

THE NEW SURREY BOWLS LEAGUE

(Revised March 2008)

Top Ten Knockout Competition Rules

- TT1. Composition :** Only one team may enter from each Club. Each match will consist of a side of ten players from each competing Club. They will play one Fours (21 ends); one Triples (18 ends); one Pairs (21 ends); one Singles – first to reach 21 shots. The composition of the Team may be changed in subsequent rounds.
- TT2. Match Arrangements :** The competition will be played as a knock-out and will start by mid July. Each Round will be on a "Play by" date basis. Match dates, when confirmed, must be notified immediately to the Press Officer. Names and Telephone numbers of correspondents must also be notified to the Press Officer as soon as possible after the initial draw is made.
- The first drawn team will be the Challenger. A minimum of three weeks before the closing date of the round the Challenger shall offer three dates to its Opponents, including two weekend mornings and one weekday evening. The same arrangements shall operate for subsequent rounds except for the Final. Failure to offer dates within the prescribed period will result in the Opponent, in consultation with the Press Officer, taking the rights and responsibilities of the Challenger, including home advantage.
- Matches at weekends should not commence before 10.00am and weekday evening matches not commencing before 6.00pm. Matches may be played on a Public Holiday by mutual agreement.
- TT3. Start of Play :** The Fours, Triples and Pairs will start simultaneously but the Singles will start 30 minutes later. All players must be present before start of play.
- TT4. Marker :** The Home Club will be responsible for providing a Marker for the Singles game.
- TT5. Scoring :** A simple majority of shots will decide the match. In the Singles, the winner will receive 21 shots only.
- TT6. Extra end :** If the match is tied, one extra end will be played by a Four from each Club comprising the Singles player and one from each of the Pairs, Triples and Fours. These players will be nominated before start of play. After nomination of the Four players to play the extra end, a draw will be made to determine which of the four match rinks the extra end will be played on. Prior to the extra end, one trial end shall be played in the direction that the match started and the extra end shall be played (or replayed) in that same direction.
- TT7. Players Short :** Only 1 player may be absent from a team. If a player is absent from one or both teams, the match will proceed but the Fours rink in the defaulting team(s) will comprise only 3 players and the number of bowls will be made up by the Lead and Second players playing three bowls each. One third of the total shots scored by a defaulting rink will be deducted from its score and the score will be rounded down.
- If more than 1 player is absent from the team or if a team is unable to commence play 30 minutes after the appointed start time, the match will be awarded to the Club not in default. If both teams are more than 1 player short, both Clubs will be eliminated from the competition. Rules G10 and G11 will apply to a defaulting Club.
- TT8. Results of Matches :** Within 24 hours of the conclusion of the match the result must be telephoned by a representative of the winning club to the Press Officer and a completed result sheet posted or e-mailed to the Press Officer. Scorecards, signed by both clubs, should be retained in case they are needed for scrutiny.
- TT9. NSBL Finals Day :** The Final will be played at the same venue, at the same time and on the same day as the Final of the Ron Willson Trophy and will be on the neutral green of another New Surrey Bowls League Club. Arrangements for the Final will be made by the Officers of the League.
- TT10. Matches Abandoned :** If a match has to be abandoned, the score will be taken if a minimum of 14 ends have been played by each of the four rinks, or, in the case of the Singles, the game has finished. The score will be taken at the lowest number of ends played by all rinks. If the Singles has finished at the time the match is abandoned, its result will count irrespective of the number of ends played. In the event of abandonment before the minimum number of ends have been played, the match will be played from its beginning on an immediate following weekend morning (i.e. Saturday or Sunday). The score at the point at which the match was abandoned will be discounted. If the Final is abandoned before the minimum number of ends have been played the result will be declared on the basis of the lowest number of ends played by any rink. Again, if the Singles has finished at the time of abandonment, its result will count irrespective of the number of ends played.
- TT11. Top Ten Winners :** The Club winning the Final will be declared "Top Ten" Winners and will hold the Top Ten Trophy for one year. The Runners-up will hold the Runners-up Trophy for one year.