

Sheffield & Hallamshire Crown Green Bowling Association

Saturday and Tuesday League Rules

- 1 The composition of the league which may consist of any number of teams and the playing arrangements to be left entirely to the discretion of a Council consisting of one delegate from each club in membership with the league.
- 2 The composition of the League Divisions and selections shall be decided by the Council after the entries have been received.
- 3 In the event of there being more than two Divisions of either league, Clubs with two teams must declare their team in rotation. Clubs may play any player in either team but on no occasion must there be more than two 'A' team players included in the 'B' team.
(Players qualifications to be three matches played in the 'A' team. No player shall in different matches in different Divisions on the same day or on any rearranged day, all non-eligible shall be considered to be absent and the opponents shall count 21 – 0, for average qualification 21 – 11).
- 4 Teams in the League Competitions shall consist of eight players and games shall be 21 up played in singles, one point will be awarded for each winning game with two points for the Club winning the match on overall aggregate, being a total of ten points per match.
- 5 All teams shall play home and away matches with each other during the season and the winner of the respective divisions shall be declared the Champion Team and shall hold the League Cup for one year. All matches must take place in accordance with the League fixtures published with the following exceptions.
(1) That a team is drawn to play on the same day in a competition having precedence over this Association's fixtures, or (2) That at least seven days notice in writing or by telephone be given to postpone a match stating reasons for the re-arrangement of the fixture, unless there has been a previous agreement for a postponement between the officials of the club concerned or both teams must be present and ready to play at the scratching time in the event of seven days notice not being given to the opposing club and the League Secretary, Emergency Committee or the Council shall award the average points (home or away) in favour of the disadvantaged club. A fine as in Rule 6 will apply.
- 6 In the event of any match not being commenced or being left unfinished through rain or other cause over which either team has control, same shall be resumed where left off on the same green within 21 days. The home club is to take the first steps in re-arranging a postponed or unfinished match. Notice of such re-arrangement to be sent to the League Secretary of the Association immediately, failure to make such arrangements within 21 days and not informing the League Secretary will result in a £5 fine and the match being played as instructed by the Council. Where possible all re-arranged matches to be played BEFORE the date of the last scheduled matches in that division of the League.

- 7 All matches to start as arranged or decided by the Council or Emergency Committee and play to be continuous with a full green of four pairs of players. Clubs who consider their greens to be too small to accommodate four pairs of players may seek permission of the general Council to substitute a full green of three pairs of players in this rule.
- 8 In league matches the names of all competitors shall be drawn before the match starts and the parties so drawn shall play together to that order unless otherwise agreed to by captains and referee. The eight players drawn must play unless there are absentees in which case bona-fide reserves may be played. In all cases the reserves must be declared at the time and in which order they will be played to fill in the vacancies. No blanks must be drawn for League matches and each card must be properly filled up at the time. Visiting players shall be allowed 10 minutes practice time immediately before the recognised match starting time.
- 9 In all competitions the scorers shall be in touch with each other every three scoring ends to ensure accuracy.
- 10 All match result sheets must be signed by both captains, who will be held responsible for the same being accurate. A fine of £5 will be imposed on any clubs who submit an incorrect or incomplete result sheet. The home club must forward the result of each match, including individual scores to the League Secretary of the Association within seven days of the match being played. Complete League Tables to be published at least once a month during the season.
- 11 The team having the highest number of points, in accordance with rule 4, shall be declared the Championship winner. In the event of two or more teams having an equal number of points, the team having the better average aggregate (chalks for and against) shall be declared the winners.
- 12 All games shall be played under the Laws of the British Crown Green Bowling Association.
- 13 In the event of there being two Divisions in the Saturday League, the two leading teams in the lower division shall be promoted to the upper division and the two bottom teams in the upper division shall be relegated in the succeeding season.
- 14 Where a club has two teams in the same division of the Saturday or Tuesday Night League, they shall play against each other in the two opening matches of the season if possible.
- 15 Starting time for Tuesday Night shall be 6.30 pm. And for Saturday 3.00pm. Scratching time shall be when the green is not full.
- 16 The average qualification in all leagues shall be that a minimum of 75% of matches shall be played of which a minimum of 50% must be away from home. The League Secretary/Registrar is not to be responsible for calculating averages – claims to be made out in full.
- 17 In all league matches all green fees to be paid by the home team.