

# Bateson League Rules

1) Matches in the League will be played on Friday afternoon. N.B. Where special circumstances arise, clubs may rearrange between each other by agreement. Postponed matches may be arranged on any other afternoon within one month. **However when the reason for re-arrangement is the inability to raise a team, then there is to be only one attempt to re-arrange the match on a date suitable to the offended team. If the match is not played then the offended team will receive 7 points and the offending team nil points. Clubs may only re-arrange 3 matches per season.**

No rearranged matches may go beyond the date of last league match.

2) Four rinks are to be played on a 'Triples' basis: each rink to consist of 'mixed' players.

3) The lower age limit is to be 55 and officially retired from their place of work. Prior to commencement of the match, if the two captains agree, a maximum of two ladies under the minimum age may be permitted to play.

4) Clubs not fielding the full twelve players should forfeit the point for that rink. They will play the rink, with the non-offending team shots being recorded in full and the offending team shots being reduced by one third. When a team is one player short the two players remaining will play 4 woods each and the order of play should be as follows:- The winner of the toss or the previous end will cast the Jack, but the team with 3 players will always bowl first.

5) Matches commence promptly at 1.45 pm. The starting time may be delayed up to 15 minutes by agreement of the Captains. The Challenge match will start at 1.30 p.m. with the number of rinks being played depending on the availability of the respective host club. The Challenge Match – Winners v Representatives from all the other clubs will be played on the Friday following the last league match.

6) Two trial ends of two woods, will be allowed between 1.30 pm and 1.45 pm.. - if two teams agree to play for 1 shot only on the first two ends of a match due to weather conditions that is allowed providing both teams agree.

7) One point is to be awarded to each winning rink, and a further three points to the team with the most shots, the maximum being seven points in all. 3 ½ points each in the case of a drawn match.

8) On completion of the League Table, if there is a tie situation for the points, the winner shall be the Club with the highest total of shots 'For'.

9) A player may be invited to make up a rink, by agreement of the Captains.

10) In the case of abandoned matches, (e.g. heavy rain), if twelve ends have been completed, the result will stand; for less than twelve ends, the match will be declared as a Tie and each team will gain three and half points. If a match is cancelled due to weather conditions or the bowling green is unfit for play, the match will not be rearranged and both clubs will share the points, three and a half to each team. N.B. Both the Home and Away captain must agree together whether or not to play a match if the teams are present and the weather has deteriorated.

11) In all other circumstances, the E.B.A Rules will apply.

12) Home team representatives will submit the match results, as soon as possible, to Basil Birchall result co-ordinator and webmaster 01765677418 /basilbirchall@aol.com

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