

MONTGOMERYSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

COMPETITIONS AND RULES APPERTAINING TO SAME

Inter County Championship

A selection sub-committee consisting of a Team Manager and two Selectors shall be elected bi-annually to select County Teams and any other selections relating to Welsh Bowling Association requests.

The committee shall have power to co-opt members.

The selection committee shall on an annual basis, elect a Captain and Vice Captain to officiate on the field of play at all County Matches.

A player selected to represent the County in County Championship or County friendly matches (other than the County Tour) shall be entitled to wear the County badge after one such game. A player selected to represent the County in County Championship matches and Veteran championship games shall be entitled to wear a Championship or Veterans Championship flash after 6 Full County Championship games.

County Games must take priority over club games if a player is selected to represent the County.

Fees for County Matches will be fixed annually.

National Championship

Any player or players who has or have won a County Competition and does not go forward to represent the County in the National Championships in that competition during the same year, will be automatically banned from the Competition that they failed to represent the County in for a period of twelve months. They will be allowed to enter other County Competitions.

Any appeal arising will be considered by the Executive Committee, and their decision shall be final.

Any player who qualifies for a county final but fails to compete in that final will not be permitted to compete in any county competition for the following year (due consideration will be given in case of exceptional circumstances). Flagrant breach of Competition rules will result in a minimum ban of two years (subject to appeal).

Welsh Bowling Association Trials

The responsibility for selecting representatives to attend W.B.A. trials shall be delegated to the county selection committee.

Carruthers Shield Competition

This competition to be organised annually and played in accordance with W.B.A. Rules, together with conditions and directives as laid down by that authority.

Rules for County League

1. This competition is open to all affiliated clubs in the Association.
2. The Association may admit more than one team from the same club.
3. Club Secretaries must provide a list of players registered with their team/s prior to the commencement of the season. Members joining clubs after the commencement of the season may be added to a team and will be eligible to play for that team, providing their name has been registered with the County Secretary, prior to the game.

4. No player can play for more than one team in the County League in the same season, unless their Team has withdrawn from the League.
5. Any team playing ineligible players will forfeit the points gained in the games in which the ineligible player appeared.
6. League fixtures will take place on a Thursday night in accordance with the fixture list. In the event of a team not fulfilling a fixture for any reason other than because of inclement weather, the team cancelling the fixture will be deducted three points and the match shall be subsequently played on the normal basis. (as Rule 10).
7. Each team will consist of four rinks of four registered players. Lesser numbers may participate in accordance with the National Rules.
8. The Rules of the League will be administered by the Match/Competition Secretary plus any two Officers of the Association.
9. Members of the clubs in disagreement with the rulings given by the Officers of the Association for all matters under dispute may appeal against the decision and that appeal will be heard by the Executive Committee.
10. The points for the County League are awarded as follows:-
 - a. One point for each winning rink.
 - b. One half point for each drawn rink.
 - c. Three points for the Team with the highest aggregate score over the four rinks.
 - d. In the event of a tie on the aggregate score, each team will receive one and a half points.
11. The County League will be divided into a first and second division with the winner of the second division gaining promotion to the first division, and the bottom team of the first division being relegated to the second division.
12. The winners of the two divisions will be the team with the highest number of points. In the event of a tie on points shot difference will be taken into account. In the event of a tie on points at the bottom of the first division shots difference will be taken into account to decide which team is relegated.

Winners of the two divisions will be entitled to hold their respective League Shields for a period of twelve months and players of the team will receive replicas (twenty) provided by the Association.
13. Dress for County League, League Cup and Carruthers Shield Matches will comprise of Grey Trousers, White Shirt and Club Sweaters or matching coloured tops. Footwear and Shorts will be in accordance with National Rules.
14. Games postponed as a result of inclement weather must be rearranged before the last day of the Official League Programme. In the event of a dispute the Match/Competition Secretary plus any Two Officers of the Association have full powers to resolve the position.

Failure by a Team/Teams to fulfil a fixture on any re-arranged dates agreed with the Match/Competition Secretary plus any Two Officers of the Association, will result in the offending Team/Teams being penalised by the deduction of maximum game points from each game unfulfilled from the cumulative points total of the following season. In addition that team will also be liable for the Match fees for both teams in the unfulfilled game.
15. That all players transferring from one League club to another, without a change of domicile or change in personal circumstances will not be permitted to play in the County League and League Cup in the season following the transfer without prior agreement of the Executive Committee. For the purpose of the application of this rule,

players having membership of more than one club will be deemed to be members of the club they represented in the league at the end of the previous season.

All applications for transfer of membership should be submitted in writing to the County Secretary by 31st October each year.

16. Each club can set their direction of play to suit the conditions of the green.

League Cup

1. The rules regarding eligibility of teams and players are the same as for the County League.
2. The League Cup will be played as a knockout competition with a biennial reversible draw for the first games. The winning Teams will then be re-entered into a draw for all subsequent rounds up to the final. The home Team will be decided by the first out of the hat at the time the draw is made.
3. The winning team will be the one having the highest aggregate score.
4. That the League Cup matches be played on a Wednesday night, in accordance with the fixture list. These may be varied with prior agreement of both teams, but games must in all cases be completed by the official fixture dates. Where games are cancelled as a result of inclement weather, the rearranged matches shall be played in the order of the draw wherever this is practical. Games cancelled as a result of inclement weather may be rearranged on a mutually convenient date prior to the next round.
5. In the event of a team not fulfilling a fixture by the official dates for completion of the round for any reason other than inclement weather, this will result in the team being disqualified from the competition. Failure to rearrange matches postponed as a result of inclement weather, prior to the date of the first leg of the next round will result in disqualification of both teams from the competition. (subject to appeal).
6. Decisions on the interpretation of the rules regarding the League Cup will be taken by the Match/Competition Secretary plus any two Officers of the Association.
7. In the event that the aggregate score been equal, then an extra end or ends shall be played until one side shall have obtained a majority of shots.
8. Each club can set their direction of play to suit the conditions of the green.
9. The Executive Committee will decide the venue for the League Cup Final.

County Competitions

1. The number and nature of the competitions organised by the County will be agreed annually at the Annual General Meeting. WBA rulings will apply.
2. All players, including the substitute, entering the pairs, triples and fours must be members of the same club. Players with dual membership who have elected to play for a club in the County League should enter the County competitions with members from the same club they represent in the County League.
3. No substitute is permitted in a singles event but one nominated substitute is permitted per pair, triple or rink. In the case of Mixed Pairs two substitutes will be allowed (1 Female & 1 Male) but they will not be allowed to play as a pair.
4. Written entries for all competitions are to be in the hands of the and Match/Competition Secretary by the appropriate date, together with entry fee/s. At the conclusion of the first match of the competition, the score card (signed by both Skips) with the names of each of the players of both teams must be returned to the Match/Competition Secretary by the winners. The score card must be available for scrutiny during the competition. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification. Reserves only need to be named on result cards if and when used.

5. County Competitions will be an Open Draw.
6. While the Association expects competitors to regard the appointed days as fixed, it offers no objection to any competitor mutually agreeing to a more suitable day prior to the official date. Singles players on International/National duty can apply for special dispensation subject to prior notification of the Competition Secretary plus any two officials of the Association.
7. Competitions should commence at 6.30 p.m. If an opponent has not put in an appearance within 15 minutes a competitor is entitled to claim the game.
8. Disputes and queries relating to County Competitions should be referred to the County Secretary, who in conjunction with the Match/Competition Secretary and two Officers of the Association will make decisions on behalf of the Association. Officers of the Association have the authority to disqualify players for non-compliance with the competition rules. Players dissatisfied with decisions shall have the right of appeal to the Executive Committee.
9. Competitors will ensure that the Bowls Stickers appropriate to their club are used in all competitions.
10. All games up to the Final to be played in Grey trousers, white shirt, Club sweater or coloured top. Footwear in accordance with National Rules.
11. Replicas will be provided for each competition.
12. The Executive Committee will decide the venues for all County Finals.
13. A Champion of Champions singles competition will be held annually, and will comprise of Club Champions only from the previous year. Entries to be received by May 1st.

Mixed League

1. Each team will consist of four rinks of 3-wood triples who are registered Club members; less numbers may participate in accordance with National Rules.
2. Each team must consist of a minimum of three players of either sex, at least one of whom must play in each triple.
3. League fixtures will take place on a Friday evening in accordance with the fixture list. In the event of inclement weather the game may be re-arranged on any convenient evening prior to the end of the league program, or must be played on the first Friday after the end of the league program if agreement cannot be reached.
4. Games will start at 6.30pm and comprise of fifteen ends, with a maximum of one shot on the first two ends.
5. The points for the league are awarded as follows:-
 - a. One points for each winning rink.
 - b. Three points for the overall win.
 - c. In the event of a tied rink or overall score, half points will be awarded.
6. League fixtures may be re-arranged due to extenuating circumstances with prior agreement of the Clubs concerned.
7. Dress will comprise of Grey Trousers/Skirts, White tops and Club sweaters or matching coloured tops. Footwear will be in accordance with National Rules.
8. Direction of play will be left to the discretion of the home club.
9. In the event of inclement weather causing the abandonment of a game, the result will only stand if ten ends have been completed by all three rinks, otherwise the game will have to be completed in accordance with National Rules.
10. The winner of the league will be entitled to hold the league trophy for a period of twelve months and will be presented with a replica to retain.
11. Entry fee will be £10 per team.

12. The rules of the league will be administered by the Match/Competition Secretary and two Officers of the Association.

Code of Conduct for Players and Officials

1. The jurisdiction of the Montgomeryshire County Bowling Association with regard to complaints under the Code of Conduct shall extend to all County Championship matches, County Friendly matches, County Competitions and all events organised under the auspices of the Montgomeryshire County Bowling Association or the Welsh Bowling Association.
2. For any conduct, which in the opinion of the Executive Committee is prejudicial to the interests of the Association or the game, or which may bring the Association, Club or the game into disrepute, the Executive Committee shall have powers to deal with the matter as they see fit.
3. Before the Executive Committee shall make a decision regarding a complaint under the Code of Conduct, the club or player against whom allegations regarding conduct have been made shall have the right to attend a hearing at which the matter will be discussed. The Honorary Secretary shall give the Executive Committee and the club or the player against whom allegations have been made at least seven days written notice of the time and date of the hearing which will be conducted in accordance with the agreed procedures of the Association.
4. In all instances the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.