

TENDRING HUNDRED & DISTRICT LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

LEAGUE RULES 2023

- 1) The League is open to all clubs in the Tendring & District area who have paid their subscription fee to THDLBL by the AGM. All players must be registered with E.C.W.B.A. League fixtures are played under THDLBL Rules in accordance with Bowls England, ECWBA and THDBA league rules.
- 2) Dress for all games shall be white trousers (NOT JEANS), cropped trousers, skirts or Bowls England approved shorts with the BE logo. Regulation bowls shoes. **NO SANDALS** except with a doctor's letter.
- 3) The League shall consist of two Divisions, namely Division '1' and Division '2'. These Divisions will consist as far as possible of equal numbers of teams in each Division made up from all registered clubs.
 - (a) Each match shall consist of 18 ends with two rinks (i.e. 3 players per rink) playing three woods each. Two points will be awarded per rink for a win. Two bonus points will be awarded for an overall win. One point for any drawn rink. Skips to keep the scorecards.
 - (b) The captain of the visiting club shall determine which players oppose each other by covering the home score cards with her own.
 - (c) Each team will play every other team in its division both home and away on the dates as per the playing schedule issued in November by the League Secretary. Playing time to be arranged by the Match Secretaries
 - (d) The winners of each Division will be the team to score the most points during the season. Should there be a draw on points shot difference will count. Should there still be a draw a play off on finals day will occur.
- 4) At the end of the season the two top teams from Division '2' will be promoted to Division '1' and the bottom two teams from Division '1' will be relegated to Division '2'.
- 5) Any club failing to put out both rinks will forfeit 10 shots and 2 points to their opponents (these should not be put on the scorecard the League Secretary will add them when doing the result sheet).
- 6) Clubs can field one rink and get the points for that rink. Games cannot be re-arranged just because you have not enough ladies available. Points will be given to the team you should have played.
- 7) Dates **must not** be altered except for –
 - i. Dates clashing with County Games (i.e. Top Club, Albert Crabb, Ben Triples) the Clacton Air show or if your club is hosting a match or function on that day that involves catering or the use of the green.
 - ii. Exceptional weather preventing play (thunder/lightening/flooding or excessive heat). It is up to the clubs to decide whether to play or not. In the case of a game (already started) being abandoned due to the weather the following will apply: - If less than 12 ends have been completed the match should be re-arranged on the same green with the same teams within 14 days (if possible) unless this is the last match of the league and the points are not an issue. The game should start as a fresh match with trial ends. If more than 12 ends have been completed the score will stand and normal league points apply.
 - iii. The League Secretary should be notified of any match which has to be re-arranged. Any re-arranged match must be by mutual consent of both clubs and must be played within 14 days of the booked date and the new date must be notified to the League Secretary prior to play. Failure by any club to play any game on the booked date (except for the reasons above i. & ii.) shall result in the maximum points being awarded to the club which has not cancelled/conceded the game.

8) **Illness/injury**

If a team member is taken ill or injured during a match and has to leave the green the following will apply: -

- a) If a reserve is available, she will step in. This can be a player from the friendly rink. In the case of a skip the number two assumes the skips position and the reserve can play in any other position.
- b) If **no** reserve is available and **12 or more ends have been played** the score will stand.
- c) If **no** reserve is available and **less than 12 ends** have been played that rink **must** be re-arranged and played on a different day on the same rink and the same venue with the same players where possible within 14 days. League Secretary to be notified of new play date before fixture is played. Once the re-arranged rink has played the totals of both rinks for that fixture will be added together giving a total result for that fixture. **You cannot concede one rink. No player from the completed rink should play in the re-arranged rink.** Rule 6 does not apply to this situation.

9) A copy of the result card should be emailed by the home club to the League Secretary. Scorecards and result cards must be kept for the season in case of query.

10) Where clubs have more than one team in the league, then the six or twelve players in each division should be named as appropriate, leaving all other players available to play as reserves in either division. For 2024 rules regarding reserves remains unchanged. Reserves are NOT RESTRICTED to the team they first play in.

11) **Withdrawing or entering a team**

Should any club wish to withdraw their team from the league notice via email must be given to the League Secretary 14 days before the AGM.

Should any club wish to enter another team notice via email must be given to the League Secretary 14 days before the AGM. This request will be voted on at the AGM and the new team will automatically go in Division '2'

12) **THDBA Windsor League**

The ladies are now entering the above league for 2024.

This is a mixed triples league and ladies can be selected for A, B or C teams.

Format can be teams of either all men, all ladies, or a mixture of both men & ladies.

Clubs will display fixtures on their notice boards and both men and ladies can put their names forward to play.

Selection will be made by each club. Ladies must be fully paid-up playing members of their individual clubs and will be included in the list of playing members supplied to THDBA by clubs each season.

13) **The Windsor League (Playing 3 triples on the same green)**

Normal days for playing Windsor League Matches – Tuesday –starting at 2.00pm.

Each rink game shall consist of 18 ends. 2 points for each winning triple and 2 points for the highest total shots overall. In the event of a tie, points to be shared.

This league is run by THDBA and played under their rules which are displayed in the THDBA handbook and their website.

Note: Rules for THDLBL competitions are printed in the THDLBL Competition Handbook.