

Tuesday Trios Ten Pin Bowling League- Constitution

This constitution is valid for the season 2013 – 14

1 Committee

1.1 Committee Makeup

The Committee will be made up of the following

- League President
- League Secretary
- League Treasurer

Candidates to be elected to these posts at the start of season meeting. No two members of an immediate family to hold both president & treasurer roles, nor may they co-sign for withdrawals from the league account.

1.2 Committee Responsibilities

1.2.1 League President

To preside at all meetings of the league. Ensure that a bank account is setup in a recognised banking institution for the league.

1.2.2 League Secretary

To ensure that the league is setup on the computer system for start of season. Distribute league schedule to teams. Provide score sheets for the weeks bowling and input to scoring afterwards to ensure that up to date standings are available in the bowl.

1.2.3 League Treasurer

To ensure that lineage is paid to the bowl every week, with the remaining being deposited in the bank. Provide details of the prize list to team captains within 5 weeks of the start of the league. Produce a final statement of the account showing all income, interest or other revenue from deposited or invested money.

2 Teams

2.1 Team Makeup

All teams to have a minimum of three registered players although any number of players can be registered for a team.

Each team will nominate a captain, whose responsibilities are listed below

2.1.1 Player Registration

Players should be registered at the start of season meeting. Additional players can be registered as needed via the league secretary or the bowl, this needs to be completed by 7pm on the night at the latest.

No new players can be registered in the last six weeks of the season, although players can play their first match in the period providing they have been registered.

2.2 Team Captain

The team captain will be responsible for ensuring that a full team is fielded each week; all monies as detailed below are paid promptly to the league treasurer and completed score sheets to the league secretary.

To ensure the league secretary has correct contact details.

2.3 Substitutes

If a team is not able to field a full team of three players then they may use a player from other teams, however these may not be from the opposing team.

Substitutes may not be used in the last three weeks of the season or in position rounds.

Note a minimum of 2 peoples must be fielded to constitute a full team, i.e. only one blind score (172) may be used.

2.4 Practice

If any player wants to practice before the league, then they should not practice on the lanes they are due to play on. It is the responsibility of the bowler to check which lane they are due to play on.

3 League Season

3.1 League Times & Dates

The league is to be played on Tuesday Nights commencing at **19:15 (Practice to be from 7.05) Prompt**. Teams should endeavour to arrive ten minutes early to allow prompt start

The season will start on the 22nd October and run for 30 weeks, each team will play each other at least X times, finishing on 3rd June 2014.

There will be no bowling on the 24th & 31st December 2013, 22nd April 2014 (Christmas & Easter)

3.2 Costs

Teams will pay £36 each week. This is made up of £28.35 lineage to the bowling alley and £7.65 to the prize fund. This is to be paid even if the team cannot field a full team. **This is to be paid before the end of the first game.**

3.3 Rearranged Matches

If a team cannot bowl on any week they must give the secretary seven days notice of their intention, this enables the individual captains to discuss and rearrange the match. For which they are responsible for.

All re-arranged matches must be played within the current round. If the match is not played within this time, 8 points will be awarded to the opposition team. Re-arranged games are at the convenience of the opposing team where possible but the secretary/committee will make the ultimate decision if the teams cannot agree on a date and time. All re-arranged matches must be played by both teams at the same time on one set of lanes and must be paid for on or before the day they were originally scheduled. All three games are to be played together, at the same time.

No matches to be rearranged in the last three weeks of the season.

3.4 Blind Matches

Should there be an odd number of teams in the league then the team who is scheduled to play the blind team will not play and be awarded 8 points.

3.5 Late Players

If a player is late, they may join a game provided that no more than five frames have been played. If more than five frames have elapsed, they may join the match from the start of the next game and scores for the previous game(s) will be those of the player(s) who have actually bowled. A blind score is not allowed in these circumstances.

3.6 Matters Beyond Reasonable Control

In the event of a significant event such as snow that makes travel hazardous then the committee may decide to postpone bowling, all team captains will be notified in this event.

The committee may also decide to delay the start of a meeting if there are issues getting to the bowl.

3.7 Prompt Bowling

Players should ensure that they are ready to bowl their turn, i.e. no smoking breaks, to allow lanes to be returned promptly.

Also we need to finish by 9pm at the latest due to student bowling starting at that time.

4 Handicap

The league will operate as a handicapped league. All match points will be calculated on handicap pin fall.

4.1 Calculation

A player's handicap will be calculated as 80% of the difference between their average score and 225.

If a player has an eligible handicap as per 4.2 then this will be used for their first three matches of the season. After which their handicap will be based on their current average.

If a player doesn't have a handicap as detailed below, then their handicap will be calculated after the first three games and applied for that match.

4.2 Entering Handicaps

If a player has played previously in the league then this average will be used provided that it is over 18 games.

Otherwise a player's highest league average shall be used, again providing it is calculated over 18 games.

If this does not exist then a composite average may be used.

If no such average above exists then the player's first match shall be used to calculate their handicap as stated above in 4.1.

5 Disputes

Any disputes should be referred to a committee member who will attempt to resolve using this constitution or by the BTBA rule book if not covered.

Any issues that arise maybe referred to a meeting of team captains.

6 Prizes

The league will operate a money league. Prizes will be awarded in the categories as shown below.

6.1 Eligibility

A player must have played in a minimum of 50% of the matches to win any of the individual prizes.

Players may only win in one category only with the exception of most improved bowler, the order of preference is in the order stated below.

6.2 Categories

- 1) High Average Male/Female
- 2) High Handicapped Game Male/Female
- 3) High Handicapped Series Male/Female
- 4) Most Improved Bowler

6.3 Team Prizes

Prizes will be paid to teams based on their finishing position in the league. These are calculated on a share basis, such that if there are 10 teams in the league then 1st place would get 10 shares, 2nd 9 shares and so on down to 10th with 1 share.

7 Bowling

7.1 Lane etiquette

Remember to give way to the bowler on the right, unless the player on the left is in the 10th frame.

7.2 Dead Ball

A dead ball shall be declared if any of the following occur, in which case the ball will not count and pins reset.

- 1) If after the player delivers his ball and attention is immediately called to the fact that one or more pins were missing from the setup
- 2) When a player bowls on the wrong lane or out of turn
- 3) When the player's ball comes in contact with any foreign obstacle.
- 4) When any pins at which he is bowling are moved or knocked down in any manner as the player is delivering the ball and before the ball reaches the pins.

7.3 Missing pins

If the pin setter fails pick up and replace the pins after the first shot then the mechanic should be informed to respot the required pin(s)

8 Changes to the constitution

Any changes to this constitution will be discussed and voted on at a meeting that will be called as and when necessary.