

LLB RULES FOR LEAGUES (Bonalba Issue)

League is a SIDE game made up of TEAMS (Law 1.3)



- 1) These Rules were introduced in April 2010.
This current amendment is affective from **29th March 2022** and should be read in conjunction with the necessary League Appendix. The LLB Dress Code must be strictly adhered to (current issue 21st November 2017) - if not refer to LLB Constitution item 3 (a).
- 2) All leagues shall be played under the 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Crystal Mark Third Edition' (including domestic regulations for Federacion Espanola de Bolos)
- 3) a) Any Club wishing to enter Side(s) in any League must make application to the relevant League Co-ordinator or Committee on a seasonal basis. It is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure green space is a priority for League fixtures, to include re-arranged matches.
b) **If a club at any time withdraws a side from a league this will not affect their entry(s) for the same season the following year.**
c) **Any additional/new Side entered in a League will automatically go into the lowest division of that League.**
- 4) Dual Club Membership
At the start of any season a player who is a member of more than 1 (one) Club MUST nominate to the relevant Club Secretaries which Club they will play ALL Leagues from for that season. They then pay their annual Federation fee through that nominated Club.
- 5) Change of Membership
When a person wishes to leave their club to go to another they apply for a clearance letter to hand to the new club along with their membership application. It is then up to the new club to decide how to handle any information given.
- 6) Interchange of Players Within a Club
In the event of any Club having to withdraw a side from **any** league, any player who has played in the side being withdrawn will be eligible to play for another side from the Club during **that** season.
- 7) Ends Played
Singles will be played to 21 (twenty one) shots. Pairs, triples and fours will be played to 18 (eighteen) ends.
- 8) Scorecards
All scorecards MUST be completed with the FULL names of those taking part in the match. Scorecards will be retained by the respective Club and be produced on demand by/to the relevant League Co-ordinator.
- 9) Results
ALL CORRECT SCORE results MUST be submitted by BOTH the home and away side to the relevant League Co-ordinator, unresolved score will result in the offender deemed as a late result. Refer to relevant League Appendix for procedures to be followed. Failure to comply will result in a penalty of the deduction of 1 (one) point for the first offence and 2 (two) points for each further offence in a season.
- 10) Rinks for Play
a) **The home Captain will decide on the rinks to go in the draw.**
b) **Where a Club has two (2) legal greens the home Captain will decide which green will be used.**
c) **Should a friendly be played then they will be included with the other teams in the draw for rinks.**
- 11) 2 (two) or More Sides from 1 (one) Club
Should there be at any time more than 1 (one) Side from any Club in any of the Leagues, such Sides shall play each other as early as possible in each half of the season.
- 12) League Winner
The Side, in any League, with the highest number of points at the completion of that League in that season will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie on points 'shot difference' will determine the winner. If match points and shot difference are equal the league result between the 2 (two) Sides (including shot difference) will decide the winner.
- 13) Substitutes
After commencement of a game should a player be unable to continue, then with the agreement of both skips, a substitute (if available) may be used but may NOT play skip. There can be NO substitute in a singles game which will therefore be forfeited. A player who is changed prior to the commencement of the match is NOT deemed to be a substitute - they are a Replacement
- 14) Re-Arranged Fixtures
Any League fixture can only be re-arranged due to (a) adverse weather conditions either by mutual agreement or at the discretion of the home Captain, OR (b) if the green to be used is not playable. The relevant League Co-ordinator to be advised on that day by 9.00pm Any exceptional circumstances should be referred to the League Co-ordinators whose decision is final.

- 15) **Game Stoppages**
When a match is stopped, due to adverse weather conditions which make the green unplayable, and cannot be resumed on the same day, the match shall be deemed to be completed provided two thirds (2/3rds) of the scheduled number of ends have been completed (excluding any singles match(s) the score standing at the point of stoppage).
- 16) **Postponed/Resumed Matches**
a) A re-arranged date must be agreed by the Clubs concerned within 48 hours and the match played within 14 (fourteen) days of the original date. This must be notified to the relevant League Co-ordinator. Should the 2 (two) Clubs involved be unable to agree a date the matter will immediately be referred to the relevant League Co-ordinator. A date will be given and if the Clubs concerned cannot agree then the match is deemed not played and both sides will have a penalty of 2 (two) points. The exception being the final game of the program which MUST be played within 7 (seven) days of the scheduled date. If this fails then it is referred to the relevant Committee whose decision is final.
b) A date for a resumed match must be agreed within 48 hours by the Clubs concerned with condition 16 (a) applying. The scores will be as they were when the game was stopped. If necessary a team may have the following substitutes - 1 (one) in pairs, 2 (two) in triples, 3 (three) in fours. Substitutes may not Skip. If more substitutes in a team are needed then the team will be forfeit. (Law 32, Law 33.4 and Law 5.1.1)
- 17) **Points/Penalties**
a) For each team 2 (two) points will be awarded for a win, 1 (one) point for a draw and 0 (nil) points for a loss; 2 (two) points will be awarded for overall shot difference with 1(one) point each if the overall shots are the same.
b) 2 (two) points and 10 (ten) shots will be awarded to the opposition for each team not played and the penalty points against the offending side will be on a sliding scale- 2 (two) points on the 1st (first) occasion, 3 (three) points on the 2nd (second) occasion, 4 (four) points on the 3rd (third) occasion from their cumulative total. On the fourth occasion they and their results will be expunged from the league. However, if a team starts but cannot finish a match, for whatever reason, the offending side will not lose 2 (two) points.
c) On each default occasion the offending side, home or away, will be responsible for paying the green fees for the number of team(s) not played.
d) When, after a match has finished, it is identified that a team(s) played is in default, then 2 (two) points and 10 (ten) shots will be awarded to the opposition for each team in default where the result is a 10 (ten) shot difference or less. However, if the shot difference is more than 10 (ten) shots the actual shot difference will stand, plus the 2 (two) points. If the whole Side does not play then the offending side will lose 20 points. An additional 2 (two) points will be awarded to the opposition in lieu of overall shot difference.
e) Should a Club give prior notification by email, with a minimum of 48 hours notice, to their opposition that they will be unable to field a full side, then the opposition can if they wish similarly field that number of teams in their side with no penalty. The defaulting side will still incur the penalty points as 17(b). Any last minute provision of an extra team(s) by the defaulting side would be null and void.
Any exceptional circumstances should be referred to the relevant League Co-Ordinator whose decision is final.
- 18) **Mixed Sides/Teams**
Where the Rule for a League, under the relevant Appendix, specifies that a Side/Team must be mixed, then violation of the Rule will be deemed that a team(s) has not played and Rules 17/18 will apply. If a full Side plays, but in violation of this Rule, then the relevant League Co-ordinator will decide which team(s) in that Side will be forfeit.
- 19) **Refusal to Play**
Sides may not refuse to play in the last game of the season and so win by default.
- 20) **Entry fees**
As agreed by the Governing Body
- 21) **Appeal/Complaint/Query**
If an appeal/complaint/query is made, it should be made to the relevant League Co-ordinator no later than 24 hours after the game affected. Any late challenges cannot affect the result of the match.
- 22) **Leaving the Green**
Any player who leaves the green during a match, for any purpose, may do so (in line with Law 51) but they may NOT be involved in any direction etc of the play in progress until they return to and are on their rink of play for that match.

APPENDICES

- A Winter League & Berleen League
- B Southern League
- C Northern League & Challenger League
- D South Alicante Winter & Spring/Summer Leagues
- E VCL League

Amended at LLB AGM Meeting 29th MARCH 2022

APPENDIX A - WINTER & BERLEEN LEAGUES

WINTER LEAGUE

- 1) The maximum number of entries be restricted to the number of Clubs eligible to enter the league ie 16
- 2) Each Club may enter a 1 (one) side.
- 3) Each side will comprise 4 (four) teams of 4 (four) players.
- 4) The side must be mixed.
- 5) Results MUST be confirmed by submission of the League Result Sheet by 9pm on the day of the match to the League Coordinator.
- 6) The designated day for the league to be played is Wednesday.
- 7) Use of Law 39.2.2 (playing a player short in a rinks team). This may only be applied to 1 (one) team in a Side and used twice by that Side in a playing season. Thereafter Rule (17b) will apply

BERLEEN LEAGUE

- 1) Before the start of the season each Club must declare if they will be playing in this league (either not at all or 1 (one) team). If a Club does not meet their commitment at any time then the default Rule 17(b) and 18 will apply.
- 2) The fixture list for this League will be the same as that for the Winter League.
- 3) Each team must comprise of 4 (four) players of single or mixed sex.

APPENDIX B - SOUTHERN LEAGUE

- 1) Each Club may enter up to a maximum of 4 (four) sides and each side must be mixed.
- 2) Each side will consist of 5 (Five) teams of 3 (three) players.
- 3) The league will be divided into 3 (three) divisions with promotion and relegation each season. This will be reviewed and discussed before the beginning of each season, when entries are known, to equalise the divisions as best as possible.
- 4) Results MUST be submitted on the League Result Sheet by 9pm on the day of the match to the League Coordinator.
- 5) The designated day for the league to be played is a Friday.
- 6) The Official start time is 10.00am with trial ends starting at 9.45am. An allowance of 15 minutes, from the Official start time, will be made for late arrivals after which Generic Rule 17(b) will be applied - playing a Side short. Time amended at Meeting on 25th August 2020
- 7) North v South Play Off - The side finishing top of the Southern League Division 'A' shall play off against the Northern League Winner as directed by the LLB the date being set in the Calendar and the venue to be advised.
The overall winner will be decided by the most points won (there will be NO points awarded for overall shot difference.) If points are equal, a team from each club will be drawn by the Umpire and play an extra end on a neutral rink (if possible).

APPENDIX C - NORTHERN LEAGUES

NORTHERN WINTER TRIPS LEAGUE

- 1) Each Club may enter a maximum of 3 (three) sides and each side must be mixed.
- 2) Each side will consist of 4 (four) teams of 3 (three) players.
- 3) The results MUST be confirmed by the submission of the League Result Sheet by 9pm on the day of the match to the League Coordinator.
- 4) North v South Play-off - The Side finishing top of the Northern League shall play off against the Southern League Division 'A' Winner as directed by the LLB.

Any team unable to fulfill a home fixture due to the unavailability of their home green will play it on a neutral green (notice of dates will be given before the season starts.) If a side cannot play on the pre-arranged dates then that side will forfeit the game. The overall winner will be decided by the most points won (there will be NO points awarded for overall shot difference). If points are equal, a team from each club will be drawn by the Umpire and play an extra end on a neutral rink (if possible).

CHALLENGERS LEAGUE

- 1) Before the start of the season each Club must declare if they require a team in the Challengers League, to play alongside 1 (one) of their Northern League Sides.
- 2) Only 1 (one) Team allowed per Side.
- 3) If a Team does not meet their commitment at any time then default Rule 17(b) and 18 will apply.
- 4) The fixture list for this League will be the same as that for the Northern League.
- 5) Each Team must comprise of 3 (three) players of single or mixed sex.
- 6) The Team with the highest total of shots will be awarded 2 (two) points.
- 7) If the match result is a tie each Team will be awarded 1 (one) point.
- 8) Failing to fulfill a fixture will result in a penalty of 2 (two) points and 10 (ten) shots being awarded to the opposition.
- 9) Please refer to generic Rule (6) re Interchange of Players.

APPENDIX D - SOUTH ALICANTE WINTER & SPRING/SUMMER LEAGUES

- 1) Each Club may enter a maximum of 4 (four) sides and each side must be mixed
- 2) FOR THE WINTER SEASON - each side will consist of 5 (Five) teams of 3 (three) players.
- 3) FOR THE SPRING/SUMMER SEASON - each side will consist of 5 (five) teams of 3 (three) players.
- 4) The results MUST be confirmed by the submission of the League Result Sheet by 9pm on the day of the match to the League Coordinator.
- 5) The designated day for the leagues to be played is a Monday in the Winter and Spring/Summer
- 6) The Official start time is 10.00am with trial ends starting at 9.45am. An allowance of 15 minutes, from the Official start time, will be made for late arrivals after which Generic Rule 17(b) will be applied - playing a Side short. Time amended at Meeting on 25th August 2020
- 7) Promotion and relegation between the Leagues should be reviewed and discussed before the start of each season, when entries have been received. This will allow the Divisions to be equalised as best as possible.

APPENDIX E - VALENCIAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE (VCL)

- 1) Each Club may enter a maximum of 4 (four) sides with at least 2 (two) members of each side being of the opposite sex.
- 2) Each side will comprise - Ladies' Singles, Mens' Singles, Pairs, Triples and 1 (one) Fours .
- 3) The host Club to supply Markers for Singles games.
- 4) 2 (two) Leagues will be formed, one comprising of Southern Clubs and the other of Northern Clubs. If necessary 2 or more Divisions may be formed in each Region.
- 5) Promotion/relegation - This will be reviewed and discussed before the beginning of each season, when entries are known, to equalise the divisions as best as possible.
- 6) Results MUST be confirmed by submission of the League Result Sheet by 9pm on the day of the match to the League Co-ordinator.
- 7) The designated day for the league to be played is Wednesday.
- 8) Use of Law 39.2.2 (playing a player short in a rinks team). This may only be applied to 1 (one) team in a Side and used twice by each side (if applicable) in the playing season. Thereafter Rule (17b) will apply.

North v South Play off - The side finishing top of the northern league shall play off against there Southern league division A winner.

This will be played on a neutral green to be decided by the LLB Committee

The overall winner will be decided by the most points won (there will be NO points awarded for overall shot difference). If points are equal, a fours team from each side will be drawn (before the start of play) to play an extra end. This extra end to be played on a neutral rink if possible.

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LEAGUES NO LONGER PLAYED

NORTHERN SUMMER LEAGUE

- 1) Each Club may enter a maximum of 2 Sides, and each Side must be mixed.
- 2) Each Side will consist of 4 Teams of 3 Players.(12 players required)
- 3) Each Team will play 3 disciplines, a Triples game (1st) a Pairs game (2nd) a Singles game (3rd), the remaining 2 home players to be made available, to mark the singles game.
- 4) The toss of a coin to determine possession of the mat before each discipline.
- 5) Each Player in the Team must, and only, play in 2 of the 3 disciplines.
- 6) Each game to be played with 2 woods only.
- 7) Each game played will be over 8 ends. (Maximum 16 ends per player)
- 8) No visits to the head allowed, with the exception of 1 visit per player in any Singles Game.
- 9) No dead ends – jack to be re-spotted on the 2 metre mark.
- 10) Trial ends, maximum 2 woods allowed, on the first discipline only.
- 11) Each discipline will carry 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, and 0 points for a loss.
- 12) The Side with the highest overall Match Aggregate in Shots will score an additional 2 points, and if the scores are level, 1 point will be given to both Sides. ... (Max 26 points)
- 13) The home Club must agree the date of each Match with the away Club and it must be played in the designated week
- 14) All Results must be emailed by both the Home and Away Side to the League Coordinator by 9pm on the day of the match, on the designated Result Sheet Proforma provided.
- 15) The “World Bowls - Laws of the Sport of Bowls” Crystal Mark Third Edition” (including domestic regulations for Federacion Espanola Bolos) & the LLB “Rules for Leagues” to cover all other Rulings.

PRINCES LEAGUE

- 1) Before the start of the season Clubs must declare their entry into this League.
- 2) The fixture list for this competition will be the same as that for the VCL.
- 3) There can only be 1 (one) team entered from each Club in each Division which will be triples and can be mixed or single sex.
- 4) Results MUST be confirmed by submission of the League Result Sheet by 9pm on the day of the match to the League Coordinator.
- 5) Failing to fulfill a fixture will result in a penalty of 2 (two) points and 10 (ten) shots will be awarded to the opposition and the offending side will lose 2 (two) points.

North v South Play-off - The side finishing top of the Northern League shall play off against the Southern League Division A winner.

This will be played on a neutral green to be decided by the LLB Committee.

APPENDIX F - PREMIER TWENTY SUMMER LEAGUE

- 1) Each Club may enter more than 1 (one) side.
- 2) Each side will consist of 20 (twenty) players ie 2 (two) teams of 10 (ten) players with 1 (one) team playing at home and 1 (one) playing away.
- 3) Each team of 10 (ten) players must be mixed with at least 2 (two) of the opposite sex.
- 4) Each match will consist of a Single, Pair, Triple and Fours with the home team providing an experienced marker for the Singles.
- 5) As this League is played simultaneously Home & Away, the following applies re Generic Rule 14a and Clubs MUST be able to contact each other throughout the match:
 - i) adverse weather: Rule 15 CANNOT automatically be applied before the start of a match.
 - ii) If at one venue only it is impossible to play the match (before the start) then the WHOLE match, Home & Away, must be re-arranged in line with Rule 16a.
 - iii) If at one venue only a match is stopped and unable to be resumed, then it must be re-arranged /resumed within 7 days, in line with Rule 16b.
- 6) Following a match where a discipline is conceded, 2 points and 10 shots will be awarded to the opposition. However, if the shot difference is more than 10 shots the actual shot difference will stand (plus the 2 points)
- 7) Results MUST be confirmed by submission of the League Result Sheet by 2pm on the day following the match to the League Coordinator.
- 8) The designated day for the league to be played is Tuesday evening each game to commence at the same time.

APPENDIX G - FEDERATED FOURS LEAGUE

- 1) Each Club may enter a maximum of 4 (four) sides and each side must be mixed.
- 2) Each side will play 3 rinks of fours over 18 ends.
- 3) The home Captain may select the 3 (three) rinks to be used but they must be next to one another.
- 4) A date may be offered on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday but if declined (due to other league commitments) an alternative must be offered. Matches to be played within the given scheduled week.
- 5) 2 (two) leagues will be formed comprising of Southern Clubs and the other of Northern Clubs.
If necessary 2 or more Divisions may be formed in each Region.
- 6) Promotion/relegation - This will be reviewed and discussed before the beginning of each season, when entries are known, to equalise the divisions as best as possible.
- 7) Results to be emailed to the League Coordinator by 9pm on the day of the match unless an afternoon match when it must be received by 1pm the following day.
- 8) Use of Law 39.2.2 (playing a player short in a rinks team). This may only be applied to 1 (one) team in a Side and used twice by each side (if applicable) in a playing season. Thereafter Rule (17b) will apply.

The winner of the South Div. A will play the winner of the North. This will be played on a neutral green to be decided on by the LLB Committee. The overall winner will be decided by the most points won (there will be NO points awarded for overall shots). If equal a team drawn (before the start of play) to play an extra end on a neutral rink if possible.

At an AGM held on 2nd April 2019 it was decided that this league would no longer be played.

APPENDIX H - SOUTH ALICANTE OPEN 4 WOOD PAIRS LEAGUE

updated 4th February 2020

1. Each SIDE consists of 6 (Six) players, 2 TEAMS of **either men's, ladies' or mixed pairs**, a pair playing home and away simultaneously.
2. All Players may play in any position home or away but may not change during a game.
3. Players may NOT interchange between SIDES.
4. If necessary, a substitute may be used, but NOT play Skip, and can then only play for that SIDE.
5. Results MUST be confirmed by submission of the League Result Sheet by 9pm on the day of the match to the League Co-ordinator. If phoned in the result sheet must be emailed by 9.00pm the following day. Scorecards to be handed to the LLB rep.
5. The designated day for the league to be played is a Friday.

A substitute is a player who comes on DURING a match ie once the match has started

LLB Meeting 7th December 2021 decision made that this will no longer be held

[Creation of this booklet for Bonalba.](#)

- a) Original document created by June Jones – LLB Secretary.
- b) No text was changed to create this booklet, but page formatting was necessary.

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