

WITHAM BOWLS CLUB - TUESDAY AM PAIRS LEAGUE 2019

1. THE LEAGUE:

This is a Pairs League based on the number of teams entered with matches played weekly in accordance with these Basic Rules. It is anticipated that all matches will be played on Tuesday mornings from May to August. During the season, teams will play each other twice in accordance with a Match Programme, which will be issued by the League Organiser.

2. TEAMS:

Named Team Leaders will be responsible for everything relating to their team members and fixtures. Each team shall comprise no more than 5 players, but, in accordance with Rule 3, substitutes are allowed. If a team is unable to play, or is not ready to play at the appointed time, that team shall forfeit 3 points and 9 shots to their opposition, unless both teams agree to arrange an alternative date. Should both teams be unable to play on the rearranged fixture date, each team will be allocated 1 point, but no shots.

3. SUBSTITUTES:

One substitute only may be used by a team in any game: a substitute may play for any team, but no more than twice for any team. A substitute must not be another team's registered player.

4. RAIN etc:

In the event of a scheduled fixture being 'rained off', Team Leaders must rearrange the fixture. If this is not possible, then each team will be awarded 1 point. Should rain etc. prevent any match continuing, the match must be rearranged unless 8 ends or more have been completed, in which case the score stands and points awarded accordingly.

5. MATCHES & POINTS:

All matches shall start at 10.30am, but can be delayed for up to 30 minutes if circumstances demand. Each game shall comprise one trial end followed by 15 ends. Unless otherwise stated in these Rules, 3 points will be awarded to the winning team, and a bonus point will be awarded if the winning margin of shots is between 10 and 14, and a further point given should the margin be 15 or more. Completed scorecards should be checked and signed by both skips.

6. MATS etc:

On the trial end and the first end of any game, the first named (Home) team on the Match Programme shall have the jack. Choice of rinks shall be drawn immediately prior to the match. In the interest of time conservation, a player, whilst at the delivery end, shall not be permitted to visit the head.

7. HANDICAPS:

Team handicaps have been calculated to give each team a reasonable chance and to promote competitiveness, based on current Club handicaps. The winning team of the preceding season has been given an extra handicap of 1 shot.

8. END OF SEASON etc:

At the end of the season all teams should have played an equal number of matches, including "cancelled" games where points will have been allocated and count as played matches. In the event of a tie on points, for either winner and/or runner up, play-off matches will be arranged. Any dispute shall be determined by a sub-committee comprising the Club Secretary, Competition Secretary and League Organiser, or their nominated deputies.

9. FEES and TEAM PRIZES:

An entry fee of £30 per team will be payable by each Team Leader by Tuesday 28th May. Cheques should be payable to 'Witham Bowls Club'. Prizes will be awarded to winners and runners-up.

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League Organiser