

CONSTITUTION and RULES

ORGANISATION

1. 1 The organisation shall be called the Peterborough & District Bowls League (The League).
1. 2 The organisation shall be a members none profit organisation.

AIM

2. To foster the game of outdoor bowls.

MEMBERSHIP

3. 1 Membership of the League shall be open to all clubs in the Peterborough and surrounding area.
3. 2 There shall be no minimum age limit for registered bowlers, except for the Club 60 League [10.3] and Mick Lewin Trophy.
3. 3 That the League shall be composed of one or more divisions, depending on the number of teams entered or requiring admission
3. 4 All Clubs are required to give a commitment in writing on the number of teams they wish to enter for the following year's programme on or before the AGM - if not received it will be assumed they do not wish to participate.

FINANCE

4. 1 All clubs in the League will pay an annual subscription per team in Midweek, Weekend and Club 60 Leagues, plus a fee for each player registered. Level of these charges to be determined annually at the AGM.
4. 2 Annual subscriptions to be paid by 31st January and all other accounts, i.e. Registration Fees, Fines, etc. must be paid to the League Treasurer before the 1st day of the second month following the date of the invoice. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £10.

MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

5. 1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in December each year. Extraordinary General Meetings or Special Meetings may be called at any time by the Management Committee or on request of a motion signed by not less than 50% of League Clubs. All notices of such meetings to be made in writing to all League Clubs fourteen days prior to the date of any meeting.
5. 2 The Council Meeting will be held in October each. All clubs are required to attend. Proposals for amendment to rules or any other proposals must be sent to the administration secretary 21 days prior to the council meeting for circulation to clubs, to submit amendments for discussion if necessary. Only motions and amendments proposed and seconded at the council meeting will be taken to the AGM.
5. 3 All clubs should attend the AGM. Only motions that have been proposed and seconded at the Council Meeting will be discussed and voted on at the AGM. Adoptions of motions will be passed by a simple majority (51%).
5. 4 Clubs will only be allowed two votes at the AGM, EGM or Special Meeting.
5. 5 The officers and members of the Management Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
5. 6 The nomination forms for the League Officials to be circulated, showing existing officials and their willingness to continue in their present position and asking for further nominations.
5. 7 The League shall be governed by a Management Committee which shall include President, President Elect, Chairman, Treasurer, Administration Secretary, Fixture Secretary, and six committee members. The Vice Chairman to be elected from committee members at the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. Immediate Past President to serve one year on committee as additional member.
5. 8 The committee shall have power to fill any vacancy arising as a result of death, resignation or lack of attendance by any committee member, i.e. three consecutive meetings without any reasonable apology.
5. 9 The Management Committee will meet monthly or as necessary. Six members at a Management Committee Meeting will form a quorum. All serving committee members must be registered league members. Life members may attend all meetings and be able to vote.
5. 10 All cases of protest and any other complaint on League matters be lodged in writing with the Administration Secretary within 7 days of the incident.
5. 11 If the conduct of any club or member of a club in the League be objectionable in League Matches, the Management Committee shall have power to deal with any complaint
5. 12 The Management Committee has power to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules.

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PLAYER REGISTRATION

6. 1 A list of members of each team be forwarded to the Fixture Secretary by the 1st May each year. Other players may be registered within the time limit set by the League Secretary. Fees to be invoiced at a later date.
6. 2 Any team playing an ineligible or unregistered player will have ten points deducted from its total league record in respect of each offence and be fined £10.
6. 3 All transfers of players between clubs and teams within clubs must be made in writing to the Fixture secretary. In the case of a player transferring from one club to another, the consent of the secretary of the club from which the player wishes to transfer must accompany the request for such transfer. In all cases the player must not play for a new club or team until written acknowledgement has been received from the Fixture Secretary.
6. 4 Clubs having more than one team in the League may not transfer a player from one team to another team within the club after 31st July each year. Such transfers are permitted on a once only basis before 31st July.
6. 5 A player leaving a club in debt will not be eligible to play for another club until he has discharged his liabilities to his previous club. Secretaries of clubs will report to the Fixture Secretary any defaulting members.

LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

7. 1 The constitution of the division shall be decided by the Management Committee, with the principle of two teams relegated to apply.
7. 2 Each team shall play home and away matches with each team in the appropriate division.
7. 3 The winners of each division shall receive a Trophy to be held for twelve months. Holders of trophies must give a satisfactory guarantee for the safe keeping of such trophies.
7. 4 If two or more teams finish level on points at the end of the season, then the number of shots conceded will be taken from the shots scored and the deciding factor will be the best shot difference.
7. 5 The Management Committee, shall on the express preference of the successful clubs, be empowered to purchase for the winners and runners up either individual replica trophies up to a maximum of 12 per team, or alternatively a single engraved plaque or shield of suitable appropriate value.
7. 6 A Club failing to attend the Annual Dinner/ Presentation evening to collect prizes won shall forfeit those prizes and be fined the cost of said trophies.
7. 7 Clubs having more than one team in the same division of the League must ensure that matches between their teams are played before 31st July each year.
7. 8 To prevent clubs stockpiling or back loading their season, 40% of team matches must be scheduled to be played before 1st July.
7. 9 Fixtures will be made by the Management Committee relevant to information received from clubs. Clubs failing to submit such information to the Fixture Secretary must stand by fixtures made.

PLAYING REGULATIONS

8. 1 The standard dress for all League matches will be white above the waist, bowling grey below. Neither charcoal grey nor black is permitted. Shorts will not be accepted. Club uniforms are acceptable. Clubs will be responsible for ensuring that their members adhere to this rule and, that any team contravening this rule must be clearly indicated on the result card. A report of the matter, made in writing, by each team captain, must be sent to Fixture Secretary within 7 days of the incident. Infringement of this rule may result in the Management Committee taking disciplinary action against the club.
8. 2 Players, Umpires and Markers will wear white, brown, grey or black smooth soled heel-less footwear while playing on the green or acting as Umpires or Markers.
8. 3 Date of Bowls: All composition bowls must bear a legible stamp for 1985 or later and can continue to be used without stamping until such time as the stamp becomes illegible. Any other type of bowls (such as Lignum Bowls) must be stamped every ten years.

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8. 4 If, in the opinion of the Groundsman or both Captains, the greens or weather are unfavourable for a Match, the team captains must arrange a mutually acceptable alternative date. Matches not played to be notified to Fixture Secretary immediately and the rearranged date to be notified to the Fixture Secretary within 7 days of the original fixture.
8. 5 In the event of a team cancelling a fixture for reasons other than as per Rule 8.4, no re-arrangement of the match will be made unless for exceptional circumstance when the Management Committee will have power to re-arrange. The team not in default will receive 10 points; the team cancelling will receive 0 points and will also be fined up to a maximum of £10. Should less than 48 hours notice of cancellation be given, the offending team will be responsible for any expense incurred by opponents in notifying players of such cancellation.
8. 6 Every team shall provide Rink Score Boards for League matches.
8. 7 Visiting Captain shall make the draw for rinks on which the match is to be played.
8. 8 A match shall consist of three playing rinks. No match shall take place with less than two players per rink. In the event of a rink being short of a player, extra bowls may not be played by either of the two players in such a rink. The order of play will then be Lead, Lead, Second; Lead, Lead, Second; Skips (1.1.2; 1.1.2. Skips).
8. 9 A player arriving late for the start of a match is allowed to join the match providing he is a nominated player and his name is written on the scorecard prior to the commencement of the match. For Club 60 and Weekend Leagues the late player may only play as Second on the rink.
8. 10 Teams allowed only two trial ends before start of match.
8. 11 Interruption to the game of play for refreshments, shall be by mutual consent of the captains prior to the start of the game.
8. 12 If a player becomes sick during a match, and both captains agree that the player is unable to continue playing , a substitute may be permitted to replace the player concerned, providing they are not registered for any other team in that league.
8. 13 Home Captains shall provide and fill in the result card and ensure that the result card will be in the Fixture Secretary's possession within 5 days of the match taking place. Failure to comply with this may result in the home team having 2 points deducted from their league total.
8. 14 The points will be scored in each match as follows : 4 points for team scoring most shots;2 points for each team in the event of a tie; 2 points for each winning rink;1 point for each tying rink.

MIDWEEK LEAGUE

9. 1 English Bowling Federation Rules of play shall apply to all League matches except where amended by the P'boro & District Bowls League.
9. 2 Evening matches to start at 6.30pm and no later than 6.45pm. All evening games played on and after 1st August shall start at 6.15pm and no later than 6.30pm.
9. 3 Each match to comprise of 3 rinks of 3 players with 2 bowls per player.
9. 4 A match shall consist of 21 completed ends. In the event of inclement weather, Captains may decide before commencement of match to play 16 ends. If a game has commenced and is stopped through inclement weather before 21 ends are completed and if 16 ends have been played by all three rinks then the score at termination of the match will be accepted as the result.
9. 5 The front edge of the mat be placed two metres from the *rear* ditch at the start of the game and in subsequent ends the front edge of the mat may be positioned not less than two metres from the rear ditch and not less than 25 metres from the far ditch.
9. 6 If the Jack be driven off the boundaries of the rink, it is counted as dead and the end is replayed from the same end. If the Jack goes into the ditch from the effect of play, it shall be deemed to be live and played to its position being indicated by a suitable marked place on the bank.

CLUB 60 LEAGUE

10. 1 Bowls England Rules of Play shall apply to all League matches.
10. 2 Club 60 matches to start at 2pm and not later than 2.15pm.
10. 3 Age eligibility for Midweek Club 60 League-players must be 60 years of age on, or before, date of match.
10. 4 Each match to comprise of 3 rinks of 3 players with 3 bowls per player.

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10. 5 Match to consist of 18 completed ends. In the event of inclement weather, Captains may decide before commencement of match to play 15 ends. If a game has commenced and is curtailed through inclement weather before 18 ends are completed, and if 15 ends have been played by all three rinks, then the score at termination of the match be accepted as the result.

WEEKEND LEAGUE

11. 1 Bowls England Rules of Play shall apply to all League matches
11. 2 Matches to start at 2.30pm and not later than 2.45pm
11. 3 Each match to comprise of 3 rinks of 3 players with 3 bowls per player.
11. 4 Match to consist of 18 completed ends. In the event of inclement weather, Captains may decide before commencement of match to play 15 ends. If a game has commenced and is curtailed through inclement weather before 18 ends are completed, and if 15 ends have been played by all three rinks, then the score at termination of the match be accepted as the result.

MUNDAY SHIELD

12. 1 The competition be known as the Munday Shield Competition organised by the Peterborough & District Bowls League annually for the shield presented to the League by Walter Munday.
12. 2 The competition is to be open only to those clubs being members of the Peterborough District Bowls League
12. 3 Playing rules are Weekend / Club 60 Bowls England rules with the exception that players may change positions at any time once an end has been completed.
12. 4 The entrance fee for the competition is £5 per team or as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
12. 5 The Shield to be presented to the winning club, after engraving, and to be held by that club for one year. The shield to remain the property of the League and is to be returned to the League Management Committee upon request.
12. 6 The competition to be run on a knockout basis.
12. 7 Draw for teams to be arranged by the League Management Committee at a date prior to that of the competition. Club secretaries to be notified of arrangements and provided with special result cards. The first named team to be responsible for sending in the completed result card as soon as possible after each match
12. 8 Club entries to comprise of a team of 2 rinks of 4 registered league players in each rink each player using 2 woods. Once a player has represented a team they may not transfer to another team in this competition.
12. 9 All matches to be played on 1 rink home, the other rink away
12. 10 Each team is to play 21 ends plus 1 extra end to be played by home (first named) team.
12. 11 If, in the event of inclement weather, the game is cancelled the Home Team will be responsible for offering a date for the game to be played before the next round, advising the Fixture Secretary accordingly. Date and green for the final will be arranged by the committee.
12. 12 The competition shall be governed by the Management Committee. Any dispute arising shall be referred to the Management Committee whose decision in this and all matters concerning the competition shall be final.
12. 13 On completion of the match, result cards to be signed by the opposing skips and sent to the League Fixture Secretary as soon as possible.

ALBERT ROWLETT CUP

13. 1 The competition be known as the Albert Rowlett Knockout Competition organised by the Peterborough & District Bowls League annually for the Cup presented to the League by Albert Rowlett's family.
13. 2 The competition is to be open only to those clubs being members of the Peterborough District Bowls League
13. 3 Playing rules are Midweek League rules.
13. 4 The entrance fee for the competition is £5 per team or as determined at the AGM.
13. 5 The Cup to be presented to the winning club, after engraving, and to be held by that club for one year. The shield to remain the property of the League and is to be returned to the League Management Committee upon request.
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13. 7 Draw for teams to be arranged by the League Management Committee at a date prior to that of the competition. Club secretaries to be notified of arrangements and provided with special result cards. The first named team to be responsible for sending in the completed result card as soon as possible after each match.
13. 8 Club entries to comprise of a team of three rinks of three registered League players in each rink, each player using 2 woods. Once a player has represented a team they may not transfer to another team in this competition.
13. 9 Each team is to play 21 live ends. Result of the game is to be based on the total score of three rinks at 21 ends. Should the total score of three rinks be equal at 21 ends, than an extra end will be played by one rink. **Rink for extra end will be drawn by team captains before the commence of the game.**
13. 10 If, in the event of inclement weather, the game is cancelled the Home Team will be responsible for offering a date for the game to be played before the next round, advising the Fixture Secretary accordingly. Date and green for the final will be arranged by the committee.
13. 11 The competition shall be governed by the Management Committee. Any dispute arising shall be referred to the Management Committee whose decision in this and all matters concerning the competition shall be final.
13. 12 On completion of the match, result cards to be signed by the opposing skips and sent to the League Fixture Secretary as soon as possible.

MICK LEWIN TROPHY

14. 1 The competition be known as the Mick Lewin Knockout Competition organised by the Peterborough & District Bowls League annually for the Cup presented to the League by Mick Lewin's family.
14. 2 The competition is to be open only to those clubs being members of the Peterborough District Bowls League Club 60 League.
14. 3 Playing rules are Club 60 League rules.
14. 4 The entrance fee for the competition is £5 per team or as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
14. 5 The Cup to be presented to the winning club, after engraving, and to be held by that club for one year. The shield to remain the property of the League and is to be returned to the League Management Committee upon request.
14. 6 The competition to be run on a knockout basis.
14. 7 Draw for teams to be arranged by the League Management Committee at a date prior to that of the competition. Club secretaries to be notified of arrangements and provided with special result cards. The first named team to be responsible for sending in the completed result card as soon as possible after each match
14. 8 Club entries to comprise of a team of three rinks of three registered League players in each rink, each player using 3 woods. Once a player has represented a team they may not transfer to another team in this competition.
14. 9 Each team is to play 18 live ends. Result of the game is to be based on the total score of three rinks at 18 ends. Should the total score of three rinks be equal at 18 ends, than an extra end will be played by one rink. **Rink for extra end will be drawn by team captains before the commencement of the game.**
14. 10 If, in the event of inclement weather, the game is cancelled the Home Team will be responsible for offering a date for the game to be played before the next round, advising the Fixture Secretary accordingly. Date and green for the final will be arranged by the committee.
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