Wednesday Doubles Tenpin Bowling League

CONSTITUTION

2023 – 2024 SEASON

September 2023

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Note The amendments made at the 2023 AGM are shown as:-

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and struckthrough for ~~deleted text~~.

In this document the terms 'he', 'his' and 'him' are deemed to refer to persons of either gender, there is no requirement for any person within this League to be of a particular sex.

Wednesday Doubles League

1.0 Name. This organisation shall be known as the Wednesday Doubles League, and will bowl at the Spectrum Bowl, Guildford every Wednesday evening as per schedule commencing at 7:25p.m. (7:15 p.m. for 10 minutes practice bowling). Note - The generic names "Wednesday Doubles League" and "Wednesday Doubles Tenpin Bowling League" will be retained for the BTBA Sanction and the League Account, respectively.

2.0 Objects. The purpose of this league is to conduct tenpin activities, and to determine a team championship. It shall foster and maintain fellowship and true sportsmanship. The league will play and conduct all its games in strict compliance with B.T.B.A. rules and regulations and any league rule which conflicts with these rules will be void.

3.0 Membership and Team Constitution.

3.1 Membership. The membership of this league shall consist of 14 teams of 2 players, as agreed and accepted by the Board of Directors prior to the start of the season.

3.2 New Members. After the third week of the season, new players must be registered no less than 7 days before bowling as a team member.

3.3 Maximum Members. The maximum number of players registered with any team, at any one time, shall be **4 5**, who must collectively and individually qualify under the constitution, rules and regulations of the B.T.B.A.

3.4 Reserves. League reserves are allowed to bowl for any team and have their scores counted for that team, but team reserves will only have their scores counted if they are bowling for their own team.

3.5 Registration Limit. No players may be registered in the last 4 weeks of the season, excepting in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Board of Directors.

3.6 Replacements. In the event of any team being short of a qualified substitute, they may call upon the services of any other team's reserves or any member of the public in order to avoid the need to pay for an absent bowler. The Team Captain will be responsible for this.

4.0 Board of Directors.

4.1 Who is in it. The Management of the League shall be vested in the Board of Directors, comprised of the League Officers and Team Captains, or where absent, Vice-captains.

4.2 Voting. Each member of the board shall be entitled to one vote only, whether he is a League Officer, Team Captain or both.

4.3 Disputes. The Board shall decide on any dispute or protest, and it is within its power to ensure that all league members conduct themselves to the best interest of the league. It shall have the power to expel any team or member from the league for any good or sufficient reason.

5.0 Responsibilities.

5.1 President.

5.1.1 He shall preside over all league meetings and is the Chief Executive Officer of the Board.

5.1.2 He shall verify that the Treasurer has deposited the League funds in a registered bank account in the name of the League with the signature of the Treasurer and one other officer needed for withdrawals.

5.1.3 In the event of any shortage, he may be held responsible for such. He must verify the correctness of the account every 30 days.

5.1.4 He shall represent the league at the Surrey Area AGM or nominate an alternate.

5.2 Vice-President. He shall perform all the duties of the President, in the latter's absence.

5.3 Treasurer.

5.3.1 He is responsible for keeping a true and accurate account of all league funds.
5.3.2 He shall collect league dues and lineage monies each week and pay the collective lineage to Control.
5.3.3 He shall be responsible for depositing all league funds into the bank account weekly and posting a financial statement each month.

5.4 Secretary.

5.4.1 He is responsible for the proper function and organisation of the league.
5.4.2 He shall post the league standing sheet each week showing current team positions, handicaps and averages.
5.4.3 At the end of each season he shall advise the league officers as to the names of persons and teams eligible for awards.
5.4.4 He will handle all disputes involving League members or the Centre Management or staff.
5.4.5 He will issue a copy of the constitution to all team Captains within 6 weeks of the start of the League schedule.
5.4.6 He shall represent the league at the Surrey Area AGM or nominate an alternate.

5.5 Team Captains.

5.5.1 Shall be nominated from the registered team members and shall be responsible for the eligibility, conduct and attendance of his team.
5.5.2 Unless another member is delegated, he shall act as the team's representative on the Board of Directors.
5.5.3 He shall also inform the League of the person elected as Vice-captain, this person to carry out the team captain's duties in the event
the lanes for this purpose.

6.0 Bowling Fees.

6.1 Contract. The League will contract with the Bowl to pay all net of VAT.

6.2 Payment.

Each individual will pay the sum of ~~£14.00~~ **£15.00** each time they bowl in the League. From this sum ~~£12.00~~ **£12.50** will be paid to the Centre for lineage as per the VAT contract, 50p will be allocated for the Secretary's (33.0p) and Treasurer's (17.0p) fees, ~~£1.43~~ **£1.50** will be paid into league funds for the provision of trophies and awards, as designated by the Board of Directors, 10p will be allocated to cover printing/stationery and a surplus of ~~90p will be added to the Prize Fund.~~ **40p**. Provided each team has a 100% payment record the surplus will be returned to each player on the basis of ~~30p~~ **13.33p** for each game (or ~~90p~~ **40p** per 3-game series) that they have played, by cheque, or by electronic bank transfer, to the team captain at the end of the season.

Each Team or Vice-captain will be responsible for the payment of dues and lineage from team members each week and will hand these to the Treasurer before starting practice.

(If a blind is bowled there is no change in the payment required). The Treasurer will expect £30.00 from each Team Captain. Postponements MUST be paid for prior to, or on, the date the match was scheduled.

6.3 Cheques. Cheques with a valid card will be accepted by the Centre. They must be made payable to 'Spectrum', not "Wednesday Doubles League". Credit and Switch Cards are accepted by the Centre. Please arrange and sign the payment slip at control and pass the centre voucher to the treasurer.

7.0 Meetings

7.1 Board of Directors Meetings

7.1.1 Meetings shall be held at the call of the President or Secretary, or upon receipt of a written application, protest or complaint by any member of the league.

7.1.2 At such meeting, each team shall be entitled to one vote.

7.1.3 A majority of the Board at such a meeting shall be deemed a quorum to conduct business.

7.2 General meetings

7.2.1 These meetings shall be open to all members of the League

7.2.2 Prospective members of the League will be permitted to attend but not to vote.

7.2.3 Meetings will be held on a date prior to the start of each new season, at a time to be announced by the President to elect the League Officers for the following season, and decide on any constitution changes which must be forwarded to the League secretary at least 2 weeks before the meeting date. There will be an AGM before the winter season (starting around September), and EGM before the Summer Season.

7.3 Notice. At least 4 weeks notice will be given of any AGM or EGM.

7.4 Proxy Votes. No proxy voting will be allowed.

7.5 Nominations. Whilst it is preferable that nominees attend the meeting, nominated officers may stand for election in their absence, provided written acceptance is received at the start of the AGM

7.6 Team Registration. Teams wishing to bowl MUST REGISTER at the EGM. or AGM. If no team representative can be present, a written application will be accepted, prior to or during the meeting.

8.0 Amendments.

8.1 Constitution Amendments. The league Constitution or rules may be amended or repealed at the Annual General Meeting of the League, or EGM, before the start of any season, by a majority vote.

8.2 After Commencement. After the League has begun its schedule, a unanimous vote of league members present at any meeting shall be necessary to effect any change.

9.0 Handicap League.

9.1 Formula. The league shall bowl on a handicap basis, the handicap allowance shall be 87% of the difference between each individual's average and 220 scratch, with a maximum of 83 and a minimum of 0.

9.2 Previous Season's Averages. For the first 12 individual games of the season, bowlers shall bowl off a handicap established at the end of the previous season of the Wednesday Doubles League. The new handicap shall be based on the average of the first 12 individual games bowling figures.

9.3 New Bowlers. New bowlers to the league will have their handicaps calculated retrospectively based on their first series, and then updated each time they bowl.

9.4 Bowlers with less than 12 Games. Any bowler who has bowled less than 12 games in the preceding season will be deemed a new bowler.

10.0 Blind Score.

10.1 Legal Line-up. A legal line-up shall be 1 or more of the team's registered players. Where an incomplete but legal line-up is present a blind score shall be used in place of the absent player.

10.2 Blind score to be used. If a team has registered 2 or more bowlers and only 1 (a legal line-up) is able to bowl, then the blind score used shall be that of the absent team member who has bowled the most games. Note: - A league reserve and a blind score or two league reserves is not a legal line-up.

10.3 Blind Score Formula. The blind score shall be based on the average of the absent team member who has bowled the most games, less 10% (ten percent), but including handicap. In the case of there being two or more absent team members who have played the same number of games, then the highest absent team member's average is to be used.

10.4 Blind Score Limit. No more than one blind score may be used by any one team during any game.

10.5 Default Blind Score. Where a blind score is used where there is no team reserve who has bowled any games then the blind score of 150 per game without handicap shall be taken.

10.6 Blind Lineage. Full lineage must be paid for all blinds. Team captains will be responsible for keeping accurate records of who paid the league dues for blind scores so that the reserve fund money may be returned to the rightful owner.

10.7 Points. Any points won by a game including a blind score will be credited to the team.

11.0 Team Bowling Alone. See also item 16.4.

11.1 Forfeiture. If a team fails to bowl any match and has not applied for a postponement as in the Postponement section, then the team attending must bowl all games as if actually contested. The attending team, present to bowl, must bowl within 90% of their own combined league average, excluding handicap.

11.2 League Dues. League dues for the absent team to be paid before they bowl in the League again.

12.0 Postponed Matches.

12.1 Postponements - Who informed. If for any good or valid reason a team is unable to bowl at the scheduled time, the Team Captain or Vice-Captain must give the Secretary and the opposing Team Captain or Vice-Captain at least 7 days notice both in writing and verbally. The Centre Manager will need to be informed so that the highest numbered pair of lanes available can be booked for the postponed match.

12.2 When Played. The postponed match must be played within 6 weeks of the scheduled date, or if more convenient may be pre-bowled. Bowling fees for a pre-bowled match must be paid in advance so that the lineage may be paid to the Centre before the match.
In the case of a postponement being requested with only 7 days notice then the team making the request shall pay for both teams and recover the payment from the opposition at a later date.
When a postponement is played after the league, as a double header, the starting time shall be five minutes after both teams have finished their scheduled league matches.

12.3 Emergency. The 7 days notice will be waived in the event of an emergency.

12.4 Postponement Limit. No team shall have more than two of their own requested postponements still to be played at any one time. No postponed matches shall be bowled after the final night of the league schedule, unless such a match could have a bearing upon deciding the prize list. Note: Postponements are not allowed on or after the final night of the league schedule, which for this season will be ~~19 July 2023~~ **17 July 2024 (Week No. 39).**
No team may request more than 6 postponements during the season, unless there is a valid reason.
12.5 Exception. Postponed matches in this category must be bowled not later than 7 days after scheduled completion.
12.6 Form. An official form is provided for postponements and should be requested from the Secretary, completed and returned to the Secretary with the postponement date and league dues. The League Secretary will not accept postponement forms without a date for the replay.
12.7 Secretary Substitute. In the event of the secretary being absent, the form and dues should be handed to the League President or Treasurer.

13.0 Position Standings.

13.1 Points System. Position standings will be decided on a 20-point Match Play system with 2 points for each individual game won (including handicap), 2 points awarded for each team game won (including handicap)~~,~~ and a further 2 points for the team having the highest overall pinfall (including handicap). **The team on the left hand side should enter their order first, followed by the team on the right hand side.**

13.2 Score Sheets. The official score sheet shall be completed at the end of each game before clearing the scores from the display unit. On completion of the match the official score sheet shall be completely filled-in, including totals and sub-totals, be signed by both team captains, (or Vice-Captains), to signify their agreement and passed to the Secretary.

13.3 Ties. In the event of any ties for team position, superior pinfall (including handicap) will decide. The only exception to this will be on the final standing sheet, when a tie for the first place exists. A roll-off, played within 7 days, on the 20-point system over 3 games shall decide the winner. If a tie still exists, total pinfall (including handicap) shall then decide. For ties in the minor placings, no roll-off will be required, superior pinfall (including handicap) shall decide. Only lineage need be paid for this play-off.

14.0 Lateness.

14.1 Late arrivals. Any player who arrives late may join the game being bowled, as long as he arrives before the opposing team have finished their 5th frame, and he may be permitted to bowl the game, including the first 5 frames.

14.2 When Not Allowed to take Part. Any bowler arriving after the 5th frame may not take part in the match until the next game commences, he may practice bowl with the express permission of both team captains.

15.0 Prizes.

15.1 Qualification. To qualify for an individual award, a player must have bowled in at least 40% of the total games bowled in the full league schedule.

15.2 Team. No team may qualify for more than one team award in each section.

15.3 Cash Prizes. Prize fund to be divided to provide cash prizes (or alternatively trophies**,** glassware or a pro-shop voucher) for team and individual awards as decided by the Board of Directors (See prize list). Where a team is eligible for a cash prize and has more than 2 members, the prize money allocated can be used to provide a cash prize for each Team Member, and also for any League Reserves, should the Team Captain so decide. Cash prizes will be paid by cheque or by electronic bank transfer.

15.4 Sponsorship.

Note:- The League gratefully acknowledges the previous support provided by Woody's Pro Shop

16.0 Addendum.

16.1 League Officers for-2023-2024 Season.

President	-	David Hill
Vice-President	-	Mike Bryant
Secretary	-	Alan Reed
Treasurer	-	Alan Reed

16.2 Knock-out Championships. During the Winter Season, when sufficient time is available, knock-out championships shall be held to decide the individual and team Knock-out Champions. Matches will be decided on total handicap pinfall over the three game series.

A double elimination format for the Derek Hopgood KO competition will be continued this season. Individual knock-out matches shall be played in parallel with the scheduled league fixtures. The total of the first series, including handicap, rolled by an individual in a period will be used to decide which player proceeds to the next round. If you are drawn against a reserve player who plays only infrequently and he/she does not play before the next round then you will be given a bye.

Team knock-out matches shall be played as above. Matches will be deemed to be played on the first date of each round providing both teams have matches that evening. If one team has a postponement then the match will be deemed to be played when both teams are next playing, provided of course that it is played before the next round.

Please let the Secretary know if you expect any difficulty in completing your individual or team match in time.

16.3 Bill Hollingsworth Challenge. In the Winter Season a challenge match shall be held between the League and Knock-out Champions on the final Fun Night. This challenge match shall be decided on the normal league points basis (prior to the match both team captains shall agree how the result will be decided in the event of a 4-4 draw).

In the event of the League and Knock-out Champions being the same team then the runners-up from both competitions shall roll-off, on the same basis as above, to decide which of the two teams scores will be matched against the League Champions score, on the same night, to decide the President's Challenge winners. (If the runners-up are both the same team then that team shall challenge the League Winners).

16.4 League Having Odd Number of Teams. When the league comprises an odd number of teams the team scheduled to play against the missing team shall not bowl a match.

17.0 2023-2024 Prize List (Provisional).

To be in accordance with Proposal No. 1 at the 2023 AGM

League Champions (Perpetual)	1		
Team Champions	2		
Team Runners-up	2		
Team Third Place	2		
1st High Game Handicap Team	2	Ditto Scratch	2
2nd High Game Handicap Team	2	Ditto Scratch	2
3rd High Game Handicap Team	2	Ditto Scratch	2
1st High Game Handicap Ladies	1	Ditto Scratch	1
2nd High Game Handicap Ladies	1	Ditto Scratch	1
3rd High Game Handicap Ladies	1	Ditto Scratch	1
1st High Game Handicap Men	1	Ditto Scratch	1
2nd High Game Handicap Men	1	Ditto Scratch	1
3rd High Game Handicap Men	1	Ditto Scratch	1
~~1st High Game Handicap Junior~~	~~1 *~~	~~Ditto Scratch~~	~~1 *~~
~~2nd High Game Handicap Junior~~	~~1 *~~	~~Ditto Scratch~~	~~1 *~~
1st High Series Handicap Team	2	Ditto Scratch	2
2nd High Series Handicap Team	2	Ditto Scratch	2
3rd High Series Handicap Team	2	Ditto Scratch	2
1st High Series Handicap Ladies	1	Ditto Scratch	1
2nd High Series Handicap Ladies	1	Ditto Scratch	1
3rd High Series Handicap Ladies	1	Ditto Scratch	1
1st High Series Handicap Men	1	Ditto Scratch	1
2nd High Series Handicap Men	1	Ditto Scratch	1
3rd High Series Handicap Men	1	Ditto Scratch	1
~~1st High Series Handicap Junior~~	~~1 *~~	~~Ditto Scratch~~	~~1 *~~
~~2nd High Series Handicap Junior~~	~~1 *~~	~~Ditto Scratch~~	~~1 *~~
1st High Average Ladies	1	~~Ditto Junior~~	~~1 *~~
2nd High Average Ladies	1	~~Ditto Junior~~	~~1 *~~
3rd High Average Ladies	1		
4th High Average Ladies	1		
1st High Average Men	1		
2nd High Average Men	1		
3rd High Average Men	1		
4th High Average Men	1		
5th High Average Men	1		
6th High Average Men	1		
7th High Average Men	1		
Most Improved Bowler (Ladies)	1	~~Ditto Junior~~	~~1 *~~
2nd Most Improved Bowler	1	~~Ditto Junior~~	~~1 *~~
3rd Most Improved Bowler	1		
Most Improved Bowler (Men)	1		
2nd Most Improved Bowler	1		
3rd Most Improved Bowler	1		
Team Knock-out Challenge Cup (Perpetual)	1		
Knock-out Challenge Team Winners	2		
Knock-out Challenge Team Runners-up	2		
Individual Knock-out Challenge Cup (Perpetual)	1		
Knock-out Challenge Individual Winner	1		
Knock-out Challenge Individual Runner-up	1		

Note. Junior prizes marked * are dependent on having sufficient juniors rolling 40% of the maximum number of games.

Prize fund to be based on a total of approximately ~~£2,60.00~~ **£1,638.00** plus bank account surplus, as detailed in Clause 6.2.

Wednesday Doubles League

Agreed by:-	Team name	Team Captain	Signature	Date
Team 1	Three's A Pair	Carolyn Kempson		
Team 2	Strike Force	John Southgate		
Team 3	Bowling Stones	Mike Bryant		
Team 4	Tuesday Exiles	Mark Woodcraft		
Team 5	Rockafellas	David Hill		
Team 6	Quadrant Mowers	Tony Hart		
Team 7	Drifters	Geoff Hill		
Team 8	That's Ball Split	Cliff Laysell		
Team 9	Spare Me	Michael Hart		
Team 10	Dazed & Confused	Scott Watson		
Team 11	What Shadow?	Alan Reed		
Team 12	Hit the Fan	David Eyre		
Team 13	Trident	Larry Exell		
Team 14	Quickline	Steve Norriss		

Initial list of League Reserves:-

LR1	Tony Mace

President	David Hill
Vice-President	Mike Bryant
Secretary	Alan Reed
Treasurer	Alan Reed

A separate copy of this page is attached. Please sign this and return it to the Secretary as soon as possible to signify your agreement.