

Wednesday Doubles Tenpin League

Spectrum Bowl,
Parkway,
Guildford, Surrey

Constitution

2024 – 2025 Season

President – Rowena Gallagher
Treasurer – Steve Rollings
Vice President – vacant
Secretary – David Hill

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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 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 If possible, 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 They 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.

Everyone will pay the sum of £16.00 each time they bowl in the League. From this sum £13.00 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, £2.40 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.

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.

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 £32.00 from each Team Captain. Postponements MUST be paid for prior to, or on, the date the match was scheduled

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 opposition team attending

must bowl all games as if actually contested. The attending team, present to bowl, must bowl within 90% of their own individual averages and their combined team league average, excluding handicap.

Example provided below

<i>Player</i>	<i>Example 1</i>	<i>Example 2</i>	<i>Example 3</i>	<i>Over all</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>80% of average</i>	<i>80% of average</i>	<i>90% of average</i>	
<i>2</i>	<i>80% of average</i>	<i>100% of average</i>	<i>90% of average</i>	
<i>Points</i>	<i>0 points As no player wins the head-to- head or overall percentage pinfall</i>	<i>4 point (2 for the overall 2 for player two's head-to-head win)</i>	<i>6 point - both players 2 points each for head-to- head and 2 points for the overall win</i>	<i>2 points awarded if overall score combine exceeds 90%</i>

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 23/7/25 (Week 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 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 electronic bank transfer.

16.0 Addendum.

16.1 League Officers for-2024-2025 Season.

President	-	Rowena Gallagher
Vice-President		Vacant
Secretary	-	David Hill
Treasurer	-	Steve Rolling

16.2 Knock-out Championships. Both individual and team knockout will be played throughout the season. You can find a copy of the schedule for the competitions on the league notice board.

The Individual Knock-out will be run as a straight knock-out, apart from the first round, where the top 32 bowlers will progress to round 2. Each round will be played over three weeks (apart from round 1, which will be played over 4 weeks). The best handicap series will be picked for each bowler in each round; the winners from each round will be ranked in numerical order from highest to lowest. From the second round onwards, each round will knock out half the bowlers left. Each bowler in the knockout stages will play the bowler next to them with the highest series (e.g. player 1 with the highest series will play player 2 with the second highest series and so on).

The Team Knock-out will be run in the same format with the exception of the first two rounds, where the top 11 teams go through in round one and the top 8 teams go through in round two. The best handicap series will be picked for each team in each round; the winners from each round will be ranked in numerical order from highest to lowest. From the first round onwards, each round will knock out half the teams left. Each team in the knockout stages will play the team next to them with the highest series (e.g. team 1 with the highest series will play team 2 with the second highest series and so on).

(postponed for the 2024/25 session, to be reviewed at AGM 2025)

16.3 President Bill Hollingsworth Challenge. The winning team of the league will play the winner of the team knock-out competition. This will be the first round of the

season when both teams play each other, the winner will be the team who takes the most points. In the event of a draw the match will be replayed in the second round when both teams play each other.

In the event of the League and Knock-out Champions being the same team then the winner of both competitions will be crowned automatic winner.

(postponed for the 2024/25 session, to be reviewed at AGM 2025)

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.

16.5 In the event of a team leaves mid-session. Should a team resign mid-session, leaving an odd member of teams. The team due to play the missing team shall play their match under forfeiture conditioned outlined in clause (11.1 **Forfeiture.**) as voted for at **EGM 15/01/2025**

17.0 2024-2025 Prize List (Provisional).

Wednesday Night Doubles League

Proposed Changes to Prize Fund 24/25 Season

Based on a £1 increase in lineage £15 to £16 (confirmed) per week – 30% to Prize Fund – 70% to points fund

Team Champions
Team Runners-up
Team Third Place

1st High Game Handicap Team
2nd High Game Handicap Team
3rd High Game Handicap Team
1st High Game Handicap Ladies
2nd High Game Handicap Ladies
3rd High Game Handicap Ladies
1st High Game Handicap Men
2nd High Game Handicap Men
3rd High Game Handicap Men
1st High Series Handicap Team
2nd High Series Handicap Team
3rd High Series Handicap Team
1st High Series Handicap Ladies
2nd High Series Handicap Ladies
3rd High Series Handicap Ladies
1st High Series Handicap Men
2nd High Series Handicap Men
3rd High Series Handicap Men

1st High Game Scratch Team
2nd High Game Scratch Team
3rd High Game Scratch Team
1st High Game Scratch Ladies
2nd High Game Scratch Ladies
3rd High Game Scratch Ladies
1st High Game Scratch Men
2nd High Game Scratch Men
3rd High Game Scratch Men
1st High Series Scratch Team
2nd High Series Scratch Team
3rd High Series Scratch Team
1st High Series Scratch Ladies
2nd High Series Scratch Ladies
3rd High Series Scratch Ladies
1st High Series Scratch Men
2nd High Series Scratch Men
3rd High Series Scratch Men

1st High Average Ladies
2nd High Average Ladies
3rd High Average Ladies
4th High Average Ladies
1st High Average Men
2nd High Average Men
3rd High Average Men
4th High Average Men
5th High Average Men
6th High Average Men
7th High Average Men
Most Improved Bowler (Ladies)
2nd Most Improved Bowler
3rd Most Improved Bowler
Most Improved Bowler (Men)
2nd Most Improved Bowler
3rd Most Improved Bowler
Team Knock-out Challenge Cup (Perpetual)
Knock-out Challenge Team Winners
Knock-out Challenge Team Runners-up
Individual Knock-out Challenge Cup (Perpetual)
Knock-out Challenge Individual Winner
Knock-out Challenge Individual Runner-up

Points Money will be calculated dependent on money left after all individual and team prize fund and administration costs are paid out.

The proposed changes to team and individual prizes amounts to £985.
So using the proposed constitutional changes
Out of the £3.00 per bowler per week 60p will be for Administration charges (£625.44) leaving £2.40 less the £985 team and individual prizes. Therefore £1500 will be for the points prize fund.

Breakdown of the administration costs.

£344.10 for Secretary.

£177.14 for the treasurer.

£104.20 for printing & stationery.

Total administration of £625.44 (plus £15 for engraving) .

There will be some interest accrued during the year from the accounts, we won't know this until later next year.

Newly added on 17th January

As we do not know how many points will have been won during until the league ends (due to fact That's Ball Split will not be winning any points and their opponents may not win all 20, we cannot yet give a definitive team point value.

So the maximum number of points to be won is

39 weeks * 20 points * 7 pairs of lanes = 5460 points divided into £1500 = 27p per point. However there is a distinct possibility that teams due to bowl against forfeited team may not get 20 points (due to the failure to bowl 90% of their average), in that case the money per point will go up.

Team 1	Trident	Larry Exell
Team 2	Rockafellas	Dave Hill
Team 3	Hit the Fan	David Eyre
Team 4	Three's a Pair	Carolyn Kempson
Team 5	Tuesday Exiles	Mark Woodcraft
Team 6	Bowling Stones	Mike Bryant
Team 7	Bye	
Team 8	What Shadow?	Alan Reed
Team 9	Strike Force	John Southgate
Team 10	Dazed & Confused	Scott Watson
Team 11	Spare Me	Michael Hart
Team 12	Quickline	Steve Norriss
Team 13	Drifters	Geoff Hill

Team 14 Quadrant Mowers Tony Hart