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MIDWEEK TRIPLES LEAGUE RULES

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All Changes are in Red)

Midweek Triples League Rules

Revision Information

Approval Date	Amendments
07/01/2014	The following amendments were approved at the 2014 AGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perennial Trophies no longer awarded, Plaques instead. • Clubs can now enter more than 2 teams.
13/01/2015	The following amendments were approved at the 2015 AGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of the Penalty for playing a Non-Registered Player. • Clarification of when the Home Club should inform their Opponent that their green is Closed due to Adverse Weather. • Clarification that Electronic copies of score cards are acceptable. • Clarification that Both Legs of the Play Off Finals are to be played in Whites.
10/01/2017	The following amendments were approved at the 2017 AGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification on Postponing a game. • Clarification of when Midweek League Secretary MUST be Informed of the match result. • Clarification of when Midweek League Secretary MUST Receive Match Score Cards. • Clarification that the Names on BOTH sets of Score Cards are the same.
09/01/2018	The following amendments were approved at the 2018 AGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification that Scorecards have to be received within 4 Working Days. • Clarification on Players Attire and the Bowls they can use.
16/01/2020	The following amendments were approved at the 2020 AGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification on the use of Substitutes. • Clarification with regards to Abandoned Games.
13/01/2022	The following amendments were made following the 2022 AGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The replacement of the Combination MWT Leage with extra Divisions in the District East & West Leagues. • Clarification about when Clubs have to inform the MWT Secretary of a change to their Home Play Day. • Clarification on How & When the Winners of the Town & District Sections would be achieved. • Clarification on who would be receiving Trophies.
26/01/2023	The following amendments were approved at the 2023 AGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Shots awarded in the event of a Side NOT be able to field a Full Triple Decreased to 5 (instead of 10) • The Penalties for a Side Conceding a Game were amended.
08/02/2024	The following amendment was approved at the 2024 AGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change to Time Match Result had to be Reported
30/01/2025	The following amendments were approved at the 2025 AGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule 3.1: Renaming of MWT Divisions • Rule 11.1: Reasons for Postponing a Game in Line with League Rules • Removing Old Rule 14 which covered Section Champions • Rule 15: Update on how Trophies are Awarded

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Midweek Triples League Rules

1 League Management

- 1.1 The Entire Control of the Midweek Triples League shall be Vested in the Management Committee of the Portsmouth & District Bowling Association (P&D).
- 1.2 Entry to the League is Open to ALL Clubs Affiliated to the P&D.

2 Joining or Withdrawing from the League

- 2.1 Applications to Enter the League MUST Be Forwarded to the P&D Mid-Week League Secretary Not Later than the 31st October Each Season.
- 2.2 Applications to Withdraw a Side MUST be Notified to the Mid-Week League Secretary at the Conclusion of the Current Season.

3 League Composition

3.1 The Midweek Triples League consists of:

- 3.1.1 **City Blue & Red Divisions**
- 3.1.2 **One (1) or More East Divisions**
- 3.1.3 **One (1) or More West Divisions**
- 3.2 For those Clubs who have Entered MORE than 1 Side in the Midweek League, a Player is NOT Allowed to Play Skip in Different Sides.
 - 3.2.1 **The Penalty** for Infringing this Rule is the **Deduction Of 6(Six) Points** from their total for that season.

4 Divisional Composition

No Division Shall Consist of More Than 10 Sides, Playing one "Home" or "Away" Afternoon Match Per Week, throughout the Bowling Season.

5 League Fixtures

- 5.1 Competing Clubs MUST Nominate their Day (or Days) of the Week, for the playing of Home Fixtures, which can either be Monday, Tuesday Wednesday or Thursday.
- 5.2 Any Club Wishing to Alter their Nominated Day(s) for the Following Season **MUST** Inform the Midweek League Secretary by 1st December of Current Season.
- 5.3 Fixtures will be Arranged by the Midweek League Secretary.
- 5.4 The Start Time for a Match shall be No Later than 2.00pm.
 - 5.4.1 **NOTE:** The Start Time May Be Brought Forward by Mutual Consent.
- 5.5 Each Match will Consist of 18 Ends and, as per P & D League Rules, Reciprocal Green Fee Arrangements MUST Be Approved.

6 Side Format

- 6.1 A Side Consists of 9 Players who Play as 3 Triples.

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6.2 Every Player MUST be a Bona-Fide Member of the Club for Whom he Plays AND be Registered to Play in any P&D Run Competition (i.e. a Capitation Fee Paid).

6.2.1 **The Penalty** for Playing a Non-Registered Player is the **Deduction of 6(Six) Points** from their total for that season.

7 Match Points

Points are awarded as follows:

- 2 Points for Each Winning Triple;
- 6 Points to the Side having the Highest Aggregate Shots at the End of the Match;
- 1 Point Each for Drawn Triples; 3 Points Each for Tied Aggregate Shots.

8 Playing Rules

8.1 All Games Shall Be Played in Accordance with the Current Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Adopted by World Bowls, the Bowls England (BE) Variations (Bowls Laws).

8.1.1 **NOTE:** There are Local P&D Amendments to these Bowls Laws which are shown in the Rules that follow. (see Rule 11.4 Restarting Abandoned Matches)

8.2 In the Event of a Side Arriving to Play a MWT Match with Less Than 9 Players, they Shall Forfeit 2 Rink Points, and have **5 shots** Recorded Against Them.

8.3 It is NOT Permissible for a MWT Match to be Played with Less than 6 Players in Any One Side.

8.4 ALL Members of a Midweek Triples League Side MUST Ensure that the Bowls they Use and their Dress Code are in Accordance with P&D League Rules 13.3 - Player Regulations.

8.5 Player Substitution:

8.5.1 If a Player has to Leave the Green During the Game Due to Illness Or Some Other Reasonable Cause and They Cannot Return within 10 Minutes, then, if Both Skips Agree or, if Not, Both Side Captains Agree, a Player Substitution Can Be Made.

8.5.2 The Substitute MUST Play In Any Position Other than Skip, and the Other Members of the Triple can Rearrange Their Positions as Necessary (as per Bowls Law 33.4).

8.5.3 The Name of the Substitute MUST be Shown On Both Scorecards.

8.5.4 If an Eligible Substitute is Not Available, then their Opponents will be Awarded Either a **5-0 win**, Or the Score at the Point the Player Left the Game, Whichever is Greater.

8.5.5 **NOTE:** If it comes to the Attention of the Midweek Secretary that this Has Been Broken, then He Will call a Council In Appeals Meeting to Adjudicate On The Matter.

8.6 Conceding Matches

8.6.1 If a Side Concedes a Game to their Opponent because they CANNOT Field The Minimum Number Of Players Permissible (as set out in Rule 8.3), then the Following Match Result will Apply:

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8.6.1.1 The Side who have received the Concession will be awarded:

- A 15 Shots to Zero Victory;
- 8 Match Points.

8.6.1.2 The Side who have conceded the game will receive:

- A Deduction of 4 Match Points.

8.6.2 i.e. Match Points will be 8 for the "Winner"; Minus 4 for the "Loser".

8.6.3 NOTE: Either Side does have the Right Of Appeal to the Council In Appeals Committee.

9 Score Card Responsibilities

9.1 After the Rinks have been Drawn and the Names of Each Side have been Entered, Both Side Captains MUST Ensure that the Names on ALL the Cards are the Same on BOTH Sets of Cards Before the Games Commences, as per Bowls Law 40.1.7.1.

9.1.1 **The Penalty** for Failing To Do So is the **Deduction of 4 (Four) Points from Both Sides.**

9.2 The Skip of Each Triple is Responsible for Keeping the Score.

- **NOTE:** This CANNOT Be Delegated.

9.3 During the Game, they MUST Ensure their Card and their Opponents Match.

9.4 At the End of Their Match, Each Skip MUST Ensure that Both Cards Show the Same Result and then Sign Both Cards, thereby showing they have performed this check. They MUST also Record the Time the Game finished on their Card. (As per Bowls Law 40.1.7.5).

9.5 Finally, once ALL Score Cards have been Completed and Signed, it is the Responsibility of Each Side Captain to Ensure that they Agree the Results of the Match in Terms of Rink Scores, Total Score and Match Points.

9.5.1 **The Penalty** for Failing To Do So is the **Deduction of 1 (One) Point for Each Incorrect Scorecard from Both Sides.**

10 Adverse Weather

10.1 In the Event of Bad or Poor Weather, the Home Club should Check their Green and/or Weather Forecast by Noon on the Match Day and make a Decision on Playing Or Not as the Case May Be and to then Inform Their Opposing Side Captain if the Game is to be Postponed.

10.2 This Deadline is to Give Both Captains Sufficient Time to inform their players that the Match Has Been Postponed, thereby preventing unnecessary travel.

11 Match Postponements/Abandonments

11.1 Postponing A Match

11.1.1 **Once the Season has Started, Games can ONLY be Postponed under the following Conditions:**

11.1.1.1 An Unfit Green

11.1.1.2 A National Club Competition

- **In this Case, the Match MUST BE Against a Non P&D Club.**

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- **They MUST also Inform the Midweek League Secretary of their Need to Postpone for this Reason.**

11.1.2 If a Club wishes to Postpone a Game for Any Other Reason, they MUST First get the Agreement of the Midweek League Secretary.

11.1.2.1 NOTE: In the Event that the Midweek League Secretary is a Member of the Club Requesting the Postponement, then the Matter HAS to be passed to the Competition Committee.

11.1.3 ONLY on His/Their Say So can the Match then be Postponed.

11.2 Abandoned Matches

An Abandoned Match is one that has started and at Least One End has been Completed on each Triple when the Decision is made by Both Captains that the Weather now makes the Game Unsafe for ALL Bowlers.

11.2.1 If Not All Triples have Completed the 1st End at the Time of Abandonment, then the Match is Deemed Postponed

11.2.2 When the match is Re-Arranged, it each Triple will Restart at the End following the One that had been Completed when the Match had been Abandoned

11.2.2.1 e.g.:

- Triple A had played 5 Complete Ends, thus Restart at End 6
- Triple B had played 4 Complete Ends, thus Restart at End 5
- Etc.

11.2.3 The Signed Scorecards for Abandoned Matches MUST be Forwarded to the Midweek Secretary, with Copies kept by Both Sides which are then Used for the Continuation of the Match.

11.3 Home Side Responsibilities

In the event of a Match being either Postponed or Abandoned Due to Weather Conditions, it is the Responsibility of the HOME Side to:

11.3.1 Inform the Midweek League Secretary within 24Hours.

11.3.2 Offer Suitable Dates to the Opposition and Rearrange the Fixture.

11.3.2.1 **NOTE:** All Rearrange Matches MUST Be Played Before the Divisional Play Off Dates.

11.3.3 The Midweek League Secretary MUST be Informed of the New Date within 14 Days of the Postponement/ Abandonment.

11.3.3.1 **The Penalty** for Not Adhering to this is the **Deduction of 4(Four) Points from Both Clubs.**

11.3.4 The Council in Appeals Shall Be the Governing Body to Award/Deduct Points for any Unfulfilled Fixture(s) And/Or Take Any Further Appropriate Action.

11.4 Restarting Abandoned Matches

11.4.1 When an Abandoned Match is Restarted, the Remaining Ends are to be Played in Accordance with the Bowls Laws, with the following Local Amendments:

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11.4.1.1 A Maximum of 3 (Three) Substitutes may be Allowed, with No More than 2 in Any One Triple.

11.4.1.2 A Substitute is NOT Allowed to Skip (as per Bowls Law 33.4).

11.4.2 Should a Club Break this Rule, then their Opposing Side Will Be Awarded the Triple Win, with a Match Score of Either that as it was when the Match Was Abandoned or a 10-0 Win, Whichever Is Greater (as per Bowls Laws 32.4.2 & 33.8).

12 Match Results

12.1 The **HOME Side** MUST inform the Midweek League Secretary of the Match Result by 6pm of the Day Following the Completion of the Game.

12.1.1 **The Penalty** for Failing to Meet this Deadline is the **Deduction of 4 (Four) points from the Home Side.**

12.2 **Each Club** is Responsible for Ensuring that the Signed SCORE CARDS from the Game be RECEIVED by the Midweek League Secretary within 4 (Four) Working Days of the Completion of the Match.

- **NOTE:** Electronic Copies of the Signed Score Cards Are Acceptable.

12.2.1 **The Penalty** for Failing To Meet this Deadline is the **Deduction of 4 (Four) Points from the relevant Side.**

13 League Position

13.1 In the Event of Two Or More Sides Completing their Season with the Same Number Of Points, the Side Gaining More Rink Points will be Adjudged to have the Better League Record.

13.2 If this Fails to Determine the League Positions, Shot Difference will Decide.

14 Trophies

The Winners & Runners-Up of each Division will Receive an Engraved Commemorative Plaque to Keep.

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