

# **CHILTERN & THAMES ASSOCIATION OF MIXED BOWLS CLUBS**

## **LEAGUE COMPETITION RULES**

- 1.1 All players must be bona-fide members of the Club and shall be registered with the Area Representative of the Association at least one week before playing.
- 1.2 No new registrations will be accepted after 1st July.
- 1.3 No player may be registered for more than one Club.
- 2.1 All games and competitions will be played according to the Rules of Bowls England where appropriate to the game of mixed bowls.
- 2.2 Club teams will comprise three triples with at least one player of each gender in each triple.
- 3.1 A total of ten points will be divided by the teams thus:  
2 points for each triple win of an individual triple.  
4 points for an overall win on shots.  
Where there is a tie in either of the above, the points will be shared equally.
- 3.2 The League shall be divided into seven divisions, and the winners from each of the divisions, plus the highest points average runner-up from any division, shall play quarter-finals on neutral greens, on the last Sunday morning in August. Semi-finals and a final shall be played on the second Sunday in September, on a green to be determined by the Executive Committee. The winning Club will receive the Chiltern and Thames Mixed Bowls Cup for a period of one year, and shall be responsible for its safe keeping and safe return, to the Secretary, in time for the following years presentation.
- 3.2 a Matches in the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and final shall be decided on a shots basis, with extra ends being played if necessary.
- 3.3 Where there is an equal number of points on completion of the League Division programme, or where there is an equal average between runners up for the quarter-finals, then the decision shall be made on shot difference.
- 4.1 The League match results will be notified to the Area Representative, on the form provided, by the home captain to arrive within one week of the date of play. The score cards of the match shall be retained by the Club Captains. Lady players will be distinguished on the match result card by an asterisk (\*).
- 4.2 The playing captain of each team shall sign the notification.
- 4.3 Failure to comply with the above may result in the loss of points.
- 5.1 All fixtures to be arranged and be played by the third Sunday in August.

5.2 Fixture dates to be settled before mid February, and fixture cards received by Area Representatives by 1st May.

5.3 Home team has the right to decide on a weekend or midweek match.

6.1 In the event of a match being abandoned before play has started, subject to a decision by both match captains the match can be-

- a. Rearranged with new dates being notified to Area Representative.
- b. Treated as a draw with shared points, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

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6.2 If less than an aggregate of 27 ends has been played then a decision must be reached in accordance with rule 6.1. If 27 ends or more have been played then the score at the time of abandonment shall stand.

6.3 If on the day of the match, a Club is in default because of:

- a. Insufficient players
- b. Failure to field three mixed triples.

Then the following will apply:

- 1 The offending Club will forfeit the 4 match points to the non-offending Club.
- 2 Triples that can be properly made up within the league rules will be played normally.
3. Each triple that cannot be properly made up will forfeit the 2 game points to the non-offending team.

Should both Clubs be at fault in this context, then the match must be rearranged.

6.4 If a match is cancelled, the party so cancelling shall be offered three dates for a new fixture. Failure to accept any of these dates will automatically require the Disputes Procedure to be brought into effect.

6.5 Failure to agree to resolve any matter affecting the League Rules will result in the Disputes Procedure being implemented.

7.1 In the event of any dispute arising between member Clubs then a formal request shall be made to the Secretary to implement the Disputes Procedure, and a written statement shall be lodged with the Secretary by both Clubs within one week of that date.

7.2 The Secretary shall then circulate these statements to both parties and the Disputes Committee.

7.3. The Disputes Committee shall consist of three independent Committee Members, preferably the Chairman and two others.

7.4 No person concerned in the result of a dispute can be a member of the Disputes Committee.

7.5 The Disputes Committee shall arrive at a decision, which will be final and binding on all parties, as confirmed in writing by the Secretary.

8 a. If during a match a player is unable to continue to play, due to illness or accident, then a

substitute player may be used, if one is available. The substitution is only permitted provided both genders continue to be represented in that triple, in accordance with rule 2.2.

8 b. If no substitute is available, Captains will agree on whether or not the whole match should be abandoned and re-arrange the match. If it is agreed not to abandon, then the two remaining triples will continue. The result will be calculated from the final score of those two triples plus the score at the time of suspension of the unfinished triple. As regards points 1 point to be allocated to each team in respect of the unfinished triple.

8 c. A substitute player is not permitted to play in the "skip" position.

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