

# THE NEW SURREY BOWLS LEAGUE

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## Weekday Afternoon Triples League Rules

- TL1. General :** Clubs will play each other once a year, Home or Away, on alternate years.
- TL2. Match Arrangements :** A League match will consist of each Club playing three Triples rinks. The duration of the match will be 18 ends. Weekday evening fixtures are permitted, but only by mutual agreement and if Clubs are unable to arrange afternoon matches.
- TL3. Scoring (see also Rule TL6) :**  
*Four points* will be awarded for an overall aggregate win.  
*Two points* will be awarded for an overall aggregate tie.  
*Two points* will be awarded for each winning Triple.  
*One point* will be awarded for each drawn Triple.
- TL4. Abandoned Matches :** If a match is abandoned, the score will be taken if a minimum of 13 ends have been played by each Triple, and the score will be taken at the lowest number of ends played by all Triples. If a match is abandoned before the minimum number of ends have been played, the match re-arrangement provisions of Rule TL5 will apply.
- TL5. Matches Cancelled :** League matches should only be cancelled because of bad weather, or if Greens are deemed unfit for play due to bad weather. The Home Club Green-keeper or his deputy will be responsible for declaring the green unfit for play. If a match is cancelled for this reason, both Clubs must make immediate and vigorous attempts to re-arrange the fixture, including, if necessary, arranging to play matches on weekday evenings or weekend mornings. The fixture may be played at any time in the season, but the re-arrangement must be concluded within ten days of the date of the cancelled match and the new date notified to the Press Officer immediately.
- If an evening match is the only possible resolution and, late in the season, there is insufficient daylight to complete 18 ends, the scoring as for abandoned matches (Rule TL4) will apply. Clubs may agree before play commences the number of ends to be played in such situations, but there must be at least 9 ends played for a result to be declared.
- If it is not possible to re-arrange the fixture (for example, because it is close to the end of the season or if a minimum of 9 ends cannot be played) five points will be awarded to each Club by the Officers who may withhold such award from either or both Clubs if they consider insufficient efforts to re-arrange the fixture have been made. No shots award will be made.
- If a match is cancelled for any other reason, Rules G10 and G11 apply.
- TL6. Players Short :** A maximum of 1 player may be absent from each team.
- Where only one team is one player short that team shall field 2 players against their opponents 3 players on one rink. All players shall play with 3 bowls each. The two teams N<sup>o</sup>s 1 & 2 shall bowl in the sequence 1-1-2, 1-1-2, 1-1-2, resulting in 9 bowls being delivered at the head end. The two skips shall then bowl as normal resulting in a total of 15 bowls played. In summary, whichever team has the mat the two leads each bowl their first bowl followed by the non-defaulting team's N<sup>o</sup>2. They then repeat this sequence for each of their next two bowls followed by the skips with 3 bowls each. Shots will be scored in the normal way. The team with the player short shall incur **no** additional penalty as it is considered that playing 6 bowls against their opponents 9 bowls is a sufficient handicap in itself.
- Where both teams are one player short both teams shall field 2 players on one rink with all players playing with 3 bowls each. Shots will be scored in the normal way and **no** penalties applied.
- If 2 or more players are absent from one team or if one team is unable to commence play 30 minutes after the appointed start time, the club in default will be penalised by 10 shots and the club not in default will be awarded 10 shots. Additionally, the defaulting club will be penalised by the average number of points it has scored per match during the current season, and the club not in default will be awarded the average number of points it has scored per match during the current season. This calculation will be made by the Press Secretary every time the league tables are updated and published throughout the season following the default so that the number of points penalised and awarded is continuously updated and their effect on league standings readily observed.
- If both clubs are 2 or more players short both clubs will be in default and be penalised as above.
- TL7. Results of Matches :** Results shall be recorded on the League Score Sheets and sent by post or e-mail by representatives of the both clubs to the Press Officer immediately after the match.
- Results not received within seven days may not be accepted.
- Score cards should be retained by both Clubs in case they are needed for scrutiny.
- TL8. Triples League Winners :** The Club with the highest number of points at the end of the season will be declared Winners of the Weekday Afternoon Triples League and will hold the Weekday Afternoon Triples League Trophy for one year.
- If there is a tie on points, the Club that has the highest positive shots difference will be declared Champions.
- If there is a tie on points and shots difference, the Club that has the most matches will be declared Champions.
- The Runners-up will be determined in the same manner and will hold the Runners-up Trophy for one year.