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NEW FOREST BOWLING ASSOCIATION**LEAGUE & COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS****(Re-issued January 2017)**

Incorporating all amendments agreed at AGM's and SGM's of the Association, up to and including 11 November 2016. These rules and regulations take precedence over all previously published editions.

“The New Forest Bowling Association is committed to promoting a safe environment in which children and vulnerable adults can enjoy taking part in games of bowls.”

PART TWO**COMPETITION REGULATIONS****C.1 ELIGIBILITY**

- (a) **All players** shall be bona-fide members *belonging to the men's section* of a club affiliated to the Association. *The only exception is for players entering the Prichard Memorial Trophy competition. Mixed club entries are not permitted. (Amended at AGM 11.11.2013)*
- (b) **Players who are members of more than one club** may enter competitions and may be nominated to play in league and Association Matches. *During any season they may only play for one (and the same) club. (Amended at AGM 11.11.2013)*
- (c) **A player who has been eliminated from any round** in any competition shall take no further part in that competition for that year.
- (d) **Entry Fees** for all competitions shall be agreed at a previous General Meeting and shown on the competition entry form. *(New rule agreed at AGM 11.11.2013)*
- (e) **Submission of Entry Forms.** *Entry Forms with all players individually named thereon must be received by the Competition Secretary on or before the last day of February. All entry fees must accompany the entry forms. (New rule agreed at AGM 11.11.2013)*
- (f) *Should none of an original entry be available to play then the entry is void. (New rule agreed at AGM 11.11.2013)*

C.2 LAWS OF THE GAME

Competitions shall be played under the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls as approved and published by Bowls England, and these regulations.
(Amended AGM 12:11:2007)

C.3 COMPETITIONS - Competitions held by the Association are:

- (a) **League Championships** – *The NFBA League consists of five Divisions (1 to 5) each with a maximum of eight teams, and each team comprising four rinks of triples; and Division 6 with a maximum of eight teams, each comprising two rinks of triples. For the purpose of considering applications from clubs to enter new teams in the League under Rule C4(d); Division 5 shall be considered the lowest Division.*

At the completion of each season, the top team in each division shall be awarded the following trophy, to be held for one year:

- i. Division 1 winners – *Jack Rooke Cup*
- ii. Division 2 winners – *New Milton Cup*
- iii. Division 3 winners – *Bush Trophy*
- iv. Division 4 winners – *George Sumner Trophy*
- v. Division 5 winners – *Ron Wye Trophy*
- vi. Division 6 winners – *George Bisson Cup*

(Previous C.3(a) rewritten and agreed at AGM 11.11.2013)

- (b) **League Knockout Competitions, which are:**

- i. **The President's Trophy (2002)**
Inter-club knockout triples competition open to all affiliated clubs, and comprising the top team from each club.
- ii. **The Ringwood Shield (2009)**
Knock-out triples competition between teams competing in Divisions 1,2,3 and 4 of the league, but excluding teams competing in the President's Trophy.
- iii. **The Fourmy Trophy (2003)**
Knock-out triples competition between teams competing in Divisions 5 & 6 of the league.

(Previous C.6(f) rewritten and agreed at AGM 11.11.2013)

- (c) **Knockout Competitions, which are:**

- i. **Jack Rooke Trophy** - Singles (4 woods, 21 shots)
- ii. **Edgar Moss Trophy** - Pairs (4 woods, 21 ends)
- iii. **Ringwood BC Trophy** - Triples (3 woods, 18 ends)
- iv. **Prichard Memorial Trophy** - Fours (2 woods, 21 ends)

This competition is open to both male and female competitors. Female competitors shall be members of a club, the men's section of which is affiliated to the New Forest Bowling Association.

- v. **Roberts Adlard Trophy – Champion of Champions** – Singles (4 woods, 21 shots)
Competitors shall be the previous season's singles champion of each affiliated club - Substitutes are not permitted. All rounds shall be played on a mutually acceptable green.
- vi. **Ralph Curtis Cup – Officers Singles Championsip** - Singles (4 woods, 21 shots)
This competition is open to Officers of all affiliated clubs, with a maximum of four (4) entries per club, together with the Executive Officers of the Association.
- vii. **George Sumner Cup - Over 65 Two Wood Pairs** – Pairs (2 woods, 21 ends)
This competition is open to competitors over 65 on 1st April in the year of entry.

(Previous C.3(a), C.6(b) to C.6(e) rewritten and agreed at AGM 11.11.2013)

C.4 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

- (a) **Name** - A league known as the “**NEW FOREST LEAGUE**” shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the Association who may enter more than one team.
- (b) **Composition** - The league shall comprise of a number of divisions each consisting of not more than eight (8) teams.
- (c) **Promotion and relegation** - Promotion and relegation between divisions shall take place on the basis of the two (2) top teams in each division being promoted into the next higher division, and the two (2) bottom teams in each division being relegated to the next lower division.
The club finishing top on points in Division One shall be the League Champions.
With the lowest division up to strength the two (2) bottom teams shall leave the division, but if they so wish, they may apply for re-election by submitting an application in writing to the Gen. Secretary by 30th September.
- (d) **Application by Clubs for new teams to enter league** - Clubs wishing to enter new teams in the league must submit an application in writing to the General Secretary by 30th September for approval at the AGM. New teams accepted for admission to the league shall only be admitted to the lowest division.
Any club applying for re-election or to enter a new team in the league, may if they so wish, make a presentation to members at the AGM.
- (e) **Filling vacancies in the league** - The two (2) teams to fill the vacancies in the lowest division shall be decided at the AGM, and selected in the following order from clubs who have applied for re-election or entry into the league under Rules C.4(c) and (d):-
- i. By a team from a club who, by leaving the division, would completely lose its representation in the League.
 - ii. By other clubs who have applied for re-election or entry into the league, except that, if there are more teams than vacancies, then the team/s to enter the league shall be decided by a ballot.
- (f) **Filling vacancies if a team withdraws** -
- i. If a team which has been included in the league withdraws **before the start of the season**, the Executive Committee may decide how the vacancy shall be filled.
 - ii. If a team withdraws **during a season**, all games played against that team shall be considered void and that division will be counted as comprising seven (7) teams only and, if the team is not in the lowest division, then at the end of the season, only the bottom team from that division will be relegated to the next lower division.

C.5 LEAGUE RULES**(a) General:**

- i. **Composition of teams** - Each team shall consist of four rinks of triples and shall play home and away with each other team in accordance with the division programme, as drawn up by the League Secretary for presentation to the Council at its meeting in January.
- ii. **More than one team from one club in the same division** - Should more than one team from any one club play in the same Division; then the fixtures shall be so arranged that these teams play each other as early as possible in each half of the season.
- iii. **Start of play** - Matches will commence not later than 6.15pm. (18.15hrs.)
- iv. Eighteen (18) ends shall be played by each rink, the rinks being allocated by draw.
- v. Visitors will cast the **first Jack**.
- vi. There will be two (2) **trial ends**.
- vii. **Rink score boards** shall be kept in place until the match is finished.
- viii. **All completed score cards**, signed by the skips of each rink, shall be kept and produced at the request of the League Secretary.

(b) Period of grace – shortage of players

- i. **One player short** - Should any rink be short of a player at the due time for commencement of play - fifteen (15) minutes grace being allowed - the full triple will play two woods each and the defaulting team will play three woods each and forfeit one third of their score. (Fractions shall count).
- ii. **More than one player short** - Should a rink be short of more than one player at the due time for commencement of play - fifteen (15) minutes grace being allowed - the point for this rink plus ten (10) shots, will be awarded to the complete team.
(Headings amended at AGM 11:11:2013)

- (c) Substitution of players during course of a game** - If during the course of a game a player has to leave the green owing to illness or other reasonable cause; his place may be taken by a substitute who shall be a member of the same club. *The substitute may play in any position in the team except skip. Play shall resume where it was left off when the stoppage occurred.*
(Clause added at AGM 11:11:2013)

If no substitution is made and play on the rink is abandoned, then either:

- a. **If less than twelve (12) ends have been completed** the point for the rink shall be awarded to the complete team, plus ten (10) shots or the shot difference at the last completed end, whichever is the greater, or
- b. **If twelve (12) ends or more have been completed**, then the score at the end of the last completed end shall be taken as the final score for that rink.

If no substitution is made, and play on the rink continues

If no substitution is made, and no more than ten (10) minutes has elapsed, and it is agreed by both skips that play on the rink should continue; the remaining ends shall be played with the full triple playing two woods each and the depleted team playing three woods each and forfeiting one third of their score. (Fractions shall count). The aggregate scores before and after the stoppage occurred shall count as the final score for that rink.
(New clause added at AGM 11:11:2013)

If a game is abandoned because of illness or other reasonable cause, then Rule C5(d) iv. (a), (b) and (c) shall apply.
(New clause added at AGM 11:11:2013)

- (d) i. Teams to be ready to play** - It is expected that visiting teams will turn up prepared to play unless warned by an official of the home club that weather or ground conditions preclude play.

ii. **Change of Programme** - If a change in programme is required, other than for weather or ground conditions, *and after agreement with the other club concerned*, the club requiring the change shall give at least seven (7) days notice to the League Secretary, giving reasons for the request. Providing the League Secretary considers the request valid a new date shall be arranged. If the request is considered invalid or not agreed to by the other club concerned, should the club making the request fail to play in accordance with the programme or fulfil the rearranged fixture, that club shall score nothing and eight (8) points shall be credited together with twenty (20) shots to the opponents.

(Amended at AGM on 11:11:2013)

iii. **No club will be allowed to postpone a match programmed to be played during any open tournament weeks** excepting only for GROUND or WEATHER conditions.

iv. **Not being able to start or finish a match**

a. Weather conditions

When in the opinion of the *greenkeeper or his nominee, or the home team captain, it is impracticable or unsafe* to either start or finish a match on account of weather/green conditions the match shall be played/resumed within fourteen (14) days on the same green on a date agreed by the two Captains. The result of the agreement shall be notified to the League Secretary *within 24 hours* by the home club.

(Rule amended at AGM, 11:11:2013)

b. Special circumstances

If there are special circumstances preventing the match being played within 14 days, the league Secretary may agree a reasonable extension of time within the League programme.

For failure to reach an agreement to start or resume a match, a liability may be imposed of eight (8) points deducted from the defaulting side, and eight (8) points and twenty (20) shots credited to their opponents.

For a game which has started and then stopped, the following shall apply:

- a. **For a game which has to stop before five (5) ends** have been completed on all rinks, then it shall be abandoned and started again from scratch.
- b. **For a game which has to stop after five (5) ends** have been completed, but before twelve (12) ends have been completed on all rinks, then the game shall be resumed at the point that it was stopped; trial ends shall be played.
- c. **If all rinks have completed twelve (12) or more ends** then the game shall be considered complete and the score taken as the final score.

(e) i. **Points score for league games** - In each match four (4) points will be awarded to the club with the higher aggregate score for the four rinks. In the event of a tie, two (2) points will be awarded to each club. In addition, one (1) point will be awarded for each winning rink and a half point to each drawn rink.

ii. **Award of Trophies** - The winners and runners-up in each division shall hold the appropriate trophy for one (1) year, *the trophy to remain the property of the Association*. In the event of a tie in the number of points held by two (2) or more clubs, the shot difference shall be taken into consideration, and the winner shall be the club with the greatest difference. *In addition, the winning club in each division shall be entitled to receive and retain a "division winner's" heraldic shield.*

(Amended at AGM, 11:11:2013)

iii. **Return of Trophies** – *It is the responsibility of the previous year's winners/runners-up to return trophies to the League Secretary by no later than 1st September each year.*

(New rule agreed at AGM, 11:11:2013)

- iv. **Notification of results to League Secretary** – *The result of each league match shall be detailed on a result card, a blank copy of which may be downloaded from the Association's website, and on which the names of all players participating shall be entered. The completed card shall be signed by both Captains, and the home Captain shall arrange to send a scanned copy to the League Secretary by e-mail, to reach him as soon as possible after the match, but in any event by no later than 4 pm. on the Friday of the week in which the match is played. Failure to report the match result to the League Secretary by the time stated shall result in one (1) point being deducted from the home team and added to their opponent's score. (Rule rewritten and agreed at AGM, 11:11:2013)*
- v. **Notification of results to Press Officer** – *At the same time, scanned copies of match result cards should be sent to the Press Officer. (New rule agreed at AGM, 11:11:2013)*
- (f) **Restrictions on playing for different teams in any week**
- A member who has played in a league match in any week may not also play in a different team in the same week. (Monday to Sunday).
 - Any team violating this rule shall lose the points and shots for the rink in which that member played in his second game.
 - This rule shall not apply to a member who started in a game which is stopped because of adverse weather, and where the game is resumed in a different week.
- (g) **Restrictions on playing for different teams during last three matches**
In the last three (3) matches of the season any player who has played in a higher division or team in all of the previous three matches may not play in a lower league division or team. Any team violating this rule shall forfeit one (1) point and ten (10) shots being awarded to the opponents. Any team violating this rule with more than one (1) player in the same match, shall forfeit the match with eight (8) points and twenty (20) shots being awarded to the opponents.
- (h) *(Rule deleted AGM, 11:11:2013)*
- (i) Any breach of the above rules should be reported to the Executive who are authorised to impose an appropriate penalty.
- (j) **Protection of the green.** *(New rule added at AGM 11:11:2013)*
- Use of protective mats** - *At the sole discretion of the home club at which the match is being played, protective mats may be used on as many rinks as may be necessary for a part or the whole of a game in order to protect the surface of the green.*
 - Damage caused by the delivery of woods or by any other action** - *If a player from either team is seen to be causing damage to the green the captain of the home team shall be advised. If the damage is being cause by a player from the opposing team, the home captain must advise the captain of the opposing team.*
 - Action to be taken** –
 - A first warning shall be given to the player concerned by his team captain.*
 - If the player continues to cause damage to the green, a second and final warning shall be given.*
 - If the player does not take notice of this second warning, and depending on which team the player is on, the home captain has permission to request the opposing captain to ask his player to withdraw from the match, or to ask his home team player to withdraw.*

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- iv. **Play to continue** – *If a player has to leave the green, a substitute will not be permitted. The rink shall resume the game at the point at which it was stopped. Rule C5(b) will apply and the remaining ends shall be played with the full triple playing two woods each and the depleted team playing three woods each and forfeiting one third of their score. (Fractions shall count). The aggregate scores before and after the stoppage occurred shall count as the final score for that rink.*
- v. *The League Secretary shall be advised of any such occurrence directly after the match.*
- vi. *If the game is abandoned because of illness or other reasonable cause, then Rule C5(d)iv (a), (b) and (c) shall apply.*

C.5A LEAGUE DIVISION 5

(Addendum to League Championship rules (C.4 and C.5) agreed at AGM 12:11:2012)

- (a) **Composition** - Division 6 will be made up of not more than eight teams comprising 2 rinks of triples, and will play home and away games with each other team in accordance with the division programme.
- (b) **Promotion and relegation** – Clubs will not be promoted or relegated from Division 5.
- (c) **Application by Clubs for new teams to enter league** – If there is a vacancy in Division 5 then clubs have until 1st March to enter a team to fill the vacancy. Clubs entering teams in this division will not have to seek approval at an AGM and the final make-up of the division and arrangements for play will be decided by the Executive Committee and League Secretary.
- (d) **Points score for league games** – In each match two (2) points will be awarded to the club with the higher aggregate score for the two rinks. In the event of a tie, one (1) point will be awarded to each club. In addition, one (1) point will be awarded for each winning rink and a half point to each drawn rink.
- (e) **League winners retention shield** – The club with the highest number of points awarded at the end of the season will be entitled to receive the League winners retention shield.
- (f) **Other rules to apply** – In all other respects the League Rules governing play will apply, except that any penalties will be halved.
- (g) **Teams entering the Fourmy Trophy competition** – Each team entry must consist of four rinks of triples. Where a club has two teams playing in Division 6 the two teams may combine to form one entry. Where a club has only one team playing in Division 6, it is also eligible to enter the competition provided it can provide a further two rinks of triples. Players who have played in the Presidents Trophy competition or in a higher division on more than 3 occasions are not eligible to play. *For eligibility to play in this competition see Appendix 1, "Rules for League Knockout Competitions". (Hon. Sec. Jan. 2014)*

END OF LEAGUE RULES

C.6 KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

- (a) i The format of play for all Association knockout competitions shall be as set out in the current edition of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (including domestic regulations for Bowls England), and these regulations.
- ii Start time shall *normally* be 6.15pm unless *mutually* agreed otherwise between competitors.
(Amended at AGM, 11:11:2013)
- iii **Trial ends** - *Before the start of play in any game, or on the resumption of play in any unfinished game, one trial end in each direction shall be played by each player.*
(Added at AGM, 11:11:2013)
- (Existing paragraphs C6(b) to (f) deleted and incorporated in C3(c); subsequent paragraphs renumbered - AGM 11:11:2013)*
- (b) **Finals Day** - The finals of the Association Knockout competitions shall be held at the President's Club on dates to be arranged. *Dress shall be as set out in Section D.1 – Dress Code. Bowls stickers for finalists will be provided by the Association.*
(Amended at AGM 11:11:2013)
- (c) **Trophies are to remain the property of the Association** - All challenge trophies presented to the winners of Association Competitions shall remain the property of the New Forest Bowling Association. *It is the responsibility of the previous year's winners/losing finalists to return trophies to the Competitions or League Secretary, as appropriate, before Finals Day. The Association shall be responsible for engraving the trophies.*
(Amended at AGM 11:11:2013)
- (d) **Disputes** that arise out of a competition shall be reported to the Competitions Secretary within *twenty-four (24) hours* of the game.
(Amended at AGM 11:11:2013)

C.7 CHALLENGES AND SUBSTITUTES

- (a) *The first named in the draw shall be the challenger who shall have the choice of greens, and be responsible for booking the rink and in singles competitions arranging for a marker. No singles game shall be played without a marker. The semi-finals of all competitions shall be played on a mutually acceptable green of an affiliated club.*
(Amended at AGM 11:11:2013)
- (b) i. **The challenger** shall not later than *the challenge by date* offer two (2) dates to his opponent, neither of which shall be the completion date.
(Amended at AGM 11:11:2013)
- ii. **The opponent** must within four (4) days of receiving the challenge, either accept one of the dates or negotiate an alternative date *with the challenger*.
- iii. **If a challenge has not been received by the "challenge by" date**, the second named person/team shall become the challenger, assuming the full responsibilities and privileges of the challenger. *The new challenger must act immediately to agree a date on which to play the tie. Failure to agree a date shall result in the tie being awarded to the current challenger. If no challenge is made then both competitors/teams shall be eliminated. If the challenger is aware, for any reason, that the challenge cannot be made within the specified time, then the Competition Secretary must be advised immediately.*
(Amended at AGM 11:11:2013)

- iv. **Any difficulty in agreeing a date**, or claims for the game, must be reported to the Competition Secretary before the completion date of the round.
- v. **Failure to adhere to these procedures** will result in disqualification of either or both competitors. Matches must be completed by the completion date of that round *unless agreed otherwise with the Competition Secretary prior to the completion date of the round.*
(Amended at AGM 11:11:2013)
- (c) **In the case of team competitions**, the name and contact details of the person responsible for making the arrangements for that team shall be given to the Competition Secretary. These particulars will be published on the draw sheets.
(Amended at AGM 11:11:2013)
- (d) **If a team or player is not ready to play at the time agreed for the game to start**, and having allowed fifteen (15) minutes grace, the opponent(s) may claim the match.
The team or competitor claiming the match must notify the Competitions Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours, or by the completion date of the round, whichever is the sooner.
(Amended at AGM 11:11:2013)
- (e) i. **The Team** - The players taking part in the first game shall constitute the team, and shall normally play together throughout the competition.
- ii. **Use of substitutes** - One additional, and the same player, who must be a member of the same club, may be used as a substitute at any time provided that he has not already *entered or played* in that competition. ~~He may play in any position except Skip.~~ *They may play in any position in the team.* The player who plays in the final shall be entitled to any award.
No substitute is allowed in Singles Competitions.
(Amended at AGM 11:11:2013)
- iii. *A player may not withdraw from an original competition entry to join another team after the draw has been made.*
(New rule agreed at AGM 11:11:2013)
- (f) **All score cards** shall be signed by the loser and retained by the winner for inspection, if necessary, until the end of the competition.

END OF COMPETITION RULES

PART THREE**DRESS**

(Introduced 19:01:04 amended 16:11:09)

D. 1 DRESS CODE**(a) General**

In all matches and competitions smooth-soled heel-less bowling shoes shall be worn in a colour approved by the EBA. Club blazers should be worn as appropriate.

(b) Association friendly and badge matches

White shirt and trousers shall be worn together with an Association tie. Also, when worn, pullovers, jackets, caps or hats and waterproofs shall be white. Shirts, pullovers and jackets may be embroidered with a club badge and player's name. Ties may be removed during the game with the agreement of both Captains.

(c) League matches and cup competitions

As rule (b) except that a white shirt and grey trousers shall be worn together with a club tie. Whites with club ties shall be worn in the finals.

(d) Coloured shirts

Notwithstanding rule (c) above, registered coloured shirts with collar attached may be worn in all league and cup competitions, including the finals, provided that all members of the same side/team wear the same colour. Coloured pullovers or jackets may be worn provided they are the same colour as the shirts. Shirts may display the club's badge, member's name and a sponsor's name as approved by the County Association.

(e) Infringement of Dress Code – Competition and League Trophy Finals.

In the Competition Finals and in each of the League Trophy Finals; all players taking part must conform to the Dress Code set out in Rules D1 (a) to (d). Should any player fail to wear the appropriate dress then the following penalties will apply:

Competition Finals. A deduction of 5 shots will be made to the score of the offending player in a singles game, or a deduction of 5 points to the offending team in a Pairs, Triples or Fours game. The decision of the Competitions Secretary shall be final.

League Trophy Finals. A deduction of 5 points will be made to the score of each offending rink, plus a further 5 points to the final score of the offending side. The decision of the League Secretary shall be final.

(Rule D1(e) added at AGM, 16:11:2009)

END OF DRESS CODE

APPENDIX 1**RULES FOR LEAGUE KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS****Revised for 2014 season****1. Introduction**

At the end of each season the Association runs three knock-out competitions for teams taking part in the League Championships. These are arranged by the League Secretary.

2. Selection of Teams and Eligibility of club members to play in the Competitions**A. The President's Trophy (2002)**

Teams - The President's Trophy is a knock-out competition played between the top team from each club in the Association.

Eligibility

- i. Club members who normally play in their club's top team are eligible to play in the President's Trophy competition.
- ii. Club members who normally play in a lower team may play in a higher team.

B. The Ringwood Shield (2009)

Teams - The Ringwood Shield is a competition between the remaining teams in Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 not competing in the President's Trophy. Clubs may be represented by more than one team.

Eligibility

- i. Players who have played in a higher league team in Divisions 1 – 4 on seven (7) occasions or more, may play in the Ringwood Shield competition if they have played in a lower team on at least five (5) occasions during the season.
- ii. Club members who normally play in lower teams may play in higher teams.
- iii. Players who have taken part in the President's Trophy may not play in the Ringwood Shield.
- iv. Where a club has more than one team playing in the Ringwood Shield competition, players who have played for a team that has been knocked out of the competition, may not play for any other of the club's teams remaining in the competition.

C. The Ivor Fourmy Trophy (2003)**Teams**

- i. The Ivor Fourmy Trophy is a competition between the teams competing in Divisions 5 and 6 of the League.
- ii. Clubs may be represented by more than one team.
- iii. Clubs shall confirm their entry to the League Secretary by no later than 1st August.
- iv. The League Secretary shall determine the format for this completion depending on the number of entries and will carry out the draw for the 1st round.

Eligibility

- i. Players who normally play in Divisions 1- 4 may play in the Ivor Fourmy Trophy competition if they have played in Divisions 5 & 6 on at least three (3) occasions during the season.
- ii. Players who have taken part in the President's Trophy or Ringwood Shield competitions may not play in the Ivor Fourmy Trophy.

3. Competition regulations

A. The President's Trophy and Ringwood Shield

These competitions are run by the League Secretary, and a draw for the first round ties will take place at the AGM. Should a club withdraw before the start of the competition, then the opposing side will receive a bye in the first round. The finals are played on the Association President's home green on a date to be arranged.

**** Draw for Ringwood Shield in 2014 to be carried out by Executive Committee after clubs have confirmed their team entries.(AGM 2013).*

1. **Teams**

Each team shall consist of four rinks of triples; two rinks to play at home and two away on the same night. It is important that arrangements are made for the home and away rinks to be in telephone contact.

2. **Competitions to commence**

The competitions commence in the week following the end of the League programme. Each round, except the finals, shall be played in successive weeks.

3. **Start time, evenings of play and period of grace**

Except for the finals, each round of the President's Trophy shall be played on a Tuesday evening and the Ringwood Shield on a Thursday evening, starting at 6 pm with 15 minutes grace being allowed. Any rink failing to be available to start within the period of grace shall forfeit their game, and 10 shots shall be awarded to the opposing rink which shall be added to that teams score.

4. **Start of play**

Except in the finals, the visiting side shall take possession of the mat at the beginning of each game. In the finals, the team captains shall toss a coin for possession of the mat.

5. **Scoring and number of ends to be played**

The aggregate number of shots scored by the four rinks forming a team shall decide the winner to go through to the next round.

All rounds, up to the final, shall be played over 15 ends.

The final of the President's Trophy shall be played over 18 ends.

The final of the Ringwood Shield shall be played over 15 ends.

5a. **Trial ends**

In the President's Trophy trial ends shall be played in all rounds **including** the finals.

In the Ringwood Shield trial ends shall be played in all rounds **except** the finals when only one shot will count on the first two ends.

6. **Inclement weather**

In the event of inclement weather each of the rinks in competing teams may play 10 ends.

This must be agreed by the Captains before the start of a match and will constitute a match.

7. **Green not fit for play**

Only in the event of a green being declared unfit for play or in circumstances when it would make it unsafe to play shall a game be postponed.

Should a game be postponed:

a. Before play commences on either green; then the whole game shall be postponed.

b. After play has commenced on both greens, then if play is postponed on one green, play may continue on the other green. Any game which is postponed must be played/completed before the following Tuesday.

In the event that play is postponed on either green, it shall be resumed on the same green and at the point at which play was postponed.

8. Notification of results

The scores for each round are to be notified to the League Secretary by e-mail on the same evening on which the matches are played attaching a scanned copy of the result sheet. (Agreed at AGM 11:11:2013)

9. Tied games

In the event of a tie at the end of a match an extra end shall be played. Before the start of the game, the captain of the first drawn team shall nominate which rink will play the extra end. The nominated rink may be on either green.

10. Resolution of disputes

Any disputes between teams should be referred to the League Secretary for resolution. If necessary, he may consult with the Executive Committee. The League Secretary's decision shall be final.

B. The Ivor Fourmy Trophy

This competition is open to teams playing in Divisions 5 & 6 of the league. The final is to be played on the Association President's home green, on a date to be arranged.

1. Teams

This competition is open to teams playing in Divisions 5 & 6 of the league. To compete in this competition teams in Div. 6 shall be made-up to four rinks of triples.

2. Rules

This competition shall be played under the same rules as the Ringwood Shield and will normally be played on a Thursday evening.

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END OF LEAGUE TROPHY COMPETITIONS

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