

## **SOUTHBOURNE BOWLS HANDICAP PAIRS LEAGUE RULES OF PLAY**



1. Entry to this competition is open to all Southbourne Bowls Club members.
2. Substitutes are allowed (not during the course of a match) but are restricted to playing for just one team during the season and the combined handicap adjusted accordingly.
3. Each team will play eight matches (maximum), which will be randomly drawn from the competition entrants. No team will play the same team twice.  
Fixture cards will be displayed on the club competition notice board when drawn.
4. Each match must be played on the date published in the fixture card. Only in extreme circumstances the Competition Secretary may give permission to play a fixture at another time (earlier than the published date or up to forty-eight hours after the published date) provided it is agreed upon by both teams. Failure to play a match within the above period will result in nil points being awarded to both teams.  
An extension to the above period may be granted by the Competition Secretary for unforeseen circumstances only, provided the request is made within the above period.  
If a match cannot be played within the above period then the Competition Secretary can rule in favour of a team, provided a request is made within the above period. A successful ruling will result in a team's overall average being awarded to the favoured team and one point to the unfavoured team.
5. Rinks will be drawn for each match before play commences. At least one team member from each side must be present; the discs must not be visible during the draw.
6. Matches will be played over sixteen ends with no trial ends. Only one shot will be awarded on the first end. A no-end will not be replayed and will be scored as two shots against the team causing that no-end.
7. Scores. – A team of two players will add their handicap together. This combined handicap will be set against your opponents combined handicap. The team with the lowest combined handicap will deduct this amount from the opposing teams combined handicap and place the amount on the scoreboard and on the score cards (on the appropriate sides) before the game can commence. If your team was awarded the difference between the two combined handicaps you may add one point to your score if you win the first end, otherwise your opponents receives the one point and your score remains the handicap difference. All the remaining ends will be scored and added as per normal match rules.
8. Each teams score, for each game will be placed on the result sheet by the Competition Secretary. After all 8 games are completed the points will be added together and the team with the highest overall score wins. In the event of two or more teams having the same total, the winning places will be decided first by Ends Won, if still equal then by Shot Diff.
9. The Competition Secretary's decision is final in all disputes.
10. The competition Secretary reserves the right to add to or amend the rules as necessary.