

HARROW & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

BIDGOOD LEAGUE RULES

- 1) The League shall be called the "Bidgood League"
- 2) Membership of the League shall be open to all affiliated member clubs of the Harrow & District Bowling Association.
- 3) All matches shall be played in accordance with the laws of the game as formulated by the International Bowling Board (IBB) and published by Bowls England (BE).
- 4) Depending on the number of entries, the League may be divided into sections or divisions. The Officers of the Association shall decide these divisions. In the event of two or more divisions being formed, promotion and relegation will take place at the conclusion of each season's competition. This movement will normally be "two up" and "two down".
- 5) Each club entering the league shall be provided with a list of fixtures for each season.

In each week, the home club shall agree with the away club, on which evening the match shall be played. Clubs may mutually agree to play on an evening outside of the week allocated or on a weekend

Clubs **MAY NOT** mutually / independently agree to reverse the scheduled venue or change the scheduled venue to a neutral green. This is to avoid clubs having an imbalance between home and away games compared with the other clubs in the league.

In extreme circumstance (for example, inclement weather, green closure, green vandalism) and only with the prior agreement of the Bidgood League Secretary, clubs may be allowed to make a venue change at short notice, to ensure that all fixtures are completed.

6) Clubs with more than one entry must provide a list of players who will play in either their "a" or "b" teams before their respective opening fixtures. A player already on one team list who has not yet played for that team in the current season shall be permitted to play for the other team. In this event he is automatically transferred to the team list for which he has played and cannot play for his original team that season.

7) The home club shall in each case decide which evening the match shall be played.

8) Each team shall consist of six players forming two triples. Up to 2 players may be female, limited to 1 female per triple. All players taking part must be bona fide members of the club they represent. Players may only play for one club each Bidgood League Season.

9 - i) The normal start time shall be 18.15 hours week nights or, if agreed, 1000 hours weekend mornings. By mutual agreement between the 2 participating clubs matches may be played at alternate times e.g. 1400 Weekdays. A maximum of 15 minutes shall be allowed for any delay. Where such delay exceeds 15 minutes, the points will be awarded to the non-offending club. Use of the mat for the first end shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

ii) Allocation of rinks – The home side will select the rinks to be used for the match, these will be depicted for rink allocation purposes by the use of an identifying marker e.g. numbered disc, playing card etc. The away Captain will then shuffle the home sides scorecards and place them at random on

the chosen identifying markers. The home Captain will then repeat the process with the away sides scorecards to complete the process.

10) Each match shall consist of a maximum of 18 ends for each triple; fewer ends may be played providing the respective Captains agree before the commencement of the match. In the event of a match being abandoned before its full conclusion the result will stand providing an aggregate of 18 ends have been played across the 2 triples. If 18 ends have not been played then the match should be replayed on a mutually convenient date. If this fails then the match shall be declared void.

11) Where clubs are unable to fulfil a fixture, within 7 days of the initially arranged date they MUST mutually agree to rearrange a later date up to and including the 1st Friday in September.

12) A club in contention for winning the league, or gaining promotion, cannot do so having taken advantage of a conceded game unless in the opinion of the Bidgood League Secretary, "adequate attempts" have been made by both clubs to re arrange the game.

13) The dress for these matches shall be grey trousers and either white shirts or shirts of a colour and design appropriately approved by the MBA. All members of the playing side must be wearing the same colour shirt.

14) The home club shall pay any green fees due.

15) The aggregate score of the 2 triples shall determine the winner. 1 point will be awarded for each winning triple with a further 2 points to the overall aggregate winner. In the event of a triple drawing, each team will receive ½ a point and in the event that the overall match is drawn each team will receive 1 point.

16) Should a club be unable to field a team or arrive short of the requisite number of players, the points will be awarded to the opponents. In addition, 5 shots will be added to the non-offending team score and 5 shots deducted from the offending teams score.

17) It is preferred that the Match result form be sent by e mail scan or jpeg image to the League Secretary within 24 hours. If this facility is not possible the result must be forwarded to the League Secretary the following day.

18) The winner of the League will be the club with the highest number of points. In the event of two or more clubs having the same number of points, the higher positive shot difference will decide the winner. Should this not produce a winner, then the club winning the higher number of matches will be the winner. If all these methods fail to produce a winner then the trophy will be shared.

19) The organiser, together with the Principal Officers of the Association will decide any matter in dispute.

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