

## **WESTON & DISTRICT LADIES LEAGUE RULES**

*(Inaugurated 1997 – Rules last amended at Annual Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024)*

**MEMBERS:** Clarence, Congresbury, Isle of Wedmore, Nailsea, Portishead, Victoria, West Backwell. Yatton (Maximum 8 Clubs.)

### **SUBSCRIPTION:**

*Agreed at AGM 2009.*

Five pounds (£5) per club annually, to be paid at Annual Meeting.  
New Clubs joining league pay £2.50 in first year towards 'Trophy Fund'.

**SECRETARY:** The post of Secretary has a 3-year term.

**TREASURER:** The post of Treasurer has a 3-year term.

*Agreed at AGM 2016.*

The post of Secretary/Treasurer will be carried out in rotation.

### **LEAGUE MATCHES:**

*Agreed at AGM 2003*

a. Match times to be flexible. New clubs joining must be willing to play evening matches and at weekends if required by teams already in League.

b. Matches to be 3 rinks of triples.

*Agreed at AGM 2005.*

c. Matches must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> August, with a concession to 7<sup>th</sup> September.

*Agreed at AGM Oct 2024.*

d. Matches must take place on the appointed date, except in exceptional circumstances eg Fear Cup, Southey Cup or Top Club fixtures or in the case of a Club funeral. In extreme weather conditions (high temperature, rain where the home green is deemed or likely to be deemed unplayable, high winds, hail or snow) then the home club can notify their opponents within 3 hours of the start time and re-arrange the fixture.

e. If any match is not played by 7<sup>th</sup> September, the offending club will receive 0 (zero) points and their opponent will receive 10 points for that match.

f. Rink cards to be randomly drawn at the start of the match.

g. Trial ends to be played.

h. A match to consist of 18 ends. Play to be continuous. Only bad weather constitutes a temporary pause.

i. Under bad weather conditions, 15 ends can constitute a match, providing **both Captains** agree **before** play starts. This decision is binding.

*Agreed at AGM 2008.*

j. If a match must be abandoned because the green becomes unplayable and 15 ends or more have been completed by all rinks, this constitutes a match. If less than 15 ends have been completed, the match must be resumed on another date at the position at which it was left off.

- Agreed at AGM 2008.*      **k.** If a full team of nine players does not arrive within 30 minutes of the appointed start time, the match is forfeit and 10 points are awarded to the opposition.
- Agreed at AGM 2013.*      **l.** If a player becomes ill or injured during a match and cannot continue to bowl, a substitute may play if there is one present. If not, then the 2 triples rinks can complete the match but the triples rink with only 2 players will forfeit their rink shots and points.
- Agreed at AGM Oct 2024.*      **m.** Dress to be whites for daytime matches and greys to be worn for evening matches or approved club uniform as registered with Somerset Bowls Association.
- Agreed at AGM 2015.*      **n.** Results to be agreed, recorded and signed for by **both Captains**, on the card provided by the **Home Captain**. The agreed results should be reported by the **Home Club** to the League Secretary within 24 hours, via email, telephone or text. The **Home Captain** is responsible for the completed cards which should be posted to the League Secretary after the 4<sup>th</sup> home match and immediately after the final home match is played. The League Table will be published every two weeks.
- Agreed at AGM 2016.*      **o.** Home Clubs should provide refreshment appropriate to the time of day.
- Agreed at AGM 2000.*      **p.** The winning club's Secretary chairs the following Annual Meeting, held at the League Secretary's club.
- Agreed at AGM 2011.*      **q.** Presentation Day to be hosted by clubs in rotation.

#### **POINTS SYSTEM:**

- 2 points for each winning rink.
- 1 point for a drawn rink.
- 4 points for an overall win (on total shots).
- If total shots are equal, overall win points to be divided: 2 – 2. Rink points as above.
- Maximum 10 points per match.

#### **LEAGUE POSITION:** Will be determined by

*Agreed at AGM 2016*

- The greater total number of points scored and, if equal, then by
- The greater shot difference and, if equal, then by
- The fewer shots conceded and, if equal, then by
- The greater number of games won