

LONGRIDGE & DISTRICT YOUNG MIXED VETERANS BOWLING LEAGUE RULES

1. The league shall be known as the Longridge and District Young Mixed Veterans Bowling League ['The Longridge Young Vets' for short].
2. The affairs of the league shall be governed by an executive committee; all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting [A.G.M.].
3. The executive committee shall consist of six members, namely the President, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Hon Secretary, the Hon Fixtures Secretary and the Hon Treasurer.
4. The A.G.M. shall be held after the Presentation Lunch and no later than the 31st January. Fourteen days' notice shall be given of the A.G.M. A statement of accounts for the year will be issued at the A.G.M. Notices of motion must be received by the Hon secretary at least twenty eight days prior to the A.G.M. Any motion received after this deadline will not be accepted.
5. At the A.G.M., only one delegate from each team shall have the power to vote. The chairman shall have the casting vote in the event of a tied vote.
6. No rule shall be altered, rescinded or added to without the sanction of at least two thirds of those delegates voting at the A.G.M.
7. The club on who's green the President's Days will be staged shall have the privilege of nominating the president for that year.
8. The league fees shall be decided at the A.G.M. each year.
9. Any club wishing to enter a team in the league must be duly proposed and seconded and then voted upon at the A.G.M. To be elected, the club must receive at least two thirds of the votes cast in favour of its election to the league.
10. Any club may send a motion to the Hon secretary of the league to call a meeting of the committee; such a motion shall state the nature of the business which is to be brought forward and this shall then be placed before the committee for its consideration.
11. Each team shall be furnished with a copy of the rules of the league and shall be bound by them.
12. After receiving notification of the A.G.M., any team which does not send a delegate to the A.G.M without an apology will incur a fine of £5.
13. Any team with fines remaining unpaid, could at the committee's discretion, be excluded from play the following season until the outstanding fines have been paid.
14. All games of bowls shall be played in accordance with the laws of the British Crown Green Bowling Association.
15. Each club should forward a list of their core players who will be playing in the league, complete with their BCGBA registration numbers, to the Hon fixtures secretary on or before the 31st of March each year.

For league matches played before the end of July a team may field an unregistered player, providing that the player has a valid BCGBA Registration Number, are a member of the club and attained the age of 55 years. The Hon Fixture Secretary should be notified of the player immediately after the match.

NO new registrations are permitted after the 31st July.
16. No registration of players under 55 years of age shall be permitted except for players attaining that age during the bowls season. The Hon secretary shall be notified of any such registrations. Any team failing to comply with any part of rules 15 & 16 may have points deducted if the committee so decides.
17. Each league team shall consist of eight players.

18. No member shall play for more than one team during the course of the season.
19. The Constitution of The Longridge Young Vets Bowling League shall be ratified for the forthcoming season at each AGM. Any new applications by new clubs or teams for membership of the League will also be ratified, or otherwise, at this meeting. When possible, the League will operate a "two up and two down" system of promotion and relegation between Divisions.
20. The teams in the league shall play home and away matches each season on dates as shown in the fixtures lists and no alternative shall take place without notice being given to the Hon fixtures secretary. In the event of a match being postponed owing to inclement weather or any other satisfactory reason, the match shall stand as so far played and not replayed in its entirety. The match shall be completed on a date mutually agreed upon between the competing teams.
21. In the event inclement weather and the home team's green being unplayable, the home team must notify the visiting team of the postponement of the match as early as possible. The home team has the right to make the final decision on whether to play the match or not. If the match is postponed, it must be played within twenty-one days. The Fixture Secretary should be notified of the new date as soon as possible. If not played within this deadline, points may be deducted if the committee so decides.
22. Matches cannot be postponed for reasons other than inclement weather without prior agreement from the Fixtures Secretary and where agreement is given, the match must be played with 14 days of the original date. Matches cannot be postponed because of a shortage of players.

For any postponed game the fixture secretary must kept updated by both teams with progress on finding a new date. Failure to do so may lead to a deduction of up to six points if the committee so decides.
23. All league games must be played on Wednesdays as per the fixture lists unless an alternative date has been agreed with the Fixtures Secretary.
24. A minimum of four in-date Standard jacks belonging to the home team will be used for all matches and these jacks must be available to the visiting team for practice.
25. Making the Draw - The first match to be drawn on turn of the card and thereafter the order of play will be defined by players aggregates. After the first League game a new player playing their first match comes in as a scratch player (aggregate +0).

Player's aggregate, before the match, should be shown on the match card and that shall determine the matching of the opponents. The Home team Captain has the choice of order of play.

If a captain is unable to field a full team for a League match, the game must still be played with however many players are available. For instance, if there are only 6 players, they must play the top 6 players in the opposing team. The 2 remaining players will have a "walk-over".
26. The scratch time is one hour after the normal 1.45 pm start. After the team sheet has been prepared in merit order and presented to the opposing captain any requested change of player resulting from unforeseen circumstances such as absence or illness will require the nominated substitute to be placed in the sheet in the place of the absentee regardless of the merit's involved. ***Any blatant misuse of this rule to gain an unfair advantage will result in an enquiry by the committee and may result in loss of points.***

If no substitute is available Rule 29 will apply.
27. The visiting team shall have the sole use of the green for fifteen minutes before the start time. The home team shall also provide refreshments.

28. The home team captain has the choice of the order of play.
29. In the event of one or more games being prevented from taking place by players not being present and their team having no reserve players, the score of 21-0 will be debited or credited to the respective teams. It shall though be 21-10 for the affected present players' averages.
30. Each match shall be decided by the aggregate number of points. There shall be three points for a home win, four points for an away win, one point for a home draw, two points for an away draw and one point for each winning player. All of the games are to be singles played to 21 up.
31. It shall be the responsibility of the home captain or his/her nominated representative to ensure that the fixture results are submitted via the Online-Bowls website within 48 hours of the match being completed.
If it is not possible to submit the result via Online-Bowls then an email or telephone call to the Fixtures Secretary will be acceptable.
32. In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points at the end of the season, then the team with the most wins shall be declared the winner. If the teams have the same number of wins, then the team with the highest aggregate will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie there will be a play off with a turn of cards on a neutral green nominated by the Hon fixtures secretary. The match will be settled by a straight aggregate.
33. For the league doubles competition, up to three pairs per team are allowed to enter. with the third pair only to fill in to save byes if so required.
34. No player is permitted to play in the league mixed doubles competition unless they have played at least two games in the league. Doubles partners must be registered for the same team. If a player cannot find a partner, they may submit their name to the committee who will then endeavour to find them a partner if the number of entries allow.
35. The individual merit prize for each division will be awarded to the player who has the best average. In the event of a tie, the player with the most wins shall be declared the winner. If the number of wins is the same, then the player with the highest "For Aggregate" will be declared the winner. Should there still be a tie then the players shall play off on a neutral green.
36. The President's Day competition shall be played over two Wednesdays. One player from each team is allowed to enter. The second Wednesday will be for the last eight players left in the competition. Team players will commence on +3 except for the home players who shall be on scratch.
37. Any team not participating in the President's Days competition will be deducted ten points from their existing total straight after the said competition has ended. Captains must ensure that their team player is available for both of the President's Days. If a team player does not turn up for the final day, there will be a fine or points shall be deducted by the committee. Extraordinary circumstances though will be taken into consideration by the committee.
38. The Division One league merit winner will be nominated to play in the County Champion of League Champions competition.
39. Any club or venue with more than one green must play all of their league games on the same green throughout the season unless prior agreement with the Hon fixtures secretary has been obtained in writing.

40. Any player or team not attending the league's Presentation Lunch will not be entitled to receive any prizes won unless an apology for sickness or any other valid reason is received in advance.
41. The disciplinary procedure will be activated by the committee upon receipt in writing of a formal complaint of discreditable conduct by any member of the league. The formal complaint shall then be considered by the committee and action shall be taken as deemed appropriate.
42. All league match results must be recorded at www.online-bowls.com

As agreed at AGM 22nd January 2025