

1 Introduction

- 1.1 These Rules are in addition to the Competition Rules.
- 1.2 In each Area there will be a Premier League and a Challenge League.
- 1.3 The winning Club from the Premier League shall hold the County Cup for a period of one year and the losing finalists shall hold the Runners-up Shield for the same period.
- 1.4 The winning Club from the Challenge League shall hold the County Plate for a period of one year and the losing finalists shall hold the Runners-up Plate for the same period.
- 1.5 For each of the finals, no more than fourteen winners' medals and fourteen finalists' medals will be presented by the Association – see paragraph 5 below.
- 1.6 The 'Starred Green' rule detailed in Association Regulations shall not apply to this competition.

2 General

- 2.1 The Competition is open to all affiliated Clubs in Buckinghamshire and one entry per club.
- 2.2 The competition is open to full playing male members.
- 2.3 The competitions will be divided into two stages:
 - 2.3.1 The preliminary stage which will be played on a league basis.
 - 2.3.2 The final stage which will be played on a knockout basis.
- 2.2 Each Club will be represented by four triples and all games shall be of 18 ends.
- 2.3 A draw for the Bucks Cup and Bucks Plate shall be arranged by the Bucks Cup & Plate Secretary and witnessed by two other County Officials.
- 2.4 Refer to Regulation 125 for eligibility to play in these competitions.

3 Preliminary Stages

- 3.1 Play shall commence at 6.00pm unless otherwise arranged.
- 3.2 If a team is not ready to play within 30 minutes of the specified start time the match may be played with three triples if possible. The opponents shall be awarded the two points for the triple not played and ten shots.
- 3.3 If a team does not turn up, or is unable to play three triples, the results of all games played by the offending team shall be declared void and expunged from the League.
- 3.4 Two triples shall play at home and two triples shall play away on the same evening.
- 3.5 The home Club shall:
 - 3.5.1 Nominate the two rinks to be played on.
 - 3.5.2 Nominate the home teams for each rink.
 - 3.5.3 Draw for opponents.
- 3.6 Six points shall be awarded to the team with the highest number of shots or three points to each team if each team has the same number of shots.
- 3.7 Two additional points shall be awarded to each team for each winning triple or one point to each team for a tied triple. *(Points awarded via 3.7 and 3.8 shall be in addition to any awarded in 3.2).*
- 3.8 Both Clubs shall complete the approved Results Form, which must be sent by e-mail to the Bucks Cup/Plate Secretary or delegated person specified in the Association Yearbook before 10.00pm the following evening. *(Match Cards must be retained by the Club and given to the Bucks Cup/Plate Secretary or designated Association Official by the semi-finalists at the semi-finals).* The Men's Competition Manager shall have the right to see the original Match Cards at any time.
- 3.9 The two Clubs gaining most points in each League in each Area shall go forward to the appropriate quarterfinals.
- 3.10 Should two or more Clubs be equal on points, the one having the better shot difference shall be declared the winner.
- 3.11 Should two Clubs be equal in both shots and points, the winner shall be ascertained by the result of the match already played between those two Clubs.
- 3.12 Should the match between those two Clubs be drawn, the side that has the triple with the highest shot difference in that match shall be the winner.
- 3.13 The bottom club of the Premier League in each Area shall be relegated to the appropriate Challenge League.

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- 3.14 The top club of the Challenge League in each Area shall be promoted to the appropriate Premier League.
- 3.15 In the event of a Club's green being unfit for play, all four triples may be played on the opponent's green or postponed. (*See Rule 3.17*). If the opponent's green does not have four rinks the match shall be postponed.
- 3.16 Postponed matches shall be played on or before the next Wednesday after the completion of the league.
 - 3.16.1 If five ends have not been played by any triple the match shall be treated as a postponed match.
 - 3.16.2 If five ends have been completed, the triple shall be played to completion on or before the next Wednesday after the completion of the League. The same triple, using the same rink on the green shall play, although one substitute may be allowed, but the substitute shall not be permitted to skip the triple. If more than one triple is not available, points and shots shall be awarded as per Rule 3.2. If neither team can field a triple no points or shots shall be awarded to either triple.

4 Final Stages

- 4.1 The winner of each league in each Area shall play a runner-up from another relevant league.
- 4.2 The quarterfinals will be played on the league winner's green and the S/Fs on a neutral green.
- 4.3 Play will commence at 10.00am and if a team is not ready to play within 30 minutes thereof the opposing team may be awarded the match.
- 4.4 In the event of a tie after 18 ends, an extra end, or ends, shall be played by all four triples until a winner is established.
- 4.5 The Bucks Cup & Plate Secretary will set the date, time and venue for each final.

5 Lapel Badges

- 5.1 The winning Club for each competition may request a maximum of 4 extra badges for players who had played in earlier rounds of the appropriate competition.
- 5.2 The Club shall identify the names of these players to the Association.
- 5.3 The extra badges and will only be presented at the final if payment has been received by the Association.

6 Questions, Issues and/or Disputes

- 6.1 In the preliminary stages the Bucks Cup/Plate Secretary is authorised, subject to the overriding authority of the Men's Competition Manager and the Executive Committee, to answer questions and deal with issues and/or disputes raised appertaining to the administration and playing of the games. In the final stages, the Bucks Cup & Plate Secretary shall be responsible for dealing with such matters, subject to the overriding authority of the Men's Competition Manager and the Executive Committee, and which do not come within the remit of the Umpires.
- 6.2 A Club affected by a decision may appeal to the Administrator.
- 6.3 Disputes relating to the conduct of Players and or Officials or the outcome of a game must be the subject of an appeal, made at least three days prior to the game or within two days of the game having been played.

End

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