

Ossett, Horbury and District
Bowling Association

Section 2
League Rules

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1. The League shall be managed by a Committee of the Association consisting of the Officers plus one representative from each team competing in the League, each one to have a vote.
2. Applications for membership and resignations must be submitted to the Secretary not later than 31st January each year.

Applications for new membership shall only be considered from clubs within a six mile radius of the headquarters, Horbury Working Mens Club.

3. The Association shall consist of up to 10 teams per division, up to a maximum of 8 divisions.
4. All teams entering the League shall be divided into divisions. On completion of each season the two bottom teams in each division shall be relegated to the next lower division and the two top teams in each division shall be promoted to the next higher division.
5. The League games shall be 8 players per side and the games 21 up. Matches to be played on Thursdays except for C or D team home matches which shall be played on Tuesdays.
6. Matches to commence at 6.45 pm except for the first two weeks and last two weeks of the season which shall commence at 6.30 pm.

A representative of each team shall decide the order of play for his players and number their cards from 1 to 8. The draw for each game is made by exchanging names in that sequence. Where a team has 7 players their cards will be numbered from 1 to 7 and the walk over (21-0) will appear at number 8.

No practice is allowed by the visiting team who shall have the jack. 10 minutes grace only will be given to an absent player if a jack becomes available.

7. The method of compiling the League Table shall be as follows:
- a. All matches shall be decided on aggregate points.
 - b. Where a match not played is awarded to a team the number of points for inclusion in the League Table shall be decided by the Disputes Committee.
 - c. Where teams finish with equal points scored in the league, to decide which team is placed highest the following shall apply:
 - i. The team with the lowest points conceded shall be highest.
If still equal
 - ii. The team winning most league games shall be the highest.
If still equal
 - iii. The team winning most individual games shall be the highest.

8. No player shall be allowed to bowl for more than one League club in any one season.

Any player suspended by a club shall not be allowed to play in any match or competition run by the Association until the period of suspension has expired.

9. Where a match is postponed, the **home team** must, within 7 days of the scheduled date, notify the Secretary of the postponement. Failure to do so, a fine of £2 will be levied.

The **non-offending club** MUST offer three separate dates on varying days within a 28 day period of the fixture date for completion of the game. Failure to do so, a fine of £5 will be levied.

If the club who cancelled the fixture cannot agree on a date and the match is not played within the 28 days, they shall be fined £10.

A match not played within 28 days of the original fixture date becomes null and void with no points for the team responsible for the failure to complete. The team who could have completed to receive points based on their home and away average (whichever applies).

This rule shall not apply at the end of the season when all games must be completed within 7 days after the last fixtures date set by the Secretary.

Where a match is postponed because of weather conditions, the home team becomes the non-offending team for the purposes of re-arranging the fixture.

10. Objections to the result of a match shall be made in writing to the Secretary within 3 days after the fixed date of the match. The Disputes Committee shall adjudicate after the objection.
11. Result cards for league matches must be posted by the home team to the Secretary on the next available posting day after completion of a match. A club will incur a £2 fine for any card that hasn't been received by the Secretary 7 days after the match date.
12. Ladies will be eligible to bowl in any competition promoted by the Association.
13. The number of 'starred' players agreed by the AGM must be displayed at all venues.
14. New teams wishing to join the league must give an assurance that they will regularly fulfil their fixtures on the scheduled dates; if not, they shall not be accepted.
15. **Where a club has two teams**, the A team must star 4 players who may only play for the A team, the rest of the players may play for either the A or B team.

Where a club has three teams, the A team must star 4 players who may only play for the A team, the rest of the A team may only play for the A or B team.

The B team must star 4 players who may not play for the C team, but may play for the A team (if required).

The rest of the players may play for either the B or C team or the A team (if required).

No regular A team player or the 4 starred B team players may play for the C team.

A list of starred players must be displayed by each club and forwarded to the Secretary by 1st May each year. A full list is to be then compiled and supplied to all clubs.