

**RULES OF THE J.S.W. BOWLING LEAGUE**  
**(Updated to include amendments as at 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2023)**

1. The Competition to be known as the J.S.W.League.

2. Officers of the League consist of the following:

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| (a) Chairman  | (c) Secretary |
| (b) Treasurer |               |

3. ELECTION OF A QUORUM:

The Quorum shall consist of the Chairman, Secretary and a representative from at least 3 other clubs... The Quorum shall be called to meet only if the Chairman decides that a dispute has arisen that merits such an action.

Each Club will, in turn, provide a vice-Chairman who will automatically fill the office of Chairman at the Annual General Meeting for the following year.

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>VICE CHAIRMAN</b>
2023	Richmond	Bedale
2024	Bedale	Sowerby Flatts
2025	Sowerby Flatts	Leyburn
2026	Leyburn	Masham
2027	Masham	Northallerton
2028	Northallerton	Thirsk Athletic
2029	Thirsk Athletic	Hutton Rudby
2030	Hutton Rudby	Richmond

4. The J.S.W. League consists of the following Clubs:

Bedale	Richmond
Hutton Rudby	Sowerby Flatts
Leyburn	Thirsk Athletic
Masham	Northallerton

5. The League shall be a mixed league. Each team must field a mixed team of 16 or 12 players, as agreed at the AGM , for all matches. Any team failing to provide a mixed team will forfeit three points for that match.

6. Smooth, flat-soled shoes without heels, grey trousers (skirts, trousers or culottes for ladies) with white above the waist must be worn for all League matches. Clubs who so desire may wear coloured club shirts, properly registered with the League, in J.S.W. matches. Dress must be uniform throughout the team. It is the responsibility of each Captain to ensure that this rule is strictly adhered to. The same standard of dress must be worn for all rounds of J.S.W. Competitions. (A.G.M. 10.01.07).

7. All teams to play each other on a home and away basis.

8. All bowls used in J.S.W. League or Competition matches must bear a current stamp (i.e.

dated 1985 or after and still be legible) and be of the same set.

9. Matches to be played on Wednesday, and where applicable, Friday evenings commencing at 6.45pm. If all players are available the game can start earlier if agreed. If a team is half an hour late in arriving for a match, then the EBA rules are to be enforced and the team in default forfeit the game.

10. No trial ends will be played. Possession of the Jack for the first end is to be decided by the Captains on the toss of a coin.

11. The maximum number of ends to be played is 18. The minimum number of ends to constitute a match is 10.

SCORING: Winning Rink - One point  
Drawn Rink - Half point  
Team win -Three points, or four points when teams  
Consist of 12 players

12. If a match is abandoned before the minimum number of ends have been played, the match must be replayed. The re-arranged fixture to be agreed as soon as possible between the Clubs involved. In the event of a match being abandoned due to weather conditions after the minimum number of ends has been played (10), but before the maximum number (18), then the scores will be taken as at the rink which has played the least number of ends.

a) Teams must fulfil all League fixtures. Any team failing to fulfil a fixture will have three points deducted, with four points being awarded to their opponents.

b) Any dispute concerning the non-fulfilment of fixtures shall be referred to the Secretary or Chairman and if necessary a meeting will be called. The decision of the Quorum shall be final.

c) All Wednesday League matches are to be played on the date shown in the fixture list, unless due to ground or weather conditions they are called off by the mutual agreement of both Captains or the Green keeper. The Friday matches can be re arranged with the agreement of both Captains and played on any agreed day of the week.

d) Matches must not be called off due to a shortage of players. Teams must field the maximum number of players available, divided *between* four rinks, and forfeit 25 per cent of the shots scored in rinks where there is not the required number of players.

e) If for any reason a team wishes to postpone a match they must seek to do so through the League Secretary.

f) Any postponed match must be played as soon as possible. Preferably before the end of the league time table but definitely before the Competition finals day, The onus of making arrangements is with the home Club who shall offer at least three possible dates. Disputes regarding this to be reported to the Secretary who will liaise with the Chairman

g) The Chairman and Quorum shall have powers to impose penalties as they deem necessary (A.G.M. 10.01.06).

13. In the event of the Competition resulting in a tie on points, the outcome will be decided on aggregate shots difference.

14. The Secretary of the home Club must inform the League Secretary of the result of matches as soon as possible.

15. Any dispute to be brought to the notice of the Secretary and if the Chairman decides that the issue merits a Quorum decision a meeting will be held and their decision will be final

16. All rules agreed at the AGM will be in adhered to for that season  
At the Annual General Meeting only one vote is permitted per team.

17. The Annual General Meeting of the League will be held in January each year.

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## **J.S.W. BOWLING LEAGUE COMPETITION RULES**

1. There will be no restriction on the number of entrants from any Club. (AGM 18.2.88)  
Save that each entrant to be eligible to play must play a minimum of 1 league game in the season for which they are entering (AGM 9.1.23)

2. A player who is a member of more than one JSW Club is only permitted to enter any JSW League Competition from ONE, and the same nominated Club and must play any home ties on the Green of that nominated Club. (AGM 15.1.97)

3. Entries for any of the JSW League Competitions must be made on the official entry form submitted from the member Club to reach the League Secretary by the closing date as notified each year on the entry form. The respective entry fees must be paid prior to the closing date. (AGM 18.2.88)

No player shall enter the J.S.W. singles competition knowing that he or she will not be available for the Final.

Any player who has entered the singles competition and discovers during the rounds that he or she will not be available for the Final, must withdraw immediately.

4. The draw for all Competitions will be made by the League Secretary and circulated to all participant Clubs. (AGM 12.1.89)

5. In all Competitions, it is the duty of the Challenger (home team) to contact their opponent within 24 hours of receipt of the draw and offer three dates on which the tie can be played. At least one of these dates must be a Saturday or Sunday, (AGM 11.1.90) and none of them should coincide with the date of any J.S.W. League fixture (A.G.M. 9.1.2002). It is the responsibility of the opponent to accept one of the dates offered within 48 hours. If no contact is received by either party after 14 days of the commencement of the round, then the aggrieved party should contact the League Secretary. (AGM 17.1.96). If the dates are refused by the Opponent, the Challenger will go through to the next round. Should the Challenger not offer three dates, the Opponent will go through. AGM 30/1/2012).

6. Results of the ties must be notified by the winner to the League Secretary by telephone, within 24 hours of the match being played.

7. The semi-finals of all Competitions will be played on neutral Greens (AGM 12.1.89)

Finals will normally be played on the Green of the League Chairman. (AGM 18.1.95)

8. All woods used in JSW Competitions must bear a current stamp and be all of one set. (AGM 14.1.93)

9. In the Singles Competition, it is the responsibility of the home player to provide a marker who is familiar with the rules of the game and is acceptable to both players. (AGM 9.1.2002).

10. In all Competitions, rules concerning substitutes are as defined as the current Bowls of England Rules (AGM 9.1.23) All matches will be played strictly in accordance with Bowls England Rules and Regulations current at the time of play. (AGM 18.2.88).

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