

# **FAZACKERLEY FURNISHINGS VETERANS**

## **BOWLING LEAGUE**

### **LEAGUE RULES [2024](#)**

1. Each team can register any number of players, the closing date for registrations will be decided at the A.G.M. The final date for registrations shall be 30<sup>th</sup> June. Any new players must be registered 7 days before they are allowed to play. A player may sign for any number of teams – But can only play for one. Any team playing an unregistered player shall have League Points deducted from each match that they play in. Should any team transgress this rule in a knock-out competition, they will be automatically eliminated from the competition and the match awarded to their opponents, regardless of total scores.

2. The League shall be formed by 2 Divisions. Each team will play all other teams in their Division at home and away. 2 pts for a home win, 3 pts for an away win, 2 pts for an away draw and 1 pt for a home draw.

3. The bottom two in Division One will be relegated. The top two in Division Two will be promoted. In the event of any team not completing their fixtures, their records shall be deleted from the League, any such team must seek re-election to the League and pay a fine of [£5](#).

4. Teams shall consist of 8 players. All games to be 21up, all players starting off scratch. The match decided by best aggregate score plus 1pt per winning block for each team.

5. All games should be played on the dates selected, starting at [1.00pm](#) or earlier if both captains agree. Standard jacks shall be used in all games; visitors to have first throw of the jack, except at matches on neutral greens, when each team shall have four jacks each, decided by the toss of a coin who shall have the first or second four.

6. The home team shall have exclusive use of the green in all League matches for 10 minutes starting 30 minutes before the match begins. The away team shall then have exclusive use of the green starting 15 minutes before the match begins. Home team players shall not practice while the away team is using the green and vice-versa with the exception of the away captain. All players may use the green prior to the 30-minute deadline. Match jacks shall not be used for practice by either team.

7. Match results must be forwarded to the League Secretary by the home team as soon as possible after each match. When a green is unfit for play, the home team shall notify their opponents as soon as possible before the starting time. Arrangements for any cancelled matches shall be made and the date reported to the Secretary within seven days.

8. All players must be registered with the British Crown Green Bowling Association and all clubs must be affiliated to the Lancashire Crown Green Bowling Association and the laws of the game will be strictly observed.

9. Any protests or disputes that can't be settled on the green, must then be reported to the League Secretary within four days of the alleged offence and must be in writing. The matter will then be dealt with by the Executive Committee at the earliest opportunity.

10. The Executive Committee, whose decision will be binding, will decide any matter not provided for in the bye-laws.

11. In the event of two or more teams having an equal number of points in their Division at the end of the season, their final position shall be decided on the best average difference between points for and points against, including any handicaps.

12. Individual Merit points shall be awarded as follows: - 2 pts for a home win and 3 pts for an away win. Walk-overs shall count as 21-0 Should two or more players finish with the same total of points; a play-off will be arranged to decide the outright winner.

13. The annual report and financial statement shall be submitted at the A.G.M. Notices of motion from the proposing clubs must be in the Secretary's possession at least [14 days](#) prior to the relevant A.G.M. For consideration by the delegates.

14. League Fees for the Season shall be decided at the A.G.M.

15. Entry Fees for the Individual Knock-out and the Pairs Knock-out shall be as follows: -Individual Knock-out £2 entrance fee per player. Pairs Knock-out £4 entrance fee per pair.

The management committee shall decide the closing date for both of these events.

Prize money will be paid to the winners, runners-up and semi-finalist only.

The draws will be made by the [Match Official](#) and an independent witness.

16. At all League matches – two markers, one from each team shall be appointed to keep the score for each game in progress. [They must sit one metre apart](#) and check with each other every three ends, if a dispute arises and the markers cannot agree the correct score, the game must be restarted from the point where both markers last agreed. The player winning the last agreed end shall have first throw of the jack.

[17.](#) Individual Knock-out, Pairs Knock-out and Player of the Season: - Practice in these events will not be allowed. All players receive 6 start at 21 up; Home green players start off 4. Starting time shall be [1.00pm \(scratch at 12.45pm\)](#). In the competition to decide the Player of the Season – the merit winner from each team in the League shall compete. Should the merit winner be unavailable then the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> best shall have the honour. Should all three be unavailable then that team will not have a representative for the competition. [Player of the Season for the Bottom Players will run on the same lines with the exception that players must have completed a minimum of four games in the season.](#)

[18.](#) The Handicap system will be reviewed every year at the A.G.M.

19. The minimum mark that can be set in the League is 19-metres. The maximum mark that can be set in the League is 36-metres. If a player considers that his opponent has sent the jack less than 19-metres or more than 36-metres and the first bowl has been delivered and come to rest, then he/she may ask for a measure.

20. Any Team captain may intervene and ask any player from either team to observe both the 19-metre and 36-metre rule if they consider that the rule is not being observed correctly. In Knock-out competitions the Match Official may intervene and ask players to observe both the 19-metre and the 36-metre rule.

21. Any Club with more than one team playing in the League in the preceding season will not be allowed to exchange more than two players from one team to the other for the following season.

22. Applications from any Team wishing to join the League must be in writing and be in the Secretary's possession 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

**9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**