

SHEPWAY & DISTRICT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

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SHEPWAY LEAGUE RULES - MEN

- 1 The inter-club competition shall be known as the Shepway League and will be open to all affiliated clubs
- 2 The Shepway League is open to all bona fide male members of each affiliated club. No player shall play for more than one club in any one season
- 3 All games shall be played in accordance with the Bowls England Laws of the Game and rules adopted by the Executive Council
- 4 The dress code of the Bowls England applies
- 5 Smoking on the green is prohibited during all matches played under the jurisdiction of Bowls England.
Failure to adhere to this will result in disqualification.
This prohibition includes all electronic cigarettes.
- 6 All league matches will be arranged before the start of the season and a Fixture List published. Each match shall consist of 4 triples, playing 18 ends, and played at one venue. Play will commence no later than 6.15pm. There will be no trial ends. The last match of the season, September, will be played over 15 ends.
- 7 Once the captains have completed and exchanged cards, no changes shall be made, with the exception of the inclusion of a substitute for a player failing to turn up.
- 8 Each winning triple shall be awarded 2 points, and the club with the highest shots total shall be awarded 2 points. A total of 10 points are available per match.
Where a rink's scores and/or the overall score is equal, the 2 points will be shared.
- 9 Matches must be played on the day stated in the Fixture List, with the following exceptions :-
 - a) with the mutual agreement of both club captains, a fixture may be rearranged but must be played by not later than the following Sunday unless agreed in accordance with clause c) below
 - b) If one of the venues of a league match is unplayable, this match may be played at the opponent's venue, or postponed until later in the same week (but not later than the Sunday).
 - c) In exceptional circumstances, when it is impossible for a fixture to be played before the Sunday of the designated week, the Council may give permission for it to be rearranged but not later than the last scheduled league match.

It is hoped that good sense and sportsmanship will prevail when captains discuss the rearrangement of fixtures.

During July each year, the Cox Cup matches are played on a Monday.

Therefore all Shepway League matches during July, will take place on Tuesdays.

- 10 A club failing to meet the 4 triples commitment at the time of play, will forfeit 2 points and 7 shots for each incomplete triple.
- 11 A club receiving a walkover as a result of a default shall be awarded 10 points and 42 shots.
- 12 When, by agreement of both captains, a leg of a match is abandoned on account of darkness, weather conditions or other valid reason, the result will stand if a minimum of 12 ends are completed.
The same number of ends in excess of 12, must be completed by each triple.
Unless the number of ends are agreed before the start of the match, if less than 12 ends have been completed, that portion of the match shall be replayed on a date mutually agreed by the club captains, but if agreement is not possible, on a date nominated by the Council.
The restriction detailed in Clause 9(b) will apply
- 13 The club with the highest points total at the completion of the League program shall be the League Champions. In the event of a tie, the club with the highest shots difference shall be the winner. Should there still be equality, the club with the highest shots total shall be the winner. In the event of all such measures still being equal, the results of the head-to-head matches shall be examined and the winner will be the club with the better head-to-head record. Should there still be equality, a play-off will be arranged at a neutral venue on a date agreed by both clubs
- 14 On completion of each match, the team captains are responsible for checking the scorecards for each rink.
Results should be forwarded to the Results Secretary, by the captain at the home venue within 24 hours of the match.
Each club is responsible for retaining their own scorecards and making them available for inspection if any clarification is required.
- 15 In the event of any dispute arising in interpretation of these rules, the decision of the Council shall be final and binding
- 16 The League Champions Trophy shall be awarded at the Association's AGM.
The holders shall retain possession for one year and shall be responsible for its safe return when and where the Council decides
- 17 The League Champions will host the Chairman's Shepway Select Match, the following year.
The League Champions will select their six rinks/triples, and the Shepway League Chairman will also select the six rinks/triples, from remaining League Clubs, to form the opposition.
- 18 The League Champions shall also represent the Shepway & District Bowls Association in the East Kent Leagues Trophy Competition the following year