

## **RULES OF THE BROOKS MOTORS BOWLS LEAGUE**

1. The league shall be known as the Brooks Motors Bowls League.
2. Membership of the league shall be open to any Club within the Chichester and Arun District Council areas.
3. Applications to join the league must be approved at a General Meeting of the league.
4. The affairs of the league shall be managed by a Committee consisting of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the league and whose term of office shall run from the end of the meeting at which they are elected to the end of the following Annual General Meeting. The three members of the committee must be from different Clubs. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt an additional member or members as necessary.
5. The Annual General Meeting of the league shall be held in October or November each year.
6. Each member Club shall be entitled to send two delegates with voting rights to the Annual General Meeting and to any other General Meetings. Any proposal to be raised at an Annual General Meeting shall be received by the Secretary at least six weeks before the said Annual General Meeting.
7. An Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the league may be called at any time by the Committee. An Extra-ordinary General Meeting must be called by the Secretary within 28 days of receipt by the Secretary of a request for such a meeting supported by at least 40% of the member clubs. The request for such a meeting must state the purpose of the meeting and any motion that is to be discussed. No other business may be discussed at such a meeting.
8. The annual membership fee shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting.
9. Changes to these Rules or to the Playing Rules of the league may only be made at a General Meeting after prior circulation to all member clubs.
10. The Committee of the league shall have the power to interpret these Rules and the Playing Rules of the league and deal with any matters not specifically provided therein.

### **PLAYING RULES**

1. The league shall be played under the laws of Bowls England.
2. Players eligible to play in the league must be registered members of their club within the Brooks Motors League.
3. No player shall play for more than one member club in league fixtures during the same season.
4. If a club has more than one team in the league then no player shall play for both teams in the same season.
5. Each team shall play the other teams in their division twice during the season, home and away on days and at times to be agreed between the clubs.

6. No league matches shall be played after 31 August with a commencement time later than 5.30pm.
7. A match shall consist of two triples and both triples must be mixed.
8. All games in league matches will consist of 18 ends.
9. Two trial ends shall be played in all matches.
10. The visiting team shall bowl the jack on the first end at all times.
11. The home team shall nominate 2 rinks on which the league game shall be played. Team captains shall draw for rinks and opponents.
12. Matches unable to be played on the arranged day will not be re-arranged for any reason.
13. The home team shall notify the away team as soon as possible of any match cancelled due to inclement weather.
14. Points will be awarded to teams as follows:-
  - a. 2 points for the match winning team
  - b. 1 point to each team if the match is drawn
  - c. 2 points for each winning triple
  - d. 1 point for each tied triple
  - e. in the event of a match cancelled due to inclement weather, 3 points shall be awarded to each team.
  - f. If a team defaults then the non-offending team shall be awarded 6 points and +10 shots. The offending team shall be deducted 10 shots.
15. In matches abandoned after play has commenced the result shall stand if 9 ends or more have been played by both triples. If less than 9 ends have been played then Rule 14e applies.
16. The completed result sheet for a match must be posted to the league secretary by the home team by first class post within 2 days of the match date.
17. Club coloured tops may be worn otherwise white above the waist for all matches. Below the waist may be white or grey as agreed between competing clubs.
18. If at the end of the season teams are level on points the order of placement in the league table shall be determined by aggregate shot difference and if aggregate shot differences are equal then by the total shots for.
19. For the inaugural season teams shall be drawn to form the two divisions. At the end of this season the top three teams in each division shall form Division 1 and the remaining teams shall form Division 2. The top team in each Division will play off at a neutral green to decide the League Champions for the inaugural season.
20. In subsequent seasons the top two teams in each division shall be promoted to the higher Division and the bottom two teams relegated to the lower division.
21. All new teams shall join the bottom division.