event of a tie on points in the league the highest shot difference to count, failing this the club scoring the most shots wins, if still a tie the result of the match between the two clubs to count.
3. The annual entrance fee to be £5 per team.
4. The format of the League to be decided by a Divisional Meeting which shall also fix date, time and venue for any play-off required. **There will be an open draw regardless of the number of teams entered by any club.**
5. Matches to be played under W.B. Laws of the Sport (Crystal Mark 4) on dates to be mutually agreed between clubs concerned. All fixtures to be completed by 21st August. Results to be emailed to Honorary Division Secretary by both Clubs detailing opposition club, date played, team members names, each rinks result and total result within 24 hours of the match date. Clubs to advise dates and venues of league fixtures to Hon. Division Secretary by 1st May.
6. In the event of inclement weather or bad light matches may be curtailed to 15 ends subject to mutual agreement by the captains before the 8th end.
7. In the event of a match being abandoned for any reason and cannot be rearranged, the following shall apply. Matches in which the total number of ends played equals or exceeds 12, shall be deemed to have been completed and the scores will
8. stand. Matches where the total number of ends played is less than 12, the match shall be declared a Draw and each team will be awarded 1 point and nil shots. Ends commenced but not completed shall be declared null and void.
9. Where a club fails to fulfil an arranged fixture, the opponents will receive an average of points and an average of shots from all their other fixtures in the same competition. The defaulting team will be deducted the same number of points and shots.
10. A player shall play for only one team from one club in any season and must be a first claim member of that club. Any player defaulting this will result in the club being disqualified from the competition for that season.

In the semi-finals and finals of Divisional or County stages of the competition if the match result is a draw then additional end or ends shall be played by all rinks to determine the winner.

**INTER-CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP  
(3 FOURS)**

1. The Competition shall be known as the "Hertfordshire Bowls Men's Inter-Club Team Championship" and shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to Hertfordshire Bowls. The winning club holding for one year the Club Team Championship Trophy.
2. The Competition shall be played under W.B. Laws of the Sport and shall be under the management of the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be binding and final.
3. Each Club competing shall be represented by 12 players (3 Fours), changes of personnel being permitted from round to round as desired. No club shall make more than one entry and no player represent more than one club in any year.
4. The annual entrance fee shall be £10.00 per club and shall be paid in advance at time of entry.
5. The draw shall be made and the date of each round fixed by the Executive Committee, the first named club in each tie having choice of green. All ties up to the Division Finals shall be played on, or by mutual agreement BEFORE the dates shown in the draw.
6. The Competition shall be played in Divisions with each Division producing a winning club to qualify for the County semi finals. The division finals, semi-finals and final will be played on greens arranged by the Executive Committee.
7. All games shall be 18 ends. In the event of a tie an extra end will be played by all rinks. Irrespective of the number of shots scored, the team winning two or three of these extra ends shall be declared the winner. A tied or dead end is a void end. A toss of a coin will take place for choice of jack.
8. Results must be telephoned to the Honorary Division Secretary concerned by the Secretary / Captain of the winning club within twenty-four hours of the conclusion of a game.
9. Any claims to default by the challenger or opponent must be forwarded to the Honorary Division Secretary concerned within twenty-four hours after such default occurs.
10. In the event of a round stopped by inclement weather or other good cause, the result shall be determined in the following way. Where a match has commenced in which a total of twelve ends or more have been played, will stand as the result. If this is a tie then a toss of a coin will decide the winner. If the match has not commenced or less than twelve ends played it will be decided by the toss of a coin.

## INTER CLUB TEAM TEN COMPETITION

1. The competition shall be known as the Hertfordshire Bowls Men's Inter Club Team Ten and shall be open to all clubs affiliated to Hertfordshire Bowls.
2. The annual entrance fee shall be £10.00 per club, paid in advance at time of entry. The entry fees received shall constitute the prize fund, and shall be distributed to the winners, runners-up and the losing semi-finalists in such proportion as the Executive Committee shall decide. When sponsorship is received then the second sentence of this rule will be null and void and the Executive Committee will allocate the sponsorship monies to the Winners, Runners-up and Losing Semi-Finalists. The total prize fund not to be less than if sentence two was in force.
3. The competition shall be played under W.B. Laws of the Sport, and shall be under the management of the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be binding and final.
4. Each Club competing shall be represented by a team of ten players, changes in personnel being permitted from round to round as desired. No club shall make more than one entry, and no player represent more than one club in any year. The ten players will represent their club in four games, Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours. Singles first to 21 shots. Pairs, Triples and Fours 18 ends.
5. If a player is taken ill or is injured during the game, he may be replaced by a substitute from the same club. If the player affected is a Skip, one of the remaining players shall take his place as Skip and the substitute may then play in one of the other positions in that Pair, Triple or Four. For this competition only, substitution is allowed for the Singles player.
6. If a side fails to appear and be ready to play within 30 minutes of the agreed time for the tie, the opponent side may claim a 'walk over'.
7. The draw shall be made on an open basis (i.e. not segregated into Divisions). The first named club in each tie shall be the challenger and have choice of green.
8. All ties shall be played on, or by mutual agreement before the dates shown in the draw. The semi final and final shall be played on a date and green allocated by the Executive Committee.
9. The challenger shall provide a Marker for the Singles, and may select the rinks for play, but a draw must be made to determine the rink on which each game of the four games is to be played. All games shall commence at the same start time.
10. Each game won is worth 2 points, and a draw 1 point. The winner shall be the team with the highest total number of points at the completion of the four games.
11. If the overall score is equal on points, the team having scored the most shots shall be deemed to have won. If the position is still a draw, then the team having won most ends in all four games shall be declared the winner.
12. In the event that the matter is still not resolved, an extra end or ends shall be played by the Pairs, Triples and Fours. Irrespective of the number of shots scored, the team winning two or three of these extra ends shall be declared the winner. A tied or dead end is a void end.
13. The results of each round MUST be telephoned to the Competition Official by the Secretary / Captain of the winning club within twenty-four hours of the conclusion of a game.
14. In the event of a round stopped by inclement weather or other good cause, the result shall be determined by the scores of the Singles having played ten or more ends, plus those of the Pairs, Triples and Fours having played five or more ends. The toss of a coin for each shall determine the result if the ends played are less than ten in the Singles or five in the others. In both instances, where equality results, a further one toss of a coin shall determine the winner.
15. A trophy and cash prize will be presented at the Annual Dinner to the winner of this competition. Presentations of cash prizes will also be made to the Runner up and losing semi finalists.