

AGE CONCERN BOWLS LEAGUE COSTITUTION AND RULES 2023

- 1) The bowls competitions are open to all clubs. Members must be aged over 55
- 2) The Committee will be appointed at the AGM which will be held in February or March each year where all participating clubs will be invited to attend.
- 3) The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, League Secretary and any other nominees but shall consist of no more than six persons
- 4) The Committee will be responsible for the overall running of the league and all competitions organised under the Age Concern heading.
- 5) Every team will make their own fixtures ensuring all are completed one week before the Final Play-offs. Fixtures should be Emailed to the League Secretary by the 1st of March so fixture lists can be Emailed back to clubs by the 1st April. As far as possible all matches are to be played on these dates, matches can be cancelled by mutual agreement between the clubs, notifying the League Secretary with the change of date within 7 days. All possible efforts should be made to arrange an alternative date but if this proves impossible then the team unable to fulfil the original fixture shall forfeit the match and concede the points.
- 6) A Club may enter more than one team but club members have to be registered for, and only play for one team. As far as possible teams from the same club will be placed in separate leagues.
- 7) A team will be comprised of six players. All men, all women and any mixture of genders is acceptable. They must be members of the club. An entry fee for each team will be decided at the AGM. The named members of each team in clubs that have entered more than one team must be registered with the League Secretary 48 hrs before that clubs first game. Players may be “transferred” to another club provided they have not previously represented another club. Playing an unregistered player will result in the forfeiture of six points.
- 8) League matches and all cup matches will be played in accordance with the current Norfolk Federation rules. Cot in the ditch within the confines of the rink

is live, all bowls in ditch are dead, minimum cot length is **19 metres**. All games will consist of 16 live ends, 3 woods for each player. Only woods within 2 metres of the cot to count. In the event of a dead end, the end shall be replayed. In the event of an episode. i.e. weather, that causes an early termination of the game, a game will be considered completed if both rinks have completed 12 or more ends.

9) Immediately after each match the result should be sent to the League Secretary who will compile and keep up to date the League tables.

10) On the completion of fixtures the League Secretary will forward the final tables to all clubs. The winners will take part in the League Play-offs. The Play-offs will be arranged on an American Tournament basis and if necessary in two or more sections. The games will be played in accordance with rule 8 except that the number of ends will be 10. The games will be played on one green, central to the participating teams. Winners will receive the Clifford King Cup and the runners-up the John Cowell cup. The trophies to be held for one year and must be returned to the Committee in good time for the following years final.

11) The KO cup will not be zoned; it will be played in accordance with the rules in paragraph 8. Each round must be played by the dates set by the cup organiser. The home side should arrange the match giving their opponents a choice of at least 3 dates. A coin toss before the game should decide the rink to play an extra end in the result of a tie.

12) Other competitions may be arranged by the Committee during the year. Details of these will be circulated to the clubs before the beginning of the season and entries will be accepted in date order.

13) Any problem/dispute arising during the season will be dealt with by the League Secretary. If he/she cannot settle the matter he/she will refer it to the full Committee who have overall responsibility for the smooth running of all bowls matters.

14) Greens are expected to be in a reasonable condition. The League Secretary should be consulted if any problems arise.