



# Brentwood & District Bowling Association



## Playing Regulations

### League Divisions 1 & 2

(Revised October 2011)

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.
3. The winners and runners-up of Division 2 will go up to Division 1 for the following season and conversely, the bottom two clubs of Division 1 go down to Division 2.
4. After each season's final placing's in both divisions are known, the match programme for the following season will be circulated to all clubs, therefore, each club will know their opponents, home and away, on any scheduled Monday evening.
5. 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.
6. All rink score cards for both Home and Away teams, duly signed, must be emailed to the League Match Secretary, by both clubs, within three days following the fixture. League results will be published on a fortnightly basis throughout the season commencing June 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. 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 played after the final week of the schedule and before the end of August. The League Match Secretary to be advised accordingly.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. (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.

**11.** 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.

**12.** There shall be an annual fixture of league division champions. The winners of both divisions will play 'The Rest' in their respective divisions. This morning fixture will be played simultaneously on the two (2) Home greens of the Champions clubs. The date of this fixture to be the first Sunday in May, of the current season, unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

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

**14. 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.

**15. 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.