

# SHEPWAY AND DISTRICT LADIES LEAGUE ASSOCIATION

## COMPETITION RULES

*Dress Code: Grey Skirts, Cropped or Regulation Trousers, Club colours and/or White Tops for all games.*

*Finals to be played in Whites.*

### LEAGUE

This interclub competition shall be known as Shepway Ladies League and will be open to all clubs affiliated to the association.

All games shall be played in accordance with Bowls England Laws of the game and such other rules adopted by the Association.

Two triples will play 18 ends. Play shall commence at 6.00pm (or earlier by mutual agreement) but not later than 6.10pm. No trial ends.

The first 2 league matches and the last 2 league matches shall consist of only 15 ends.

Games shall be played on the day stated in the League fixture list or, in the event of a valid reason (to be determined by the league secretary or committee) in the week preceding the fixed date by mutual agreement. Only the league secretary or committee shall have authority to agree to a fixture being postponed outside the week of the official date and in the event of a dispute regarding re-arranged dates, to arrange an alternative date within two weeks, which shall be accepted by both clubs. Inability to raise a team will not be considered a valid reason for postponement.

If on the day a game is unable to be played due to extenuating circumstances i.e. Severe bad weather where the green keeper has declared the green unplayable or Operation Stack where teams are unable to get to venue then the above rules apply and game should be re-arranged by mutual agreement by the club Captains and played within 2 weeks.

In the event of bad weather conditions, before the start of the game the Captain's or Captain's of the day shall decide either to play 12 or 18 ends, once this decision has been made it must be adhered to. If the Captains cannot come to an agreement then the **Home Captain** makes the final decision how many ends to play or to postpone the game.

When, by agreement of both captains, the game is abandoned on account of darkness, weather conditions or other valid reason, a result shall be taken only if a minimum of twelve ends has been completed by each triple or the same number of ends in excess of twelve. If less than twelve ends have been completed the game shall be recommenced with the scores as they were when game was abandoned (an end commenced but not completed shall be declared null) within 2 weeks. In the event that an abandoned game is not completed, by mutual agreement, two points will be awarded to each club.

To each winning triple one point will be awarded or half a point in the event of a draw. On completion of the game a further two points will be awarded to the team with the highest overall score. If the overall score on completion of the game is equal, each team shall receive one point. The maximum number of points is four.

A Club failing to meet two triple commitments will forfeit the game and the opponent will receive four points and twenty shots.

The club with the highest number of points at the completion of the league programme shall be the champions. If the highest number of points is shared the club with the highest 'SHOTS' difference shall be the winners. Should there still be equality the competition secretary at a neutral venue will arrange a 'PLAY OFF' on a date mutually acceptable to both clubs.

Scorecards must be checked and retained by the club. Results to be phoned or texted in by 10 p.m. on the day, by the Home team and then e-mailed to the League Secretary by midday the following day. The scores to be put onto the card provided and these to be brought to the next Shepway meeting.

### **EASTON CUP**

This interclub knockout competition is open to all members of the clubs affiliated to the association.

The team will comprise of 2 fours, one home and one away, playing 21 ends on the fixed dates designated by the committee (earlier by mutual agreement). Play shall commence at 6pm. The aggregate score of both fours shall decide the winner.

There will be no trial ends a maximum score of 1 one shot on the first two ends to be counted.

The challenging team will play the extra end in case of an equal score.

In case of inability to play on the designated day due to weather or any other valid reason the challenger shall offer 2 dates prior to the next round to the opponent. In the event of a dispute regarding the re-arranged match the competition secretary or committee shall arrange the date for the match to be played and this must be complied with.

15 ends must be completed to gain a result. If less than 15 ends have been completed due to weather conditions or darkness or other valid reason the game shall be recommenced at the earliest opportunity, with the scores as they were when the game was abandoned (an end started but not competed shall be replayed).

Results to be phoned in, and confirmed by e-mail, to the Competition Secretary by midday the following day. Scorecards must be checked and sent to the Competition Secretary by the challengers.

Green fees to be paid by visitors.

### **SHEPWAY SINGLES (21 SHOTS)**

This competition is open to all members of the clubs affiliated to the association.

The challenger shall at the earliest opportunity and not more than 7 (seven) days from the completion of the preceding round, offer her opponent a minimum of 2 (two) dates one of which must be a weekend and make all arrangements and booking the rink also provide a LADY MARKER.

That any person entering must be available to play in the FINAL, which is held on the Saturday of the August Bank Holiday weekend. Should any person after entering find that they cannot complete the competition they MUST withdraw immediately.

Results to be PHONED or texted to the Competition Secretary by both parties by midday the following day and the card to be posted within 48 hours. The loser must sign the card.

Time of play 10.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. start 15 minutes only shall be allowed for late arrival.

In the event of any dispute between clubs or opponents regarding the above rules the matter shall be referred to the committee whose decision shall be final. NO extensions will be allowed games must be played by the date stated.

Green fees to be paid by the loser.

### **SHEPWAY LADIES PAIRS & SHEPWAY MIXED PAIRS**

The competition is open to all members of the clubs affiliated to the association.

The challenger shall at the earliest opportunity and not more than 7 (seven) days from the completion of the preceding round offer their opponents a minimum of 2 (two) dates one of which must be a weekend and make all the necessary arrangements.

That any person entering must be available to play in the FINAL, which is held on the Saturday of the August Bank Holiday weekend. Should any person after entering find that they cannot complete the competition they MUST withdraw immediately.

Substitutions.

The players taking part in the first game shall constitute the team. Players may change positions between rounds even if no substitute is involved. One additional player may be used as a substitute at any time provided she/he have not already played in the competition. She/he may play in any position.

All players names to be written on the scorecard. The loser must sign the card. Results to be PHONED or texted to the Competition Secretary by midday the following day and the cards posted within 48 hours.

Green fees to be paid by the loser

## ALL COMPETITIONS

NO extensions will be allowed, games must be played by the date stated.

Start time of play 10.30 am to 6.00 pm. 15 minutes only shall be allowed for late arrivals.

A choice of two rinks should be offered by the Home side, once the rink has been agreed then no changes should be made to the rink markers.

In the event of any dispute between clubs or opponents regarding the rules the matter shall be referred to the committee whose decision will be final.

Only the finals are to be played on a neutral green.

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