

CHAWTON PARK INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

LEAGUE RULES as at September 2021.

- 1 All players shall be full members of Chawton Park Indoor Bowls Club.
- 2 The following rules shall apply as appropriate to the registration of players for all leagues:
Each team shall appoint a captain from their players and he/she shall be responsible for ensuring all their players are registered and for paying the League registration fee.
 - a. Ideally at least 8 players shall be registered for a rinks team, at least 6 players for a triples team and 4 players for a pairs team.
 - b. Team declarations should be lodged with the League Secretary at the beginning of the season.
 - c. A team shall not be permitted to play a player currently registered with another team league except as provided for under Rule 2f.
 - d. Teams may register additional players at any time during the course of a season but they shall not have played for any other team in that league in the current season.
 - e. Such additions shall be notified to the League Secretary.
 - f. A mixed league team shall consist of any mixed gender in each match played.
 - g. Should a team be withdrawn during the course of the season, at the League Secretary's discretion, the players may join another team(s).
- 3 League games are of 2 hours duration (Timed Leagues), with the exception of Monday evening open triples – 18 ends and Tuesday evening mens/ladies rinks - 21 ends.
- 4 Should a team fail to attend by 10 minutes after the scheduled start time for the match without notification, the game shall be conceded to the non-offending team - 2 points and 5 shots shall be awarded to the non-offending team and 5 shots shall be deducted from the offending team. In the case of exceptional weather or accident or unforeseen circumstances, an appeal may be made to the League Secretary for re-scheduling. His/her decision on the matter is final.
- 5 For rinks leagues if a team reports with only 3 players, their numbers 1 and 2 shall play with three woods each but the team shall lose 25% of their final score. Rinks teams shall only be allowed to play 1 short on 3 occasions. Subsequent defaults when only 3 players are available will mean the offending team forfeiting their points as set out under Rule 4.

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- 6** For a triples league if a team reports with only 2 players the game will proceed with both teams playing with 8 woods. The non offending team's first two players delivering 2 woods each and the final player delivering 4 woods. The offending team players shall have 4 woods each and at the end of the game shall have 25% deducted from their total score.
- 7** Players arriving late for matches may participate in the match up to 2 ends after the scheduled start time without penalty. Play then returning to normal format.
- 8** The following shall apply to Timed Leagues only:
 - a.** There will be no trial ends.
 - b.** Only one shot to be scored on the first end.
 - c.** The jack shall be delivered in the normal manner. If a jack is delivered short or outside the confines of the rink, the opposing skip shall place the jack and may also reposition the mat.
 - d.** In view of the time limit, skips are not allowed to remain at the head whilst the opposing skip bowls and no member of the team may follow bowls down the rink or visit the head.
 - e.** A bell will sound 5 minutes before the end of the session, after which it will not be permitted for the jack to be delivered to start a new end. The last end being played to a finish.
- 9** When the jack passes wholly beyond the side boundary of the rink during play, all leagues will respot the jack on the spot level with the tee on the side where the jack passed. If that spot is occupied the jack must be placed as close as possible to the covered spot between and in line with that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink without touching a bowl.
- 10** In the event of a team withdrawing from a league before completion of its fixtures, its records shall be deleted from the league tables.
- 11** If play is stopped because of an emergency the result will stand if 5 or more ends have been played.
- 12** Matches are to be played as follows:
 - a.** Matches are to be played on the day, time and on the rink appointed.
 - b.** Matches cannot be cancelled or conceded without the League Secretary's agreement.
 - c.** Matches may be postponed by the League Secretary or Bowls Committee for specific club reasons and notification of the re-arranged dates, if possible, will be given as soon as possible. Should the club fail to give re-arranged dates then those games are cancelled from the calendar and a replay is not required.

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- 12 d.** League matches may be postponed by mutual agreement between the appropriate team captains but must be replayed wherever possible. The League Secretary and club should be notified of the postponement in order that that rink may be made available for other members. Any such re-arranged match must be played before the end of the schedule league season.
- 13** The following provisions apply for the payment of green fees:
- Green fees are to be paid before the match commences.
 - In the event of a team arriving short in both rinks and triples, the club shall be reimbursed the full cost of green fees as if a full team were playing.
 - If a team concedes a match with the League Secretary's agreement, then they will be responsible for paying their own green fees.
 - As a consequence of a match being conceded, should any of the players decide to have a 'roll – up' normal green fees shall be paid.
 - Should a postponed match as set out in Rule 12d above not be played for any reason, the two teams shall be responsible for paying the appropriate green fees as if it had taken place
- 14** Points will be awarded as follows: 2 for a win, 1 for a draw and nil for a loss/bye. In the event of an equal number of points at the end of the season:
- where the teams have played an equal number of games – the difference between shots for and against will apply.
 - where the teams have played an unequal number of games then the average points won per game will apply.
- 15** Scorecards must be signed by representatives of both teams. It is the home team's skip that is responsible in seeing that the scorecard for the game is completed correctly, signed and placed in the appropriate box after the match, failure to do so may result in loss of points.
The League Secretary or assistant shall be responsible for compiling the results and league tables on the basis of the scorecards.
- 16** If after appealing to the League Secretary, should any member have any grievance regarding these rules, they shall write to the Secretary of the Bowls Committee setting out their grievance. The decision of the Bowls Committee in the matter shall be final.

Unless notified above the World Indoor Bowls Council Rules will apply.