



Affiliated to Bowls England Founded 1985

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Nor West League Constitution

1. The League shall be known as the NOR-WEST WILTS LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE.
2. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in November each year.
3. An Executive Meeting shall be held annually at least one calendar month before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Representation at the Executive Meeting shall comprise of two Delegates from each participating Club.
4. Propositions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting must be received by the League Secretary not later than one calendar month before the date of the Executive Meeting, from the Club Secretary. These Propositions will be circulated to all other Club members via their League Representative/Club Secretary and will be discussed at the Executive Meeting; voting on Propositions will be carried out at the Annual General Meeting, with ONE DELEGATE from each Club having the power to vote. Only Propositions shown on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be discussed and voted upon.
5. Any defeated Proposition to change the League Constitution may not be reintroduced for a period of three years following its consideration and defeat at an Annual General Meeting.
6. A League Committee consisting of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and five Committee members to be elected annually from nominations received by the League Secretary one calendar month before the Executive Meeting. From that elected Committee the Committee members will then at their next convenient League Committee Meeting elect their Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and nominate such other officials who will carry out any other specific Committee tasks as they may deem necessary for the forthcoming League season.

7. Clubs applying to join the League as new members are to be invited to send two representatives to the Annual General Meeting, but they will have no voting power until elected to the League.
8. Letters of application to join the NOR-WEST LEAGUE, or letters of withdrawal of a team, should be received by the Secretary, by not later than 31st August in any year, in order that circulation can be made to all Club Secretaries prior to the Executive Meeting.
9. The initial Club registration fee for new Clubs and annual affiliation fee to be agreed by the Executive Committee.
10. The Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Edition) apply to all games played in the League, including dress code, and regulation/tailored grey skirts/culottes/trousers and approved shoes to be worn (regulation approved bowling hats optional) during all League Matches.
11. (a) The League to be played as a two-rink TRIPLES LEAGUE. Eighteen ends are to be played at each home/away fixture, except if due to adverse weather conditions, when play has to cease, 15 ends must be played by mutual agreement between the two team captains of the day or at the commencement of the game. In the event of any game not being completed and the two captains being unable to reach any agreement, then the game must be abandoned, cards not signed but initialled, and the game resumed on another date by mutual agreement. No game must be conceded. (b) In the event of any unexpected incident the affected rink is halted and cards initialled and the rink replayed from the last completed end on a date to be agreed. Providing at least one member of the original team(s) must be Skip.
12. Individual score cards to be completed by all triples teams, the opposing Skips to check, sign and time their opponent's card at the end of the match. All score cards to be timed and dated. Cards to be marked with Division Number, Name of Club and team and whether the fixture is Home or Away. All cards to be forwarded by the HOME team as soon as practicable to the nominated League Division Representative, but not later than fourteen days after the fixture.
13. All fixtures to be played – NO MATCHES, NO POINTS. Teams are allowed 20 minutes after the agreed starting time for a match to field a full team of two triples, apart from unforeseen circumstances, when the game must be rescheduled. In the event of a club intentionally arriving at a match with only 1 triple team they will automatically lose 4 points – 2 for the missing triple, and 2 for the overall score, even if the remaining triple wins their game. The Committee reserves the right to intervene and act as arbitrator if any dispute arises concerning any league fixture not played.
14. All League matches to be completed by 31st August in any season. All score cards to be forwarded to the League Division Representative by 7th September.
15. Each winning team shall receive two points for an overall win, plus two points for each triple rink, making a maximum of SIX POINTS. If a triple rink has a level score (draw) then one point to be awarded to each triple, unless Rule 13 applies.
16. Substitute players will not be permitted to play for both League triple teams if their Club has more than one League triple team playing in the League. A maximum of nine players to be registered for each team entered in the League.
17. A promotion and relegation system will be operative, with two teams being promoted and two teams being relegated from each Division, or at the discretion of the Committee, or in the event of teams having equal points, shot difference will apply.

18. Should a club triples' team withdraw from the league during the course of the season, or fail to complete fixtures that could affect the League, then all results from matches in which the club's triples team has been involved shall be cancelled and the league positions calculated accordingly.
19. Should any club have a proposition on the Agenda that requires a vote from other participating league clubs, then they must attend the League's Annual General Meeting. Failure to make representation from that club at the Annual General Meeting would automatically render that proposition to be null and void and would be immediately withdrawn.
20. The League winner and runner-up awards will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
21. A copy of the Constitution and Rules of the League to be sent to each participating Club and to be binding on all Clubs participating in the League.
22. Insufficient players for Triples team: All games shall be played under the rules of BOWLS ENGLAND. However, should a triple be one person short twenty minutes after the scheduled start time, they shall play the game as follows: Both members of the defaulting team play with a matching set of four woods. A quarter of their shots shall be deducted at the conclusion of the game. Fractions taken into account. The non-defaulting team with three players always bowl first even if they did not cast the jack. Playing with one player short can only be used on three occasions in any one season.
23. Inclement weather conditions: In the event of bad weather being forecast, rather than agree at the beginning of the match to play 15 ends, which is only 3 ends short of a complete match, 12 ends (two-thirds of the game) should be agreed before the start of the match.
24. Borrowing players: If a club is short of players in its top team on a League date, a player may "play up" from a lower division to complete the team. A borrowed" player is permitted to play twice in a higher Division. If a club has two teams in one Division this Byelaw will not apply. A player in the "lower" Division is permitted to play twice in the "higher" team. Should a lady play more than twice she must remain in the Division/"higher" team in which she played last for the remainder of the season. Annotation should be added to the scorecard to identify the "borrowed player" for recording purposes.
25. Penalty Clause for defaulting teams not completing their arranged fixtures: Should any triples teams not complete their arranged fixtures despite any minuted extension given by the NorWest League Committee, then that offending team will have four points deducted from their total score at the end of the playing season, those four points will then be awarded to the non-offending team. Updated AGM 2014 Clause 11(b) Updated 2020 Clauses 22 – 25 from previous Byelaws. (Passed at AGM Tuesday, 14th November, 2017. 3