

LLANELLI & DISTRICT BOWLING LEAGUE

LEAGUE RULES

(Amended March 2018)

1. Composition of the League

The League is controlled by meetings of the constituent clubs and is administered by the League Management Committee along with the League Secretary.

2. Purpose of the League

To have a League structure and hold matches for the constituent Member Clubs

To hold the following Competitions:

- a. D.J.Jones (2 Rink) Memorial Trophy
- b. Champions All Singles
- c. Harold Williams (Under 35) Singles
- d. David Richards (Over 50) Singles
- e. The League Festival Week

3. Membership and Fees

All Clubs who are affiliated to Carmarthen County Bowling Association shall have automatic membership of the League. Teams that are not affiliated to the County shall pay an annual fee determined by a League General Meeting. Application for membership of the League by a Club not affiliated to the County shall be made to the League Secretary by 31st October whereupon it shall be considered by the League Management Committee with their recommendation placed before a Meeting of League Clubs.

Clubs in default of payment on 1st April shall be excluded from the League.

4. League Management Committee (LMC)

The League Management Committee shall consist of three members from each of the League's Divisions, elected annually, at a League General Meeting. No club may have more than one elected member on the LMC. They shall elect a Chairperson from their number, who shall have a deciding vote in the case of a tied vote. A quorum of five members is required in all meetings.

The LMC shall be responsible for:

- a. Approving the Fixtures for the Forthcoming Season
- b. Investigating and deciding on any complaints or disputes
- c. Recommending to the League Clubs any changes to these Rules
- d. Deciding on the composition of Divisions for forthcoming Seasons (at the request of a meeting of League Clubs or where the number of Clubs in each Division has become disproportionate)

5. The League Secretary

The League Secretary is responsible for:

- a. Formulating the League Fixtures. **The League Secretary may not schedule** evening fixtures after the 1st Wednesday in August.
- b. The day to day running of the League
- c. Recording League Results and issuing League Tables on a regular basis
- d. Organising the League Competitions
- e. Organising LMC Meetings, as and when necessary
- f. Calling a General Meeting of League Clubs when required

6. Open Dates

A Club may apply, in writing, to the League Secretary for Open Dates, on not more than two Saturdays in the forthcoming season. Such application must be, in writing, and with the League Secretary prior to 1st December.

7. Registration of Members

All Clubs must register, with the League Secretary, their playing members, by the last day of May. New members may be added at any other time throughout the playing season but may not participate in any League Match or Competition until registered. All female playing members should be indicated on their registration by the suffix (L) and Junior Members should be indicated by the suffix (J). Registration shall consist of the players' name, address.

Players may only be registered with one League Club at any particular time.

Should it be proved to the LMC that a club has included, in a League Match or Competition a player not registered to their Club then the following penalties shall apply:

League Match – Deduction of 14 points

League Competition – Game awarded to opponents

8. Female Bowlers

Where a club is unable to field a team of 16 male registered players for a League match then it may include Registered Female Bowlers, with not more than one playing on each rink.

9. Transfers

No player may transfer from one League Club to another between 1st July and the end of the season without the permission of the LMC. During this period the player must inform their own Club of their intention to transfer and apply, in writing, to the LMC, via the League Secretary, for permission to transfer. Any Club aggrieved by the transfer of a player to another Club, at any time, may appeal to the LMC, who may, following investigation, approve or deny the transfer.

10. Playing of Matches

The Official Date

The Official Date shall be the one issued on the League Fixture List

11. Playing other than on the Official Date

Clubs may agree to play on a date other than on the 'Official Date'. The new date shall become the 'Official Date' and the Home Club Secretary shall notify the League Secretary, in writing, of the agreement, within seven days of such agreement

12. Start Time

Saturday matches will commence at 2.30pm and midweek matches will commence at 6pm. These times may be varied by mutual agreement between Clubs. A period of 20 minutes grace shall be allowed for players to arrive.

13. Duration of Matches and Competitions.

League matches shall be of 21 ends, however Clubs may agree, prior to the start of the match, to play a lesser number of ends. A minimum of 15 ends must be played. Evening matches played on or after 1st August shall be a maximum of 18 ends.

League Competitions shall be as follows:

Singles – First to 21 shots Triples – 18 Ends Pairs and Fours – 21 ends

D. J. Jones (2 Rink): Preliminary Rounds – 15 ends, Semi Finals – 18 ends, Final - 21 ends

14. Code of Dress

Afternoon matches and Competition Finals – White or Club top with white bottoms

Evening matches and Competitions – White or Club top with grey bottoms

Only **Approved WBA** shorts may be worn

15. Reporting the Result of Matches

The home team shall be responsible for the completion of the Result Card, duly signed by a representative of both teams, and forwarding it to the League Secretary within 48 hours. A Home Team representative must also inform the League Secretary of the result, as soon as possible after the match completion, by text message or electronic mail

16. Unplayed Matches

Inclement Weather and Player Safety

The Home Team, where possible, shall inform their opponents, a minimum of two hours before the scheduled commencement time, that a match cannot be played due to weather conditions and/or concerns over player safety. Clubs may also agree, immediately prior to the commencement of a match, that such conditions exist.

17. Abandoned Matches

Where a match, that has commenced, is abandoned for any reason, and a minimum of 15 ends has been completed on all rinks, then, if both teams agree, the match result shall stand at the point of abandonment.

18. Re-arrangement of Matches

Where a match has not been played under Rule 16, or been abandoned under Rule 17, and either sufficient ends have not been completed or there has not been an agreement reached under Rules 16 or 17, Clubs shall, within seven days, reach an agreement for the playing or completion of the match, on a date not later than 21 days from the Official Date. The Secretary of the Home Club shall, within three days, notify the League Secretary of the agreed arrangements. Where agreement cannot be reached, the Secretary of the Home Club shall immediately notify the League Secretary and the matter shall be investigated by the League Management Committee.

The 21-day Rule may be extended where it is compromised by National or County Finals or the League Festival Week.

19. Awarding of Points

The following points shall be awarded for each League Match:

For each winning Rink – 2 points

For each Rink where the shots are equal – 1 point each

For the Club scoring the greater number of overall shots in the match – 6 points

Where the overall shots result of the match is a draw – 3 points each

20. Failure to play on the Official Date

Where a Club has failed to play a match on the Official Date, other than under Rules 16 and 17, the Secretaries of both Clubs shall immediately notify the League Secretary, whereupon the non-offending Club shall be awarded 14 League points and 20 shots, and the offending Club shall be deducted 14 League points and 20 shots.

21. Investigation of Disputes

Where Clubs have failed to reach agreement, under Rule 18, for the playing or completion of a match, or there is a dispute between Clubs regarding the playing of any match, the League Management Committee, shall, having considered representations from the Clubs involved:

- a. Stipulate a date for the playing or completion of the match, or
- b. Award or deduct points and / or shots, or
- c. Stipulate that the match shall remain unplayed.

Any stipulated date shall not be subject to the restriction of Rule 5 (a)

Clubs failing to abide by a decision made as per Rule 21 (a) shall be subject to reinvestigation

Any Club Representative shall not be a member of the League Management Committee

22. Final League Position

The final League position shall be determined by the total number of points achieved by each Club in that Division. Where there is equality in points between clubs, precedence shall be given to the Club with a superior shot difference from all matches. Should any clubs involved in promotion or relegation be equal in points and shot difference, then precedence shall be given to the Club with the greater number of points won in all League matches played between those Clubs in that Season. If this is still equal then there shall be a drawing of lots to decide the issue.

Subject to Rule 4(d), at the completion of each season, the top two clubs from each Division shall be promoted and the bottom two clubs from each Division shall be relegated.

23. Appeals

Any Club aggrieved by a decision of the LMC, shall inform the League Secretary, within seven days of receiving notification, of their wish to appeal the decision. The appeal shall be accompanied by the sum of £10.00. The matter will then be referred to a meeting of League Clubs and, if the appeal is successful, the fee paid shall be reimbursed to the Club. No member of a Club involved in the Appeal may vote on the matter.

24. Discipline

All Clubs and their members shall be subject to the Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures detailed in the Constitution of Carmarthen County Bowling Association.

25. Award of Merit

The League Management Committee shall have the right to select a member of the Llanelli-& District Bowling League to be presented with an award of merit to honour their overwhelming contribution to the League which would not necessarily be for their bowling achievements. This award will not necessarily be awarded annually. The League Hon. Secretary is to make a record of all nominations

26. Alteration to Rules

These Rules may be altered at a Meeting of League Clubs. Any such proposal must be properly formatted, in writing, and in the hands of the League Secretary at least 21 days before the date of such meeting