

Tuesday Trios Ten Pin Bowling League- Constitution

1. Teams will consist of three players. Any number of players may be registered for each team. Each team will nominate a captain. It is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that three people are available to play each week.
2. Matches will consist of three games. Matches are played on a Tuesday night commencing at 19:15. Teams should endeavour to arrive at least ten minutes before this time to allow matches to begin punctually.
3. The season will be played over 30 weeks with teams playing each other at least 2 times. The winter season starts on 8th September 2009 and finishes on 20th April 2010 (There will be no bowling on 22nd & 29th December 2009, & 6th April 2010)
4. Teams will pay £36 each week. This is made up of £28.35 (£9.45 each) lineage to the bowling alley and £7.65 (£2.55 each) to the prize fund.
5. Each team will be contracted to pay the full £36 every week of the bowling season (other than those dates when no bowling is scheduled). Teams who do not turn up for the match will be liable for the full £36. If a team cannot bowl on any week, they must give the secretary seven days notice of their intention not to bowl. The individual team captains will be responsible for re-arranging the match with their opposition. 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 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.
6. No matches to be rearranged in the last 3 weeks of the season.
7. The league will be fully handicapped. Handicaps will be calculated as 80 of the difference between players' average scores and 210. Players will play with their entering handicap until they have played nine games when their handicap will be recalculated. New players with no entering average will have their handicap calculated after playing three games.
8. If a team is unable to field three players they may enter a blind score. This will be a total of 160 pins. There must be a minimum of two players to constitute a team i.e. only one blind score is allowed. The team must still pay the full £36.
9. 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.
10. Following the introduction of the smoking ban, all three games to be played without break for cigarettes. This enables lanes to be returned promptly for open play/ other leagues.
11. Any team that is short of bowlers may call upon any other league member who is willing to bowl for them as a substitute. Bowlers may not substitute in a team where the fixture is against their own team, although they may play as a pacer. Teams will not be able to use a substitute bowler in any position round matches or on the last match of the season. No new players may be registered in the last six weeks of the season.
12. If there are an odd number of teams, the team playing the blind will not bowl that week.
13. Bowlers wishing to have practice games before the league must not play on the lanes that they are scheduled play on. It is the responsibility of the bowler to check which lane they are due to play on.
13. The league will operate as a money league. Prizes will be awarded in the categories shown in Annexe A. Players must have played at least 50 of the matches to win any of the individual prizes. Players may win an individual prize in one category only. The order of precedence is:
High Average; High Handicapped Series; High Handicapped Game
A player will still be eligible to win most improved bowler
14. Any team wishing to register a new bowler must do so at the control desk by 7pm on the day of bowling at the latest.
15. Any disputes which cannot be resolved by referring to this constitution will be referred to the BTBA rule book. Disputes will be overseen by a member of the committee.
16. Any changes to this constitution will be discussed and voted on at a meeting that will be called as and when necessary.

Annexe A

High Average Male/ Female

High Handicapped Game Male / Female

High Handicapped Series Male / Female

Most improved bowler

Team Position Prizes – each team will receive a share of the remaining prize fund in proportion to their finishing position

Players must have played at least 50% of the matches to win an individual prize.

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