

LUTON TRIPLES BOWLS LEAGUE RULES

1. THE LEAGUE SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE LUTON TRIPLES BOWLS LEAGUE

2. A) ALL LEAGUE GAMES AND COMPETITIONS SHALL BE PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF **BOWLS ENGLAND** AND ANY LOCAL RULES DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE. THE LEAGUE SHALL BE AFFILIATED TO **BEDFORDSHIRE BOWLS**.

B) **THE LEAGUE SHALL BE MANAGED BY AN EXECUTIVE**. THE EXECUTIVE SHALL COMPRISE OF A CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY AND TREASURER, ALL OF WHOM SHALL BE ELECTED ANNUALLY AT AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD ANNUALLY.

C) A COMMITTEE TO CONSIST OF **TWO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE** TOGETHER WITH AT **LEAST ONE DELEGATE** SELECTED BY THE SECRETARY WILL BE FORMED TO FORM A QUORUM. THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET WHENEVER DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE SECRETARY TO ADJUDGE ALL QUESTIONS AND DISPUTES THAT MAY ARISE ON ANY LEAGUE MATTER. THE DECISION OF **THE EXECUTIVE SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING**. **ANY QUESTION OR DISPUTE MUST BE MADE TO THE SECRETARY IN WRITING WITHIN 48HRS OF THE EVENT**.

D) THE TREASURER SHALL OPEN AN APPROVED BANK ACCOUNT, WHICH WILL BE IN THE NAME OF '**LUTON BOWLS TRIPLES LEAGUE**'. MONEYS IN THIS ACCOUNT SHALL BE AUTHORISED FOR DISBURSEMENT UPON THE SIGNATURES OF **TWO** OF THE THREE OFFICERS (CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER).

E) THE TREASURER SHALL PRESENT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ACCOUNTS AND A BALANCE SHEET WHICH HAS BEEN AUDITED BY AN **AUDITOR APPOINTED FROM A BONIFIDE MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**.

3. TEAMS

A TEAM SHALL CONSIST OF **SIX PLAYERS - I.E. TWO TRIPLES**.

EACH TEAM SHALL REGISTER A SQUAD OF PLAYERS WITH THE LEAGUE SECRETARY BY **THE 31st OF MAY EACH YEAR**. THE SQUAD SHALL CONSIST OF A MINIMUM OF **SIX** AND UP TO A MAXIMUM OF **TWELVE** PLAYERS. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO CLUBS WITH ONLY ONE TEAM PARTICIPATING IN THE LEAGUE.

4. A PLAYER ONCE REGISTERED WITH ONE TEAM **CANNOT TRANSFER** TO ANOTHER TEAM REGISTERED BY A CLUB, NOR CAN THAT PLAYER BE REGISTERED TO PLAY FOR ANOTHER CLUB DURING THAT SEASON.

MATCH PLAY

5. THIS LEAGUE DEEMS A MATCH TO BE A GAME OF **18 ENDS PER TRIPLE**.

6. A) **ALL MATCHES MUST BE PLAYED ON THE ALLOCATED DATE**.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN THE OFFENDING TEAM FORFEITING THE MATCH TO THEIR OPPONENTS. (SEE RULE 7A)
THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS WILL BE

1) IF THE MATCH IS ABANDONED DUE TO THE WEATHER (SEE RULE 8C)

2) IF THE HOME TEAMS GREEN IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PLAY FOR ANY REASON ON THE ACTUAL DATE ALLOCATED. THE HOME TEAM MUST CONTACT THEIR OPPONENTS AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PLAY ON THEIR OPPONENTS GREEN ON THE ALLOCATED DATE IF RINK SPACE IS AVAILABLE i.e. **REVERSE THE FIXTURE**.

BOTH TEAM MANAGERS MUST INFORM THE LEAGUE SECRETARY BY EMAIL OR LETTER WITHIN 7 DAYS OF CONFIRMING AGREEMENT TO CHANGE THE FIXTURE.

6. B) SIX POINTS SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE TEAM WITH THE MOST SHOTS AND TWO POINTS TO EACH WINNING TRIPLE. ONE POINT EACH IN CASE OF A TIE.

7. A) ANY TEAM, HOME OR AWAY, FAILING TO ARRIVE FOR A MATCH WILL BE PENALISED BY 10 POINTS AND 15 SHOTS BEING AWARDED TO THE TEAM IT SHOULD HAVE PLAYED. (ALSO SEE RULE 10B)

7. B) IN THE EVENT OF A TEAM TURNING UP WITH ONE PLAYER SHORT THAT TEAM WILL BE DEEMED AS HAVING CONCEDED THE GAME AND POINTS AWARDED TO THERE OPPONENT AS PER RULE 7A.

8. GAMES ABANDONED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

A) A MINIMUM OF 10 ENDS PER EACH TRIPLE MUST BE COMPLETED TO CONSTITUTE A GAME. IF LESS THAN 10 ENDS HAVE BEEN PLAYED BY EACH TRIPLE THE RESULT WILL NOT STAND AND RULE 8C APPLIES.

B) BOTH CAPTAINS MUST AGREE TO THE ABANDONMENT OF THE GAME.

C) BOTH TEAM MANAGERS MUST REARRANGE THE MATCH WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE ABANDONMENT AND. BOTH TEAM MANAGERS MUST INFORM THE LEAGUE SECRETARY BY EMAIL OR LETTER WITH IN 14 DAYS.

9. THE LUTON BOWLS TRIPLES LEAGUE SHALL RUN AS MANY DIVISIONS AS REQUIRED. IF MORE THAN ONE DIVISION IS FORMED, THERE SHALL BE PROMOTION AND RELEGATION. ONE TEAM PROMOTED AND ONE RELEGATED PER EACH DIVISION OR AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE EXECUTIVE.

10. COMMENCEMENT OF MATCHES

A) GAMES SHALL BE PLAYED ONLY ON A MONDAY EVENING (EXCEPT RE-ARRANGED GAMES) TRIAL ENDS SHALL COMMENCE AT 6-00pm AND THE MATCH PROPERLY STARTS NOT LATER THAN 6-15pm.

B) ANY TEAM NOT READY TO START PLAY 1/2HR AFTER THE 6-15pm START WILL CONCEDE THE MATCH.

11. THE RESULT SHEET SIGNED BY THE CAPTAINS OF BOTH TEAMS, MAY BE SCANNED OR PHOTO COPIED AND EMAILED TO THE SECRETARY OR POSTED BY THE TEAM MANAGER OR NOMINATED TEAM CAPTAIN OF THE HOME TEAM WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE COMPLETION OF THE GAME.

12. JOINING AND ANNUAL ENTRY FEE

A) THE INITIAL JOINING FEE TO THE LEAGUE WILL BE £15-00 PER TEAM. FEES TO BE PAID TO THE TREASURER BY THE 31ST MAY EACH YEAR.

B) ANNUAL LEAGUE ENTRY FEES WILL BE AGREED AT EACH A.G.M

C) A CLUB WITHDRAWING A TEAM/S FOR WHATEVER REASON FROM THE LEAGUE WILL HAVE A PERIOD OF GRACE FOR ONE YEAR.

D) IF THE SAID CLUB RE-ENTERS THEIR TEAM/S WITH IN THE ONE YEAR PERIOD THEY WILL NOT PAY A REJOINING FEE.

E) HOWEVER IF AFTER ONE YEAR THE SAID CLUB WANTED THEIR TEAM/S TO RE-ENTER THE LEAGUE, THEY MUST PAY THE CURRENT JOINING AND ANNUAL ENTRY FEES.

13. IF, AFTER COMPLETION OF FIXTURES, ANY TEAM IS LEVEL ON POINTS, SHOTS FOR AND AGAINST WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

14. ANY NEW TEAMS WISHING TO ENTER THE LEAGUE MUST NOTIFY THE SECRETARY BY THE A.G.M.

15. DRESS

PLAYERS WILL AT ALL TIMES WEAR THE FOLLOWING;
WHITE SHIRT OR REGISTERED CLUB COLOURED SHIRTS
GREY TROUSERS)
BOWLING SHOES (BROWN, WHITE OR GREY)

IN INCLEMENT WEATHER WHITE OR CLUB REGISTERED COLOURED WATERPROOFS WILL BE WORN.

16. NOTICE TO ANY ALTERATIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE RULES MUST BE GIVEN IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY AT **LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE A.G.M. WHICH WILL BE HELD ON A DATE DEEMED SUITABLE BY THE LEAGUE SECRETARY EACH YEAR.**

CHAIRMAN.....

UPDATED 12th DAY OF MAY 2017

SECRETARY

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