

WEALDEN S.M.B.A.

RULES

THESE RULES SHOULD BE ON DISPLAY DURING ALL LEAGUE MATCHES



Matches will be played on a home and away basis. Start times should be – evening matches 7.30pm and afternoon matches 2.00pm. The season shall run from the 1st Oct to 31st March.. E.S.M.B.A. Rules apply, but with the exceptions as below.

- 1.The registration fee per team, is payable to WEALDEN SMBA and sent to the treasurer no later than 28th September each year to participate in the forthcoming season.
- 2.The names of players being registered at the start of the season must be sent to the Fixture Secretary no later than 28th September each year.
- 3.All players must be registered with England and the Wealden League. When additional players are added, other than those registered at the start of the season to the club league team(s) lists, this must be carried out at least 48 hours before they can play in any match, in writing or by email to the fixture secretary. If an unregistered player plays in a match, the team will forfeit 2 points every time that player plays unregistered. A player, having played one league game for one team, cannot then play a league game for any other team for the rest of the season.
- 4.The match will consist of four games, two - two bowl pairs of 15 ends and two - two bowl triples of 13 ends. No trial ends. All scoring shots to count on the first and subsequent ends. Triples to play first.
- 5.Match points. Game won - 2 points. Game drawn -1point. Maximum 8 points per match.
- 6.Jack off the Mat. On all ends, except for the last, if the jack is driven off the mat the end shall be counted and two shots awarded to the opposing team. On the last end the end shall be played again no shots away.
- 7.Tied end counts as an end played, but with no score recorded.
- 8.The home team are to have choice of playing mats and their cards will be numbered accordingly.
- 9.The visiting team will give the home team captain their score cards face down on arrival, to be filled in and returned stating which mats the players will be playing on. At the conclusion of the match both Captains shall check and sign the results sheet. It is the responsibility of both Captains to ensure they are correct. All signed sheets will be taken as the correct result by the Fixture Secretary.
- 10.A minimum of 7 players can make up a team. Any player may play in 2 games. In the event of 9 players arriving to play, the opposing captain will draw a player from one of the triples. (SEE APPENDIX 1), If only 8 arrive, the opposing captain will draw one player from each of the triples, to make up the pairs games, those chosen must not play in the same positions or on the same mat as the triples game. They must also stay in the positions they are drawn for in the pairs for the entire game, and not change places with the other player. If a team comes with only 7 players, they, being the offending team, will forfeit the points for that triples game.

11. For all matches the home team should nominate a representative to act as Umpire if needed during the match before each set of games is played.

13. A sub-committee for disciplinary matters is available.

Arbiters from division 2 will consider the complaint for division 1 and division 1 arbiters will consider the complaint for division 2. The complainants, can if they wish, meet with the arbiters. Any complaint should in the first instance be reported to the chairman **VERBALLY AND IN WRITING** as soon as possible, who will then direct the complainant to the respective sub-committee. Their decision will be passed to the chairman who will report back to the complainant. Their decision will be final and passed to the respective complainants within 14 days.

Amendments in BOLD approved at the AGM on 24/04/14 to be implemented from the 2014/15 season

APPENDIX 1

Clarification of rule 11.

The team(s) that only has 9 players should submit score cards as per rule 9/10 with one name missing from one of the pairs. The opposing captain shall then draw a player from the opposite rink to that which the "short pair" has been drawn to play on.

i.e. if the missing player is on mat 1 it is chosen from triple on mat 2 or vice-versa

If only 8 arrive both pairs shall have one person selected from each triple.

In all cases the selected player(s) must not play on the same mat or the same position as they had played in the triples and they must also stay in the positions they are drawn in the pairs for the entire game, and not change places with the other player.