

NWS LEAGUE RULES 2021

1 League

- (a) There will be four leagues: men's single rink, a men's double rink, a ladies single rink and a mixed rink.
- (b) A list of fixtures will be drawn up by the relevant league secretaries and copies sent to the delegate or nominated team captain.
- (c) The mixed rinks shall consist of a minimum of 1 lady and 1 man.

2 Start Times

All matches should start by 6.00 pm. If the green is closed by a third-party use rule 3(d). If any team fails to arrive 30 minutes after the start time the defaulting team shall forfeit all points.

By mutual agreement between both clubs the start time can be brought forward to any time during that day. If there is no such agreement the start time is 6.00 pm

3 Postponed League Matches

League matches may be postponed under the following circumstances:

- (a) Due to weather or condition of the green becoming unplayable or green closed by green keeper.
- (b) In the event of the greens of both teams being fully booked with county competitions.
- (c) By agreement of both sides, but to be arranged within 21 days and not necessarily on the designated night and within 7 days of the last match of the season.
- (d) Weather prevents game being concluded, then a new date and game needs to be arranged (scores are not carried over), unless 11 ends or more have been played, the score will stand and the game deemed to have been played in full.
- (e) Any team failing to carry out its engagement shall forfeit the points and the opposing team shall receive the points and 10 shots.
- (f) Any team arriving with only 3 players may play the game with the lead and second using 3 bowls and the skip 2 bowls, but will lose 25% of all shots they have scored. In the double rink a minimum of 3 players per rink are required.

4 League Tables

- (a) Single rink positions shall be determined by 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw.
- (b) Double rink position shall be determined by 2 points for an overall win plus 1 point for each winning rink and half a point for a tied rink.
- (c) The ladies area winners to play a final on competition finals day to decide the overall league winners. Teams playing on finals day dress code is: Coloured shirts, trousers, pullovers, cardigans, and jackets, in club colours, may be worn for NWSBA finals day providing the apparel has been registered with the County. If coloured club clothing is worn, all members of the team or side must wear the same colour and design. If this is not possible all the members of the team must wear white.

- (d) In the event of a tie for the men's and mixed divisions at the end of the season when both teams are equal on points, shot difference will be used.
- (e) Where points and shot difference are equal the two teams shall play a deciding game on a neutral green to be nominated by the committee.

5 Results

- (a) The scorecards for the men's and mixed league matches shall be signed and the results emailed by the winner (or home team if a draw) to the relevant league secretary no later than 24 hours after the game. Any match postponed or cancelled; the home team shall inform the league secretary within 24 hours.
- (b) All ladies league games must be played by the Tuesday before Finals Day.

6 Players

- (a) Only bona fide members of an elected club shall take part in any match and can play in any league.
- (b) Any club with more than one team in a league must ensure that players only play in one of these teams. Any club found in breach of this rule will face penalties.
- (c) Can only play for one club in any one season.
- (d) In the ladies league each team may only have one player who has played for any county in the Johns Trophy or Walker cup during the previous five seasons.

7 Dress

All league fixtures to be played in club colours or greys except the final of the ladies league Please see 4 (c).

8 Breach of Rules

In all matters appertaining to the association, it is expected all clubs and members shall comply with the constitution and rules of this association.

9 Clubs Withdrawing

Any club wishing to withdraw from a league shall inform the relevant secretary not later than 31 March before the start of the season.

Rules Changes

Added after AGM held 13 January 2019 under section 4C.

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