# NORTH OF PRESTON FLOODLIT LEAGUE

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## RULES OF THE LEAGUE 2026

**1.** The A.G.M. and Presentation of Prizes shall take place within two weeks of the last match, each year. **Any team not represented at the AGM shall be fined £10.00 to be paid with the following year's subscription.**

**2.** The boundary of the League shall be the River Ribble to the South and East; the Over Wyre League to the North and West.

**3.** Where possible each Division shall consist of a maximum of eight teams, to enable the League to finish by the end of October.

**4.** Each team shall give their first and second choice of night of play at home.

**5.** The League "Fee" shall be decided at the A.G.M. each year and shall be payable by the start of the season. Fees for this year will be £40.

**6.** Teams shall play on a home and away basis against the same opponents in one week.

**7.** Each team shall consist of EIGHT players in Division 1 and TEN players as pairs in Division 2.

**8a.** **Division 1:** Players will play in average order. The home team will decide the order of play.

8b. **Division 2: Teams to consist of pairs – these are to be chosen randomly each week – see below.**

**i. When pairing players up each captain needs to have the names of their 10 players written on separate pieces of paper.**
**ii. Each captain to split their own pile into 2 piles - 5 experienced players and 5 newer players so that each captain has 2 piles with 5 players in each.**
**iii. To pair up, captains from each team should select 2 players (1 from each of the opposition's 2 piles and they become a pair). The pairs selected by each captain will then play each other.**
**iv. Captains continue to pick 2 players from opposing piles until all players have been paired up.**
The home team will decide the order of play.

**9.** **Start time shall be 7:15pm in Division 1. Start time shall be 6:30pm in Division 2.**

**10.** Scratch time shall be ONE HOUR after start time.

**11.** All games will be played to B.C.G.B.A. Laws.

**12.** Lights must be fully on for the visitor's practice.

**13.** The visiting team shall have the sole use of the green **from 7:00pm to 7:10pm in Div 1 and from 6:15pm to 6:25pm in Div 2**

**14.** Each game shall be played to 21.

**15.** Visitors to send the first jack to start each game.

**16.** In the case of a "walkover" the player shall receive 21 - 10, but the team will get 21 - 0.

**17.** **ONE** point shall be scored for each winner plus: **THREE** for an AWAY WIN on aggregate; **TWO** for a HOME WIN; **TWO** for an AWAY DRAW; **ONE** for a HOME DRAW.

**18.** The Home Captain shall be responsible for submitting the results online at www.online-bowls.org **within 7 days** of the fixture being played. **Teams submitting scorecards after this date will be fined £5.00**. League Tables and results can be seen at www.online-bowls.org

**19.** Any team failing to complete a fixture shall score zero, the opponents receiving the average of the home or away points against that team.

**20.** In the event of a team failing to complete a fixture the opposing players each receive 21-10.

**21.** Promotion and Demotion shall be ONE UP and ONE DOWN per Division, except in the case of a team dropping out, in which case there shall be two promoted. The League reserves the right to restructure divisions where necessary.

**22a.** In the event of a tie between two teams on the same number of points the league position will be decided by i) number of team wins ii) individual winners, iii) team average.

**22b.** The Divisional Merit Winners shall be decided by: 1/. The number of wins and 2/. If equal on number of wins, then the player with the better average shall be the winner.

**23.** The First Division Merit Winner will be entered into the County Champion of Champions Competition, but if unable to play, shall be replaced by the Runner-up and then by the Second Division Winner and so on.

**24.** Teams entering the League shall be placed in the bottom Division.

**25.** No player shall play for more than one team in the "League Season."

**26.** Only paid up members of the Bowling Club/Section may play for a team representing that Club.

**27.** Prize Money shall be as follows:

1/. **Division1:** Winners - £45; Runners-Up - £25; **Division 2:** Winners - £45; Runners-Up - £25; Merit Winner - £15 & Entry to NLancs & Fylde Champion of Champions (Division 1 Winner)

**28.** No prize money will be given to any team absent at the A.G.M., but a Merit Winner may send a proxy.

Please note that the omissions mean that the League is mixed with no age limits and that teams do not have to register their players, although it should be clearly understood that League Rule 26 must apply.