

CANNOCK “Short Mat” BOWLS LEAGUE

RULES AND BY-LAWS

1. The League shall be known as the Cannock “Short Mat” Bowls League.
2. All games shall be played in accordance with the “English Short Mat Bowls Association” laws of the game, adopted by Drakes Pride with amendments made by the Cannock “Short Mat” Bowls league.
3. A committee consisting of a Secretary/Treasurer, Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall deal with relevant business including any disputes.
4. The league shall consist of affiliated teams as constructed by the managing committee.
5. The Annual General Meeting – arranged and notified to all clubs – shall be held at a date in August of each year, all affiliated clubs to attend.
6. A statement of accounts and a balance sheet shall be circulated to all affiliated clubs prior to the AGM.
7. Teams winning trophies shall be responsible for their return in good condition in time for the next presentation evening.
8. Any club wishing to enter or resign a team shall present this at the AGM in writing to the league secretary.
9. All entrance fees, as agreed at the AGM, shall be paid to the secretary/Treasurer at the pre - season meeting.
10. All result sheets giving all relevant details including the Division, Date, played, team names and all players names shall be returned to the league Secretary within three days of the match taking place.
11. All teams to consist of 10 players (5 pairs), unless when a team is a maximum of two players short, the shortage must be made known to the opposing captain at the start of the match so that he or she may select at the interval break one or two players to play in the second period. Where a team is more than two players short a maximum of 14 shots to be awarded to the opposing team. All games to be played over seven ends.
12. A movement of teams shall take place in the case of promotion and relegation when relevant, two up and two down in all divisions.
13. All league and cup fixtures to be played preferably on a Tuesday evening unless a concession to play on a different evening is granted by the league.
14. Practice shall be available to all Home team players up to 7.30p.m., then all Away team players may practice until 7.45 p.m.
All league and cup fixtures shall start at 7.45p.m.
15. An interval break after the first three games for refreshments will take place. Note also any player yet to play may practice during the interval, all players to vacate the mat when play is to resume.

16. All players shall and must be registered with the league secretary, any new players during the season must be registered with the Secretary, by telephone or in writing prior to playing in a fixture.
17. The result of each fixture is the total of the five pairings.
18. All players participating in their game may inspect the head during their game with the relevant permission of the referee/umpire at the head.
19. Only players (and team captains) involved in a match in progress may give instructions to their playing partners. Any other players calling out advice will be politely be asked to keep quiet but they are allowed to comment on how good or bad the shot is.
20. Each team shall delegate a referee/umpire who's task shall be, to control one area of the mat area, he or she shall be responsible to position all Jacks anywhere along the playing Jack Line to the instructions of the leading player, they shall also carry out all Touch marking duties and remove all dead bowls.
21. All measured ends shall be carried out by the measurers (1 per team), their decision is final.
22. A scorer (he or she to record the shots gained on a score board) shall be appointed by the team captain.
23. The home team shall be responsible to supply all "Short Mat" accessories prior to the start of the match, 1 Short Mat, 2 Fenders, 2 Footers, 1 Block or Spinner, 1 Score Board, Measures, Bowl Marker and Match Sheet,
24. Amendment to Rule 7 (Drakes Pride)
Change to :- (b) (1) restoring the bowl as near as possible to its original position.
Omit (2) (3) (4)
25. Amendment to Rule 8 (Drakes Pride)
Change to :- a penalty of four shots and counting the end as played.
Omit (b) (c) (d)
26. Amendment to Rule 12 (Drakes Pride)
Change to :- playing the wrong bowl
A bowl played by mistake shall be removed from the end.
27. Amendment to Rule 14 (Drakes Pride)
Change to :- No extra end unless a tied cup fixture.
28. All clubs/teams shall abide by the rules of the league as set out above, the league management having the implementing power.
29. The league management shall, with the support of all league affiliated clubs, have the responsibility to carry out due punishment for any offence/infringement in the above rules.
30. Cup fixture, if a team are playing with 1 or 2 players short, at the interval, those players playing in the same game as the player or players who have previously played in the first half, that they will be allowed to a roll up on the mat for 4 ends.
31. If a player wishes to check the head played before he takes his shot, he may do so provided he does not carry his bowl beyond the nearest dead line on the mat.