

## **LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS 2018**

### **CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE.**

ALL LEAGUE MATCHES SHALL BE PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH E.I.B.A. RULES EXCEPT WHERE ANY LOCAL RULE SHALL APPLY.

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN LEAGUE MATCHES MUST BE PAID-UP MEMBERS OF THE BANBURY CROSS INDOOR BOWLING CLUB. (INCLUDING SUBSTITUTES).

THE INDOOR LEAGUE PROGRAMME WILL BE ORGANISED AND ADMINISTERED BY "BANBURY CROSS I.B.C."

NO RUNNING, SMOKING, DRINKING OR EATING IS ALLOWED ON OR OVER THE GREEN.

COMPETITORS WILL AT ALL TIMES ABIDE BY THE NOTICES DISPLAYED BY THE WOODGREEN MANAGEMENT.

### **CONSTITUTION OF TEAMS.**

ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE REGISTERED, TRIPLES A MAXIMUM OF 5, AND PAIRS A MAXIMUM OF 4 PLAYERS.

ANY ONE OF THE NAMED PLAYERS MAY PLAY IN ANY POSITION THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE LEAGUE. PLAYERS CANNOT REGISTER FOR MORE THAN ONE TEAM IN THE SAME LEAGUE.

FOLLOWING A WRITTEN REQUEST PLAYERS MAY BE DE-REGISTERED AND REPLACEMENT PLAYERS REGISTERED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LEAGUE SECRETARY.

### **ILLEGAL PLAYERS.**

IF A TEAM PLAYS A PLAYER WHO IS REGISTERED FOR ANOTHER TEAM IN THAT LEAGUE THE OFFENDING TEAM WILL BE ADJUDGED TO HAVE LOST THE MATCH, NINE SHOTS TO NIL.

### **SCORE CARDS**

RINK FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE PLAY COMMENCES AND THE NAMES OF ALL PLAYERS MUST BE ENTERED ON THE SCORECARD. THE NAMES OF SUBSTITUTES WILL BE UNDERLINED.

AT THE COMPLETION OF THE GAME, CARDS WILL BE COUNTERSIGNED BY BOTH SKIPS AND DEPOSITED IN THE BOX PROVIDED.

### **SUBSTITUTES.**

ALL SUBSTITUTES MUST BE FULLY PAID UP MEMBERS OF BANBURY CROSS INDOOR BOWLS CLUB OR MEMBERS OF WOODGREEN STAFF.

NO SUBSTITUTES WILL BE ALLOWED UNTIL ALL REGISTRATIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP. IF A TEAM HAS NOT USED UP ITS ALLOCATION OF REGISTERED PLAYERS ANY SUBSEQUENT SUBSTITUTE WILL BE DEEMED TO BE A REGISTERED MEMBER OF THAT TEAM AND WILL BE UNAVAILABLE TO PLAY FOR ANY OTHER TEAM IN THAT LEAGUE.

THEREAFTER SUBSTITUTES ARE ALLOWED TO PLAY BUT CANNOT SKIP AND MUST NOT BE REGISTERED FOR ANY OTHER TEAM IN THE SAME LEAGUE.

NON REGISTERED MEMBERS MAY PLAY AS SUBSTITUTE FOR **ANY** TEAM AND ARE **NOT** RESTRICTED TO ONE TEAM IN A LEAGUE.

### **INCOMPLETE TEAMS.**

IN A TRIPLES LEAGUE, IF A TEAM IS ONLY ONE PLAYER SHORT THE GAME WILL START ON TIME AND THE TEAM WITH ONLY TWO PLAYERS SHALL USE 8 WOODS, EACH PLAYER HAVING FOUR WOODS. IF THE THIRD PLAYER ARRIVES AND IS READY TO BOWL BEFORE THE JACK OF THE SECOND END IS DELIVERED HE/SHE MAY JOIN THE GAME IN ANY POSITION WITHOUT PENALTY.

OTHERWISE THE OFFENDING TEAM SHALL FORFEIT ONE QUARTER OF ITS FINAL SCORE ROUNDED UP TO THE NEXT WHOLE NUMBER.

EXAMPLE: TEAM WITH 2 PLAYERS HAS SCORED 10 SHOTS BY END OF GAME SO LOSES 2.5 SHOTS ROUNDED UP TO 3 SO HAS A FINAL SCORE OF 7 ON THE CARD.

THE TEAM WITH TWO PLAYERS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FULL GREEN FEE DUE FOR THEIR TEAM.

THE TEAM WINNING THE TOSS OR THE PREVIOUS END SHALL ROLL THE JACK; HOWEVER THE TEAM WITH THREE PLAYERS SHALL **ALWAYS** PLAY THE FIRST WOOD. THIS WILL ENSURE ALTERNATE BOWLS PLAY OVER THE WHOLE GAME.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SKIPS TO COMPLETE THE SCORECARDS AND SUCH CARDS SHOULD SHOW THE POINTS SCORED AND THE POINTS DEDUCTED FROM THE TEAM WITH ONLY 2 PLAYERS.

IF A TEAM DOES NOT HAVE 2 PLAYERS READY TO BOWL WHEN THE GAME IS DUE TO BEGIN THE START CAN BE DELAYED BY UP TO 15 MINUTES AT THE REQUEST OF EITHER SKIP. IF STILL LACKING 2 PLAYERS AT THAT TIME THE OFFENDING TEAM SHALL CONCEDE THE GAME UNLESS BOTH TEAMS AGREE TO RESCHEDULE THE FIXTURE.

### **REARRANGED GAMES.**

EVERY TEAM SHOULD ENDEAVOUR TO PLAY ALL ALLOCATED LEAGUE MATCHES.

IF A SIDE NEEDS TO CANCEL A GAME THEY SHALL INFORM THEIR OPPONENTS, AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. THEY SHOULD ALSO INFORM WOODGREEN STAFF TO CANCEL THE RINK BOOKING FOR THE CANCELLED FIXTURE. THE GAME TO BE PLAYED WITHIN 56 DAYS OF THE ORIGINAL DATE, BUT NOT AFTER THE END OF THE SEASON.

THE ONUS IS ON THE SIDE CANCELLING THE GAME TO REARRANGE THE MATCH. IF THE DEFAULTING TEAM DOES NOT OFFER DATES WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF THE ORIGINAL FIXTURE THEIR OPPONENTS CAN OFFER DATES FOR THE REARRANGED GAME.

IF THE GAME IS NOT PLAYED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD, THEN THE GAME WILL BE NULL AND VOID.

IF THE GAME HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND BOTH TEAMS AGREE THE FORFEIT OF THE MATCH IN FAVOUR OF ONE OF THE TEAMS, THAT TEAM **MUST** PAY THEIR OWN RINK FEES AND CLAIM THE WIN WITH A SCORE OF 9 SHOTS TO 0 ON THEIR SCORECARD.

IF AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, THE COMMITTEE CAN BE ASKED TO ADJUDICATE. IN THIS CASE A LETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CLUB SECRETARY WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THE FIXTURE. ANY POINTS OR OTHERWISE WILL BE AWARDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE.

### **RULES OF PLAY**

THE JACK SHALL BE DELIVERED IN COMPLIANCE WITH WIBC RULE 23. IF THE JACK IS DRIVEN OFF THE GREEN THE END SHALL BE CLASSED AS DEAD.

SHOULD THE JACK IN ANY END BE IMPROPERLY DELIVERED OR IF IT ENDS ITS ORIGINAL COURSE IN THE DITCH OR OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARY OF THE RINK OR LESS THAN 23M IN A STRAIGHT LINE OF PLAY FROM THE MAT THE JACK SHALL BE PLACED ON THE TEE BY THE OPPOSING SKIP WHO WILL DETERMINE, WITH HIS LEAD, THE POSITION IN WHICH THE MAT SHALL BE PLACED, WITHIN THE REQUIRED REGULATIONS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE END.

TIMED LEAGUES WILL BE PLAYED FOR 2 HOURS AS DEFINED BY THE END OF SESSION ALARM OR FOR 14 ENDS IF THIS OCCURS FIRST.

THE FINAL END WILL BE PLAYED OUT PROVIDING THE JACK IS IN MOTION HAVING BEEN LEGALLY DELIVERED (FROM THE MAT) BEFORE THE END OF SESSION ALARM.

DURING THE GAME NO MEMBER OF ANY TEAM WILL VISIT THE HEAD OTHER THAN TO RELIEVE THE SKIP AS A MATTER OF NECESSITY.

ALL PLAYERS SHOULD STAY AT THE DELIVERY END OF THE RINK UNTIL IT BECOMES THE TURN OF THE SKIPS TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE MAT. SKIPS MUST LEAVE THE HEAD TOGETHER AND NOT REVISIT IT AFTER TAKING CHARGE OF THE MAT. PLAYERS SHOULD NOT STOP AND HAVE LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GREEN, AS THIS CAN BE DISTRACTING TO PLAYERS ON ADJACENT RINKS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES (2003/4) ONE SHOT ONLY WILL BE SCORED ON THE FIRST TWO ENDS.

### **LEAGUE CHANGEOVER.**

COMPETITORS PREPARING TO PLAY IN ANY FOLLOWING LEAGUE SHALL NOT TAKE UP POSITION AT THE END OF THE RINKS BEFORE THE AUTOMATIC TIMER HAS SOUNDED FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PREVIOUS LEAGUE.

AFTER THE BELL, PLAYERS WILL BE MINDFUL OF THE LAST END IN PROGRESS AND REFRAIN FROM MOVING ABOUT WHEN PRECEDING PLAYERS ARE STILL IN POSSESSION OF THE MAT.

MEMBERS OF FOLLOWING TEAMS SHALL REFRAIN FROM INTRUDING ONTO THE GREEN, READJUSTING SCOREBOARDS ETC. UNTIL THE PRECEDING PLAYERS HAVE VACATED THE GREEN.

## **DRESS**

ATTIRE FOR MALES WILL BE WHITE SHIRT AND GREY TROUSERS. FEMALES' ATTIRE WILL BE WHITE BLOUSE AND GREY SKIRT, TROUSERS OR CULOTTES.

## **CONDUCT.**

ALL COMPETITORS MUST CONFORM TO THE REGULATIONS CURRENTLY IN FORCE AT WOODGREEN LEISURE CENTRE.

MEMBERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A GENTLEMANLY AND LADYLIKE MANNER IN KEEPING WITH THE STANDARDS OF THE CLUB AT ALL TIMES.

WIBC RULE 41 REGARDING POSSESSION OF THE RINK WILL BE ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES.

MEMBERS PRACTISING ON VACANT RINKS WILL BE EVER MINDFUL OF THE MATCHES IN PROGRESS AROUND THEM AND REFRAIN FROM PLAYING SHOTS THAT MAY SERIOUSLY INTERFERE WITH GAMES BEING PLAYED ON ADJACENT RINKS.

BOWLS BAGS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT MUST NOT BE LEFT AT EITHER END, THUS PREVENTING A FREE PASSAGE TO FIRE DOORS. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT OF THE FIRE SERVICE.

## **COMPLAINTS.**

ALL COMPLAINTS OR DISPUTES MUST BE GIVEN IN WRITING TO THE INDOOR COMMITTEE SECRETARY. NO VERBAL COMPLAINTS OR DISPUTES CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR DISCUSSION BY THE COMMITTEE.