



# **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 (2<sup>nd</sup>) Monday in May and thereafter on consecutive weeks excluding May Bank holiday Monday and, in order to complete the fixture list, there will be additional matches scheduled to be played over weekends towards the end of the season. Where matches are scheduled to be played over a weekend, it is the responsibility of the Home team to contact their opponents to arrange the date of the match, which should be done 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. Any other 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. Any Club that does not fulfill a fixture (outside the provisions in rule 6), without the prior agreement of the League Match Secretary will forfeit the match in accordance with the provisions of 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. 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.

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- a) 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.
  - b) 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.
12. For a match to be conceded by a team, the opponent at full strength shall be awarded nine (9) points, plus ten (10) shots and their names also recorded.

13. There shall be an annual fixture of league champions. The champions will play 'The Rest' comprising a triple from each club based 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**15. Disputes**

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.

**16. Alteration of Rules**

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.