

St Albans and District Ladies Bowling Association – rules effective from 7th December 2017

COMPETITIONS

Players entering the Championship Singles, Pairs, Triples or Australian Pairs must have made themselves available for two outdoor matches the previous season, or have been granted an exemption for the previous season, in order to be eligible to play. A list of all qualifiers will be provided to each club and it is the players' responsibility to ensure that their own players and the opposing team's players appear on that list prior to the start of the game. The Officers Singles is open to each club's Secretary, Treasurer, President, Captain, Competition Secretary, Fixture/Match Secretary, Vice-Captain, SADLBA Executive delegates & SADLBA Selection Delegates.

Competitors may refuse to accept a date for the next round if it is prior to the closing date of the previous round.

All competitions will be played under Bowls England rules. No competitor shall be compelled to accept a start time earlier than 6 p.m. Monday-Friday or 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

All results (including walkovers) must be emailed, texted or telephoned to the Competition Secretary as soon as possible.

After each round of the Inter-Club Triples League and Inter-Club Double Rink, final scores for both rinks (home and away) to be emailed, texted or telephoned to the Competition Secretary by one person from each Club. Both Clubs should retain their own score cards, signed by both skips, which will be used for reference in case there is a discrepancy in the reported results.

RULES

1. Championship Singles. 2. Pairs 3. Triples 4. Champion of Champions 5. Officers' Singles

1. The player whose name is printed first on the list of competitors is the challenger and must contact her opponent within 4 days of the closing date of the previous round and offer 3 dates - one of the dates offered must be a weekend or evening. One of these dates must be accepted or the opponent forfeits the game. Dates offered must not include Bank Holidays (unless by mutual agreement), a St Albans and District Match Day, a County Match day or a County Fixed Date Competition day if any of the competitors have made themselves available for the District/County match or are still involved in a County Fixed Date competition. Opponents must reply within three days.
2. Substitutions to be allowed for illness, bereavement or holiday only, and can be drawn from the list of members eligible to play, providing that they are not already part of a team entered for that competition. They can sub for more than one team, but for one round only in any position. Should they be required to sub for more than one round then they become part of that team and remain in the competition. In the event of a substitute being used the Competition Secretary must be informed before the game
3. Dress: Greys and Club Colours.
4. Semi-Finals and Finals Days: Whites, regulation shoes. Club colours may be worn. All disputes to be settled by the Competition Secretary.

Australian Pairs

1. Matches are to be played on fixed dates but may be played earlier by mutual agreement. The challenger must contact the opponent within 1 day of the previous round to offer and agree a time for the next round.
2. The players who play in the first round constitute the team. Substitutions are allowed and can be drawn from the list of members eligible to play, providing that they are not already part of a team entered for that competition. They can sub for more than one team, but for one round only in any position. Should they be required to sub for more than one round then they become part of that team and remain in the competition. In the event of a substitute being used the Competition Secretary must be informed before the game
3. In the event of a match being abandoned due to inclement weather or illness it must be concluded within 24 hours with the scores as they were on the last completed end. Trial ends are allowed in these circumstances and the restriction of one shot on the first end will not apply.
4. How to Play - Say Team A are playing Team B. The rotation of woods is as follows:-
First End - Player A1 bowls his first 2 bowls in turn with Player B1. Players A1 & B1 then go to the head whilst their partners A2 & B2 go to the mat and bowl their 4 bowls in turn. Players A2 & B2 then go back to the head while A1 & B1 return to the mat and complete the end bowling their last 2 bowls in turn.
Second End - the roles are reversed whereby players A2 & B2 (depending on who won the end) start the end with their first 2 bowls.
5. Structure of the Game
Matches are 2 sets of a maximum 7 ends (9 ends played in the Finals). If each team wins one set, a tie-break will be played. Tie-breaks are the best of 3 ends in which winning the end counts, not shots, i.e. 2 ends to nil or two ends to one. In the case of one end being won by each pair and a tied end occurring, an extra end should be played to give a clear winner in the tie break set. (Toss again).
If, before the match starts, there is concern that the match will not be completed due to inclement weather or failing light then it can be mutually agreed to play 2 sets of 5 ends with tie-breaks as necessary. It is envisaged that a full match will be completed within 2 hours.

6. **Scoring** - two points for winning a set, one point for drawing a set and one point for winning a tie-break end.
7. **Rules** -
 - no visiting the head (except for the finals)
 - no trial ends (except for the finals)
 - one shot on first end (except for the finals)
 - the team losing the toss at the start of the match may keep or give away the mat at the start of the 2nd set.
 - if a tie break is necessary teams will toss (opponents toss - challenger calls) for control of the mat. The winner of the toss can choose whether to keep or give away the mat in the first tie-break end. Subsequent ends follow normal sequence of play.
 - once the match starts the order of players and play sequence must not be changed. The match includes tie-break ends.

Inter-Club Triples League

1. The Competition will consist of matches played between all entered Clubs. A play off between the two sections will take place on Finals Day.
2. A match will consist of two Triples, preferably one home and one away on a Friday to start at 5.30 pm, all other times to be by mutual agreement. **SCORING** 2 points for a home win and 2 points for an away win plus 2 points for an overall win. Ties in each case will be 1 point each. A total of 6 points for each match.
3. Teams will be by Club selection for each round.
4. After each round, final scores for both rinks (home and away) to be emailed, texted or telephoned, to the Competition Secretary by one person from each Club. Both Clubs should retain their own score cards, signed by both skips, which will be used for reference if there is a discrepancy in the reported results.
5. **NO FIXTURES TO BE MADE ON ST ALBANS AND DISTRICT MATCH DAYS**
6. If it is known beforehand that a green is unavailable or not fit for play both triples may play at the same venue otherwise the whole match, home and away, must be rearranged.
If the match starts at both venues and inclement weather or any other valid reason prevents the match being completed then, providing 9 ends have been played at each venue the score will stand at the final end played. If less than 9 ends have been played at either venue the match must be rearranged and restarted with both triples starting at the same time and the match played to the full 18 ends.
If 18 ends have been played by one of the teams no further game will be played by that team and the score for that team will stand. A team which has completed less than 9 ends must re-arrange and re-start the match at the point where it was left, with trial ends as normal.
If the original players are not available substitutes are allowed and may play in any position.
A date for the rearranged match must be by mutual agreement and the Competition Secretary must be informed of the revised date. The final date for completing all rearranged matches is a week after the date of the last scheduled league match of the season.
7. If either team fails to attend a match then the other will be declared the winner and will receive 6 points and 6 shots and the defaulting team will receive zero points and lose 6 shots.

Inter Club Double Rink

1. This competition will be played on a straight knock-out basis.
2. The competition to be drawn from entered Clubs.
3. Teams to be chosen by Club selection for each round and will consist of two teams of four players playing 21 ends, one team at home and one away at the same time.
4. The first named club to play an extra end at home to count in the event of a tie.
5. Matches to start at 5.30 pm, all other times to be by mutual agreement.
6. Each round shall be played on a fixed date - rounds can be played earlier by mutual agreement. Matches to start at 5.30 pm, and all other times to be by mutual agreement.
After each round, the final scores for both rinks (home and away) to be emailed, texted, or telephoned, to the Competition Secretary. Both Clubs should retain their own score cards, signed by both skips, which will be used for reference if there is a discrepancy in the reported results.
7. **NO FIXTURES TO BE MADE ON ST ALBANS AND DISTRICT MATCH DAYS**
8. If the closing of the green at either venue prevents play then the whole match, home and away, must be rearranged and played within 7 days. If a game is abandoned due to weather conditions or any other valid reason, it should be restarted where the original game was finished. If the original players are not available substitutes are allowed and may play in any position.
9. In rounds leading up to the final, players whose match is still in progress, must not be informed of the match situation at the other venue.

ANY DEVIATION FROM THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE COMPETITION

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