

League Rules - 2024

- 1)** This League to be known as The Welcome Bowling League.
- 2)** Membership shall be open to bona-fide Amateur Clubs to be duly proposed and seconded before election.
- 3)** The annual subscription to be paid on or before 31st March each year. Clubs failing to pay by the due date will be charged an additional £5 per team.
- 4)** That the Officers of the league be governed by an Executive Committee appointed annually at the AGM. The Committee shall include the Chairman and Vice Chairman plus a maximum of 10 Elected Members.
- 5)** That the Officers of the League shall comprise of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon Life Members, Secretary, Treasurer, Result Secretary and two Auditors.
- 6)** That at the AGM the Rules and Bye-laws be considered and any club desirous of bringing forward any alterations shall forward their suggestions to the Hon Secretary, not later than 31st October, such suggestions to be considered by the Executive Committee and they to bring forward a recommendation at the AGM. No Bye-Laws or rules shall be altered, rescinded or added to without the consent of majority votes of votes cast, each club being allowed two votes only. Any changes will have immediate effect unless specifically stated in the motion.
- 7)** That the Financial year end on 31st October, A balance sheet to be sent to each club seven days before the AGM together with a notice calling the AGM.
- 8)** That a special General Meeting be called on the requisition of not less than Five Clubs. The meeting shall state the nature of the business, and no other business shall be transacted.
- 9)** The Executive Committee shall have the power to expel, fine and deal with any offence or complaint in connection with League matters or Infringement of League Rules, by any Club or Players and as circumstances warrant, shall deal with complaints. The club or players in breach or complained against must be notified of the date and place of the meeting at which the Committee propose to deal with the complaint/ offence or infringement of rules to enable club/players to have the opportunity of attending the meeting and defending any allegations brought against the said club/players.
- 10)** That any club protesting against another club or player shall do so by means of a resolution passed by the Committee of the club protesting. That accompanying the protest, a written statement of the facts shall be sent to the League Secretary with a deposit of £5 and at the same time a copy be sent to the club protesting against. An inquiry shall forthwith be instituted and the Committee shall have absolute power to deal with the deposit as they think fit.

11) A protest must be made within seven days of the match being played.

12) That clubs play Home and Away matches each season according to official fixtures and no alteration shall take place without first notifying the Secretary. Matches may only be Rearranged in Exceptional circumstances (Green not available or inclement weather) Games cannot be cancelled Due to shortage of players.

13) The draw will be done in two halves with home team captain

- Placing their first four cards face down, then away team captain
- Randomly covers these cards face down, then repeat for second
- Four. Both captains sharing out writing of cards.
- Any player absent when called to play can be replaced by a reserve.
- Once replaced by a reserve he can take no part in the rest of the match

The home team is responsible for getting the result to the Result Secretary by Friday of that week at the latest Any club failing to conform to this rule shall have 2 POINTS DEDUCTED.

14) Players will automatically be registered as they play. Members shall only be allowed to play for one club in any one season, except that prior to the end of MAY and provided that no more than Three matches have been played, individual applications with the support of their existing club may be made to the Committee for permission to transfer to a new club.

15) In the event of a player having a walk over by reason of the opposing team being a man short, the said player shall count 21-0 for the purpose of the match but for the purpose of the individual average prize a score of 21-11 will be recorded and counted. After the first four games are completed the remaining four games must be on the green within a maximum of 15 minutes, failing which the penalty for each defaulting game will be 21-0 to the opposing team.

16) That in the event of a score card error which cannot be agreed by the markers or Captains the score shall revert to the end where both markers show the same score. Markers MUST check every third end.

16a) That Captains decision will be final in all disputes.-

17/18) That no player having played in a team in one division shall play in another team during the same week. For the purpose of this rule a week shall be Sunday to Saturday. Once a player has played eight matches in a 1st or 2nd division team he cannot play in any of the last 4 scheduled matches for another team in the same division or lower division.

19) The method of scoring shall be as follows :- each winning player shall count one point, and the team with highest aggregate to count 2 pts home win, 3 pts away win. If aggregate

score is tied home team receives 1 point and away team receives 2 points.

20) That for the League average prize a player counts 1 point for a home win and 2 points for an away win. Should more than one player have the same number of points then the one with the highest aggregate shall take the prize.

21) Once a match is in play the match must only be abandoned when both captains agree. The replayed match will be played in its entirety. In the event of a match not being played then the Home Captain will give the Away Captain 3 dates within the next 28 days and if a match is not played within these 28 days then the Committee have the power to Fine/Deduct points to one or both teams. The away Captain must accept one of these dates. If a date cannot be accepted then the League Secretary will appoint a date for the match to be played. After the end of July a replay must take place BEFORE the end of season. All fixtures to be completed within 7 days of the final league fixture. The Result Secretary to be notified of abandoned matches and re-arranged dates.

22) Male or Female bowlers can play in the Welcome Bowling League.

23) When more than one team tie for the League Championship or Relegation No Play Offs Will Take Place. The team with the most wins followed by the least losses will decide. If there is still a tie then Aggregate over the season will decide. There is a Two up and Two down between League divisions or as decided by the Executive Committee if the divisions require adjustments.

24) That all trophies shall be returned to the Secretary no later than 30th September and the penalty for failure to do so is £10 per trophy. Clubs are also responsible for all trophies held by average winners representing the club when they won it.

25) League and Cup matches shall commence at 7pm except during April and from the second match in August onwards when the starting time shall be 6:30pm. Match times may be altered if BOTH CAPTAINS AGREE. Floodlights to be used only when both Captains agree.

26) Practice other than 15 minutes prior to match must not take place on an opponents green on the day of the match unless he is a member of the opposing club or involved in a tournament on the green before the scheduled match start time. Away team has exclusive use of the green for their practice time.

27) Prize money not collected at the Presentation Evening are automatically forfeited unless attendance is not possible due to illness or other acceptable reason notified to the League Secretary prior to the presentation of prizes.

28) That No team can win on a walk over.

29) Monday league to be known as Welcome Afternoon League. Any age can play.

Tuesday league to be known as Welcome Evening League. Any age can play.