Brentwood & District Bowling Association

Playing Regulations

League

1. All players participating in League Matches must be full season Members of their respective clubs. No player may represent more than one club during any one season.
2. Teams shall play each other twice during the season, on Monday evenings, commencing on the second (2nd) Monday in May and thereafter on consecutive weeks excluding late May and August Bank holiday Mondays. In these weeks matches will be scheduled to be played on Tuesday evening. Teams may mutually agree an alternative date for the matches scheduled for a Tuesday before the commencement of the season. Once the date has been agreed, the Home team should let the League Fixtures Secretary know immediately.
3. The fixtures for the season will be available on the website in January.
4. All matches shall commence no later than 6pm, matches may start earlier by mutual agreement. There will be no postponement of the start times. The team names on the Rink Score Card must not be altered after the match start time.
5. Rink score cards for both Home and Away teams to be completed and signed. The Team Captains will be responsible for completing the joint Match Card and the Home team will email both the Rink scorecards and Joint Match Card, duly signed, to the League Match Secretary within 24 hours of the end of the match. An updated League table will be published on the BDBA website each week.
6. All matches are due to be played on the date as scheduled unless the green is deemed unplayable, before or during the match. This decision to be made by the Home team's Captain or the Green- keeper, or by mutual agreement of the two participating teams. A mutual alternative date for the re- arranged match must be agreed and played no later than 2 weeks after the final week of the schedule season. The League Match Secretary to be advised accordingly.
7. All Clubs should make every effort to play their matches as scheduled or to mutually agree a date for any match that needs to be rescheduled. Any request for a postponement must be submitted to the League Match Secretary at least 3 full days prior to the scheduled date of the match. Postponements will only be agreed in exceptional circumstances. NB, having insufficient players will not normally be an acceptable reason for a postponement to be agreed. Where the home team's green is not available on the scheduled date of the match, the home and away fixtures should be reversed if possible. Where the League Match Secretary does not agree to a postponement, the match must be played on the scheduled date. The outcome of any fixture that is not played (outside the provisions in rule 6), will be referred to the Executive Committee in line with rule 12.
8. In the event of a match being postponed, the new date for the fixture shall be agreed between the Clubs within a week of the postponement and the new date communicated to the League Fixture Secretary immediately by the home team.

9. If play is abandoned and a match cannot be re-scheduled, the following will apply:

a) If 32 or more ends overall have been played prior to abandonment, the result at that time shall stand.

b) If less than 32 ends have been played at the time of abandonment, the result will be a draw and each club awarded 4 ½ points.

10. A team for a league match shall comprise of four (4) Triples. If a player is unable to complete the match because of illness or injury a suitably qualified substitute may replace him, but may not play as skip.

11. There will be two (2) points awarded in the league for the winner of each rink of Triples, one (1) point for a draw and a further bonus point for the team with the higher aggregate score.

12. The minimum number of Triples acceptable for a League match is three (3). Any team fielding only three (3) triples against opponents at full strength, shall forfeit the two points plus ten (10) shots for the rink not played. The Bonus Point, regardless of the result, will be awarded to the team at full strength. Those players who 'present' themselves for play at the match venue, (but in the event, do not play) e.g. the opponents only fielding three (3) triples are deemed to have played, for their names to be recorded under the rules governing the Roger Burton Memorial Trophy competition.

13. The Executive Committee will consider the circumstances of any match not played. In their considerations, the Executive Committee will try to ensure that the integrity of the competition is maintained. They may decide to:

a. Instruct the teams to agree a mutually acceptable alternative date within a defined time period;

b. Award the match to one of the teams and determine the appropriate number of points and shots to be awarded up to a maximum of nine (9) points, plus ten (10) shots;

c. Split the points between the two teams up to a maximum of nine (9) points in total;

d. Decide that no points shall be awarded for the match.

14. There shall be an annual fixture of league champions. The champions will play 'The Rest' comprising a triple from each club based 2nd to 7th in the previous season, if a club is unable to attend they should advise the League Match Secretary so another club can be contacted to take their place. This morning fixture will be played on the home green of the Champions. The date of this fixture to be the first Sunday in May, of the current season, unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

15. There will be no charge made for Green Fees to visiting teams at all League Matches.

16. <u>Disputes</u>

Any dispute shall be referred, in the first instance, to the League Match Secretary, and then, if necessary, to the full Association Committee. Any appeal from their decision must be made at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

17. <u>Alteration of Rules</u>

Any amendment of these Rules can be made only by the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. Proposals for any amendments must be submitted in writing to the Association Secretary, not less than fourteen days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.