

ORMSKIRK & DISTRICT BOWLING LEAGUE

(FOUNDED: 1930 - RE-FOUNDED: 1939)

Rules:

1. NAME

1,a THE LEAGUE SHALL BE KNOWN AS "**THE ORMSKIRK & DISTRICT BOWLING LEAGUE**".

2. MANAGEMENT

2,a. THE LEAGUE SHALL BE MANAGED BY A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF:-

PRESIDENT

CHAIRMAN

VICE CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

TREASURER

PLUS 6 OTHER MEMBERS.

2,b WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PRESIDENT, COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED OR RE-ELECTED AT THE A.G.M.

2,c THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE WILL MANAGE THE RUNNING OF THE LEAGUE AND ALL COMPETITIONS .

2,d , AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE LEAGUE WILL TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY EACH YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE AND DISCUSSIONS OF ALL MATTERS CONCERNING THE EFFICIENT RUNNING OF THE LEAGUE

2,e, ANY PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION AT THE AGM MUST BE MADE IN WRITING AND SENT TO THE SECRETARY AT LEAST 28 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE MEETING.

2,f, A WRITTEN AGENDA SHALL BE PROVIDED OUTLINING THE BUSINESS AND ANY PROPOSALS TO BE DISCUSSED.

2,g, THE TREASURER SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET OF THE LEAGUES ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL..

2,h, EACH TEAM THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE, WHO HAS A REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT WILL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE FOR EACH ITEM OF BUSINESS OUTLINED IN THE AGENDA

2,i, CLUBS WISHING TO ENTER A TEAM IN THE LEAGUE MUST APPLY TO THE SECTRETARY PRIOR TO THE AGM BEING HELD.

2,j, CLUBS APPLYING TO JOIN THE LEAGUE MUST HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT WHEN THEIR APPLICATION TO JOIN IS DISCUSSED.

2,k ANY CLUB JOINING THE LEAGUE MUST ENSURE THAT THEIR GREEN IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL LEAGUE MATCHES AND LEAGUE COMPETITIONS HELD DURING THE SEASON..

NOTE:- NO GREEN FEES WILL BE PAID

3. REGISTRATION

3,a. THE FEE FOR EACH LEAGUE TEAM SHALL BE AGREED AT THE A.G.M. BY MEANS OF A VOTE BY TEAM REPRESENTATIVES AT THE A.G.M.

3,b. TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FEES WILL BE PAID ON THE DATE SPECIFIED AT THE AGM

3,c. TEAMS FAILING TO REGISTER AT THE DATE SET, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO START THE SEASON

3,d. TEAMS MAY REGISTER ANY NUMBER OF PLAYERS.

3,e. PLAYERS CAN ONLY REGISTER AND PLAY FOR ONE TEAM IN A SEASON.

3,f. CLUBS WITH TWO TEAMS IN THE LEAGUE MUST REGISTER WITH THE LEAGUE SECRETARY THEIR BEST 8 PLAYERS FOR THE TEAM IN THE HIGHER DIVISION, WHO THEN CANNOT PLAY FOR THE TEAM IN THE LOWER DIVISION,

A PLAYER OUTSIDE THE TOP EIGHT HAVING PLAYED NO MORE THAN FOUR MATCHES FOR EITHER TEAM CANNOT THEN PLAY FOR THE OTHER TEAM.

3,g. A PLAYER CANNOT PLAY TWICE ON THE SAME NIGHT REPRESENTING BOTH TEAMS IN THE LEAGUE

3,h. IF A TEAM HAS TWO TEAMS IN THE SAME DIVISION THEN RULE 3,e APPLIES

3,i. IF A TEAM IS SHORT OF PLAYERS THE CAPTAIN MUS MAKE THE OPPOSING CAPTAIN AWARE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MATCH .

THE NAMES OF THE PLAYERS LISTED IN GAMES 1-6 CAN GO INTO A DRAW TO BE SELECTED TO PLAY AGAIN TO BE SELECTED BLIND BY THE OPPOSING CAPTAIN.

BOTH CAPTAINS OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF BOTH TEAMS MUST OVERSEE THE DRAW.

IF AT HOME ANY PLAYER REDRAWN MUST GIVE THE OPPOSING PLAYER 5 POINT START

IF A AWAY ANY PLAYER REDRAWN MUST GIVE THE OPPOSING PLAYER 3 POINTS START

IF REDRAWN THE SECOND GAME DOES NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE PLAYERS LEAGUE AVERAGES.

IF CAPTAINS AGREE, DISCRETION MAY BE APPLID TO HOW MANY PLAYERS CAN GO INTO THE DRAW.

NO PLAYER CAN PLAY TWICE IN A MATCH MORE THAN FOUR TIMES IN A SEASON

THIS RULE IS FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY WHEN A TEAM IS SHORT OF PLAYERS- IT MUST NOT BE ABUSED TO GIVE TEAMS EXTRA ADVANTAGE OR THE LEAGUE WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST THAT DOES (New Rule AGM 2023)

3,j A PLAYER TRANSFERRING CAN DO SO ONLY IF AGREED BY THE COMMITTEE

3,k A PLAYER CANNOT REGISTER AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE.

3,l RESIDENTS NEW TO THE AREA MAY REGISTER AT ANY TIME WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE.

3,m ALL PLAYERS HAVE TO BE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLS ASSOCIATION.

4. LEAGUE MATCHES

4,a. LEAGUE GAMES WILL BE 21- UP, BY TEAMS OF TEN PLAYERS, THE VISITORS HAVING THE FIRST JACK.

4,b. LEAGUE MATCHES WILL TAKE PLACE ON A TUESDAY EVENING AND START NOT LATER THAN 7pm, WHEN FOUR BLOCKS WILL BE ON THE GREEN, PLAY WILL THEN BE CONTINUOUS UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATCH

4,c. MATCHES DURING APRIL, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER WILL START AT 6.30pm. CLUBS WITH REASONABLE FLOODLIGHTING (INDICATED ON FIXTURE CARD BY L) START ALL HOME GAMES AT 7pm.

4,d. CAPTAINS WILL PROVIDE FOUR NAMES AT THE START OF THE MATCH AND PLAYERS MUST BE AVAILABLE WHEN THEIR NAMES ARE CALLED.

4,e. ON COMPLETION OF A MATCH THE HOME CAPTAIN OR SECRETARY SHALL FORWARD TO THE LEAGUE SECRETARY THE MATCH RESULT CARD BY SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE MATCH.

4,f. TEAMS NOT COMPLYING WITH THIS REQUEST WILL BE FINDED £3 AND HAVE POINTS DEDUCTED.

4,g. THE HOME TEAM WILL HAVE THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE GREEN UP TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE MATCH; THE FINAL 15 MINUTES WILL BE FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE AWAY TEAM.

THE AWAY CAPTAIN MAY PRACTICE BEFORE THE LAST 15 MINUTES.

4,h. ALL TEAMS MUST ATTEND ON THE DATE OF THE FIXTURE IRRESPECTIVE OF THE WEATHER CONDITIONS. THE EXCEPTION WILL BE IF THE HOME CLUB HAS INFORMED THE VISITING TEAM THAT THE GREEN IS UNFIT FOR PLAY.

THE GREENSMAN OR HOME CAPTAIN WILL DECIDE IF THE GREEN IS FIT TO PLAY OR NOT.

4,i. IF A MATCH HAS TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER, THEN THE TWO CAPTAINS SHALL RE-ARRANGE THE FIXTURE AND THE HOME CAPTAIN WILL NOTIFY THE LEAGUE SECRETARY OF THE ARRANGEMENTS.

4,j A MATCH POSTPONED, CANCELLED OR RE-ARRANGED BY AGREEMENT MUST BE ADVISED TO THE LEAGUE SECRETARY AND THEN PLAYED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THAT FIXTURE. UNLESS IT IS THE LAST MATCH OF THE SEASON THEN IT MUST BE PLAYED WITHIN 7 DAYS.

4,k. ON POSTPONEMENT/CANCELLATION OF A MATCH THE HOME CAPTAIN SHOULD SUPPLY THE AWAY CAPTAIN WITH 3 REASONABLE DATES WITHIN THE 21 DAYS LIMIT WHO WILL THEN CHOOSE ONE OF THOSE DATES. FAILURE TO FULFILL THE FIXTURE WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT (21 DAYS) WILL RESULT IN THE SECRETARY BEING NOTIFIED BY THE HOME CAPTAIN, THE ISSUE WILL THEN BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE TO DECIDE THE OUTCOME..

4,l MATCHES CANNOT BE PLAYED WHEN THE LEAGUE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN COMPLETED

4,m. THE LEAGUE TABLE POINTS WILL BE ACCRUED FROM,

2 POINTS FOR A HOME WIN

3 POINTS FOR AN AWAY WIN

1 POINT FOR A HOME DRAW

2 POINTS FOR AN AWAY DRAW

1 POINT FOR EACH WINNING PLAYER

THE AGGREGATE SCORE WILL DETERMINE THE RESULT.

4,n. STANDARD JACKS WILL BE USED IN ALL GAMES AND WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE HOME TEAM, JACKS MUST BE TESTED EVERY 7 YEARS

4,o. THERE WILL BE TWO MARKERS FOR EACH GAME AND THE CARDS CHECKED EVERY FIVE ENDS.

4,p. SHOULD ANY TEAMS AT THE END OF THE SEASON FINISH WITH EQUAL POINTS AND EQUAL AGGREGATE, THE COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE ON THE METHOD TO RESOLVE THE PLACINGS.

5. LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

5,a. FEES FOR COMPETITIONS WILL BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE ENTRIES TO THE COMPETITION ARE ACCEPTED.

5,b. GREENS CHOSEN FOR THESE COMPETITIONS WILL PROVIDE A PERSON TO ISSUE STANDARD JACKS, MATS, LONG MEASURING TAPES, AND TO CHECK ALL ARE RETURNED ON COMPLETION OF THE EVENT.

5,c. A TEAM THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ADVERTISER CUP WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE COMPETITION THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

5,d. STARTING TIME WILL ALSO BE SCRATCH TIME, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

5,e. BRITISH CROWN GREEN RULES WILL APPLY IN ALL INSTANCES, ANY DISPUTES OR PROTESTS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE THROUGH THE LEAGUE SECRETARY.

5,f. THE COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE ON ANY ITEM NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE RULES.

6. **GENERAL**

6,a TEAMS NOT INTENDING TO REGISTER FOR A NEW SEASON WILL ADVISE THE LEAGUE SECRETARY PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

6,b ALTERATIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE RULES HAVE TO BE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY 28 DAYS BEFORE THE A.G.M., STATING IN FULL THE PROPOSED ALTERATION OR ADDITION.

6,c VOTING ON PROPOSALS WILL BE ONE VOTE PER TEAM

6,d ALL PROPOSALS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE COMMITTEE WILL BE SENT TO TEAM REPRESENTATIVES PRIOR TO THE A.G.M.

Amended 2020 following the AGM