

1. **GENERAL**

All leagues shall be played under the 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Crystal Mark Fourth Edition' (including domestic regulations for Federacion Espanola de Bolos)

2 **ADMINISTRATION**

- 2.1** The LLB Form a “Match Committee” which will act as a sub-committee of the LLB, their role will be to ensure the Rules and COP’s are kept up to date and provide a solid platform for all bowls within the LLB to function. Match Committee to compromise the following
- Winter League Co-ordinator
 - Southern League Co-ordinator
 - Northern League Co-ordinator
 - SABA Summer Co-ordinator
 - SABA Winter Co-ordinator

This “Match Committee” will then, for the purpose of ALL LLB Competitions (leagues & knockouts), become the “Controlling Body” and all decisions made will be final.

Yearly at the AGM or at any EGM the Match Committee may propose NEW or ALTERED playing conditions which will need to be voted on by the members of the LLB

- 2.2 Dress Code** - The LLB Dress Code must be strictly adhered to (current issue 21st November 2017) - if not refer to LLB Constitution item 3 (a).
- 2.3 Leaving the Green** - Any player who leaves the green during a match, for any purpose, may do so (in line with Law 32) but they may NOT be involved in any direction etc of the play in progress until they return to and are on their rink of play for that match.
- 2.4 Scoreboards** - In any match where there are points awarded for "overall shots", all scoreboards must remain uncovered and showing the FINAL score on the rink until all rinks have completed their game.
- 2.5 Appeal/Complaint** - If an appeal/complaint/query is made, it should be made to the relevant League Co-ordinator no later than 24 hours after the game affected. Any late challenges cannot affect the result of the match.
- 2.6 Appendices:**
- 9.A** Winter League
 - 9.B** Berleen League
 - 9.C** Southern League
 - 9.D** Northern League
 - 9.E** Challenger League
 - 9.F** South Alicante Winter & Spring/Summer Leagues
 - 9.G** VCL League
 - 9.H Southern League 2 bowl triples**

. **ELIGIBILITY & ENTRIES**

- 3.1** Any Club wishing to enter Side(s) in any League must make application to the relevant League Co-ordinator or Committee on a seasonal basis. It is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure green space is a priority for League fixtures, to include re-arranged matches.

- 3.2** Any additional/new Side entered in a League will automatically go into the lowest division of that League.
- 3.3** Should there be at any time more than 1 (one) Side from any Club in any of the Leagues, such Sides shall play each other as early as possible in each half of the season.
- 3.4** At the start of any season a player who is a member of more than 1 (one) Club MUST nominate to the relevant Club Secretaries which Club they will play ALL Leagues from for that season. They then pay their annual Federation fee through that nominated Club.
- 3.5** (A) When a person wishes to leave their club to go to another, they apply for a clearance letter to hand to the new club along with their membership application. It is then up to the new club to decide how to handle any information given.
If the player has played in the league for the club that they are leaving in the current Season, they are allowed to play for their new club in the league once the Membership Secretary of the receiving club has sent a change form to the LLB Membership Secretary
(B) However, that player cannot then subsequently move to and play for another Club in the Leagues or return to and play for their previous club in the leagues Within The same season. The definition of a season being 1 league campaign
- 3.6** In the event of any Club having to withdraw a side from any league, any player who has played in the side being withdrawn will be eligible to play for another side from the Club during that season.
- 3.7** If a club at any time withdraws a side from a league this will not affect their entry(s) for the same season the following year.
- 3.8** Entry fees - as agreed by the Governing Body

4. MATCH REGULATIONS

- 4.1** Singles will be played to 21 (twenty one) shots. Pairs, triples and fours will be played to 18 (eighteen) ends.

5. DETERMINING RESULTS

- 5.1** For each team 2 (two) points will be awarded for a win, 1 (one) point for a draw and 0 (nil) points for a loss; 2 (two) points will be awarded for overall shot difference with 1(one) point each if the overall shots are the same.
- 5.2** The Side, in any League, with the highest number of points at the completion of that League in that season will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie on points 'shot difference' will determine the winners.

6. RINKS FOR PLAY

- 6.1** The home Captain will decide on the rinks to go in the draw.
- 6.2** Where a Club has two (2) legal greens the home Captain will decide which green will be used.
- 5.3** Should a friendly be played then they will be included with the other teams in the draw for

rinks.

7 RESULTS

7.1 The home Captain will populate the Result Sheet with his players the fixture details and the date and time of the match. When the Away captain arrives and the draw has been made he will fill in the results sheet with his players on the corresponding rinks as per the draw. Following the game the scores will be entered the total shots and total points gained. Both Captains will confirm the result by signing the sheet. The sheet will then be photographed by a member of the home team and sent to the league coordinator in accordance with the relevant appendices for each league. All teams must try to have the results in to the league within two hours of the game finishing. There will be no penalty applied for failure to do so

7.2 All scorecards **MUST** be completed with the **FULL** names of those taking part in the match. Scorecards will be retained by the respective Club and be produced on demand by/to the relevant League Co-ordinator.

7.3 At the end of any given season The League coordinator will give the trophy to the winning club, an email confirming this is sent to the club's secretary, and the LLB Secretary.

The Club secretary must acknowledge the receipt of the trophy in writing

The email will state that it is the club's responsibility to make sure the trophy is returned to the 1st LLB meeting after the league is complete the following year, ready for presentation to the next years winners. The trophy should still be returned even if the same club wins the league competition again.

The club must also agree to have the trophy engraved before it is returned the following April

If the club are unable to return the trophy the following April due to not knowing where it is they must purchase a replacement trophy and ensure the winners history is engraved on the trophy to ensure the history of the LLB is maintained. This trophy must be presented to the LLB at the 1st meeting following the completion of the league the following year.

8. GAME ANOMOLIES

8.1 Postponed - Any League fixture can only be re-arranged due to (a) adverse weather conditions either by mutual agreement or at the discretion of the home Captain, OR (b) if the green to be used is not playable. The relevant League Co-ordinator to be advised on that day by 9.00pm by all teams involved. Any exceptional circumstances should be referred to the League Co-ordinators whose decision is final.

8.2 Where adverse weather conditions occur the Home team should give at least 1.1/2 hours notice before the due start time of the match that it is being cancelled.

Clubs can, by mutual agreement play games(other than the final game of the season) earlier than the scheduled date But NOT later than the scheduled date. All agreed changes are to be notified to the league coordinator by both clubs. Without agreement of both clubs the fixture cannot be moved

8.3 Unable to Field a Full Side - Should a Club give prior notification by email, with a minimum of 48 hours notice, to their opposition that they will be unable to field a full side, then the opposition can if they wish similarly field that number of teams in their side with no penalty. The defaulting side will still incur the penalty points as 8.8. Any last minute provision of an extra team(s) by the defaulting side would be null and void.

Any exceptional circumstances should be referred to the relevant League Co-Ordinator whose decision is final.

- 8.4 Stoppages** - When a match is stopped, due to adverse weather conditions which make the green unplayable, and cannot be resumed on the same day, the match shall be deemed to be completed provided two thirds (2/3rds) of the scheduled number of ends have been completed (excluding any singles match(s) the score standing at the point of stoppage).
- 8.5 New Dates** - A re-arranged date must be agreed by the Clubs concerned within 48 hours and the match played within 14 (fourteen) days of the original date. This must be notified to the relevant League Co-ordinator by all the teams involved. Should the 2 (two) Clubs involved be unable to agree a date the matter will immediately be referred to the relevant League Co-ordinator. A date will be given and if the Clubs concerned cannot agree then the match is deemed not played and both sides will have a penalty of 2 (two) points. The exception being the final game of the program which MUST be played within 7 (seven) days of the scheduled date. If this fails then it is referred to the relevant Committee whose decision is final.
- 8.6 Substitutes** - A date for a resumed match must be agreed within 48 hours by the Clubs concerned with condition 8.4 applying. The scores will be as they were when the game was stopped. If necessary a team may have the following substitutes - 1 (one) in pairs, 2 (two) in triples, 3 (three) in fours. Substitutes may not Skip. If more substitutes in a team are needed then the team will be forfeit.
(Law 32, Law 33.4 and Law 5.1.1)
- 8.7a** After commencement of a game should a player be unable to continue, then with the agreement of both skips, a substitute (if available) may be used but may NOT play skip. There can be NO substitute in a singles game which will therefore be forfeited. A player who is changed prior to the commencement of the match is NOT deemed to be a substitute - they are a Replacement
- 8.7b** When a Club has more than one side in a league then all players are interchangeable between sides following the conditions detailed below.
- For the purpose of these conditions a “Player” may be a “Replacement” prior to the game starting or a “Substitute” once a game has commenced.
- Once a player has made an appearance in a side that becomes their original side and he/she may play in that side or any side that is placed in a higher division. (When a club has two sides in the same division, they must nominate to the relevant coordinator which side is 1 (Higher) and which is 2 (Lower) prior to the season start)
The opposition captain MUST be informed before any player plays in a side that is not their original side. This MUST be highlighted on the Result Sheet using an Asterix “*”
A side can use a maximum of 3 non-original Players per game.
- 8.8 Playing a Team Short** - 2 (two) points and 10 (ten) shots will be awarded to the opposition for each team not played. However, if a team starts but cannot finish a match, for whatever reason, the offending side will not lose 2 (two) points.
- 8.9 Penalties** - When, during a match, a player has to retire and there is no substitute available, then 2 (two) points and 10 (ten) shots will be awarded to the opposition for that team where the result is a 10 (ten) shot difference or less. However, if the shot difference is more than 10 (ten) shots the actual shot difference will stand, plus the 2 (two) points.
- 8.10** When, after a match has finished, it is identified that a team(s) played is in default, then 2

(two) points and 10 (ten) shots will be awarded to the opposition for each team in default where the result is a 10 (ten) shot difference or less. However, if the shot difference is more than 10 (ten) shots the actual shot difference will stand, plus the 2 (two) points. If the whole Side does not play then the offending side will lose 20 points. An additional 2 (two) points will be awarded to the opposition in lieu of overall shot difference.

- 8.11** Where the Rule for a League, under the relevant Appendix, specifies that a Side/Team must be mixed, then violation of the Rule will be deemed that a team(s) has not played and Rules 8.8 and 8.10 will apply
If a full Side plays, but in violation of this Rule, then the relevant League Co-ordinator will decide which team(s) in that Side will be forfeit.

- 8.12 Green Fees** - On each default occasion the offending side, home or away, will be responsible for paying the green fees for the number of team(s) not played.

9 APPENDICES

A WINTER LEAGUE

- A1** The maximum number of entries will be limited to 12 (twelve)
A2 Each Club may submit 2 (two) entries with 1 (one) initially being accepted. Should extra teams be required to make up the 12 (twelve) entries then the extra ones will go into a draw.
A3 Each side will comprise 4 (four) teams of 4 (four) players.
A4 The side must be mixed.
A5 Clubs who share Club and Bowling Green facilities can join forces to be able to enter a combined Winter League Side.
A6 Results MUST be confirmed by submission of the League Result Sheet by 9pm on the day of the match to the League Coordinator.
A7 The designated day for the league to be played is Wednesday.
A8 Use of Law 39.2.2 (playing a player short in a rinks team). This may only be applied to 1 (one) team in a Side and used twice by that Side in a playing season. Thereafter 8.8 will apply

B BERLEEN LEAGUE

- B1** Before the start of the season each Club must declare if they will be playing in this league (either not at all or 1 (one) team). If a Club does not meet their commitment at any time then the default Rule 8.8 and 9.2 will apply.
B2 The fixture list for this League will be the same as that for the Winter League.
B3 Each team must comprise of 4 (four) players of single or mixed sex.

C SOUTHERN LEAGUE

- C1** Each Club may enter up to a maximum of 4 (four) sides and each side must be mixed.
C2 Each side will consist of 5 (Five) teams of 3 (three) players.
C3 The league will be divided into 3 (three) divisions with promotion and relegation each season. This will be reviewed and discussed before the beginning of each season, when entries are known, to equalise the divisions as best as possible.
C4 Results MUST be submitted on the League Result Sheet by 9pm on the day of the match to the League Coordinator.
C5 The designated day for the league to be played is a Friday.

- C6** The Official start time is 10.00am with trial ends starting at 9.45am. An allowance of 15 minutes, from the Official start time, will be made for late arrivals after which Rule 8.8 will be applied -playing a Side short.
- C7** North v South Play Off - The side finishing top of the Southern League Division 'A' shall play off against the Northern League Winner as directed by the LLB the date being set in the Calendar and the venue to be advised.
The overall winner will be decided by the most points won (there will be NO points awarded for overall shot difference.) If points are equal, a team from each club will be drawn by the Umpire and play an extra end on a neutral rink (if possible).

D NORTHERN LEAGUE

- D1** Each Club may enter a maximum of 3 (three) sides and each side must be mixed.
- D2** Each side will consist of 4 (four) teams of 3 (three) players.
- D3** The results MUST be confirmed by the submission of the League Result Sheet by 9pm on the day of the match to the League Coordinator.
- D4** North v South Play-off - The Side finishing top of the Northern League shall play off against the Southern League Division 'A' Winner as directed by the LLB
Any team unable to fulfil a home fixture due to the unavailability of their home green will play it on a neutral green (notice of dates will be given before the season starts.) If a side cannot play on the pre-arranged dates then that side will forfeit the game. The overall winner will be decided by the most points won (there will be NO points awarded for overall shot difference). If points are equal a team from each club will be drawn by the Umpire and play an extra end on a neutral rink (if possible)

E CHALLENGER LEAGUE

- E1** Before the start of the season each Club must declare if they require a team in the Challengers League, to play alongside 1 (one) of their Northern League Sides.
- E2** Only 1 (one) Team allowed per Side.
- E3** If a Team does not meet their commitment at any time then 8.8 will apply.
- E4** The fixture list for this League will be the same as that for the Northern League.
- E5** Each Team must comprise of 3 (three) players of single or mixed sex.
- E6** The Team with the highest total of shots will be awarded 2 (two) points.
- E7** If the match result is a tie each Team will be awarded 1 (one) point.
- E8** Failing to fulfil a fixture will result in a penalty of 2 (two) points and 10 (ten) shots being awarded to the opposition.
- E9** Please refer to Rule 3.6 re Interchange of Players.

F SOUTH ALICANTE WINTER & SPRING/SUMMER LEAGUES

- F1** Each Club may enter a maximum of 4 (four) sides and each side must be mixed
- F2** FOR THE WINTER SEASON - each side will consist of 5 (Five) teams of 3 (three) players.
- F3** FOR THE SPRING/SUMMER SEASON - each side will consist of 5 (five) teams of 3 (three) players.
- F4** The results MUST be confirmed by the submission of the League Result Sheet by 9pm on the day of the match to the League Coordinator.
- F5** The designated day for the leagues to be played is a Monday in the Winter and F Spring/Summer
- F6** The Official start time is 10.00am with trial ends starting at 9.45am. An allowance of 15 minutes, from the Official start time, will be made for late arrivals after which Rule 8.8 will be applied -playing a Side short.
- F7** Promotion and relegation between the Leagues should be reviewed and discussed before the start of each season, when entries have been received. This will allow the

Divisions to be equalised as best as possible.

G **VCL LEAGUE**

- G1** Each Club may enter a maximum of 4 (four) sides with at least 2 (two) members of each side being of the opposite sex.
- G2** Each side will comprise - Ladies' Singles, Men's Singles, Pairs, Triples and 1 (one) Fours .
- G3** The host Club to supply Markers for Singles games.
- G4** 2 (two) Leagues will be formed, one comprising of Southern Clubs and the other of Northern Clubs.
If necessary 2 or more Divisions may be formed in each Region.
- G5** Promotion/relegation - This will be reviewed and discussed before the beginning of each season, when entries are known, to equalise the divisions as best as possible.
- G6** Results MUST be confirmed by submission of the League Result Sheet by 9pm on the day of the match to the League Co-ordinator.
- G7** The designated day for the league to be played is Wednesday.
- G8** Use of Law 39.2.2 (playing a player short in a rinks team). This may only be applied to 1 (one) team in a Side and used twice by each side (if applicable) in the playing season. Thereafter Rule 8.8 will apply.
- G9** North v South Play off - The side finishing top of the northern league shall play off against there Southern league division A winner.
This will be played on a neutral green to be decided by the LLB Committee
The overall winner will be decided by the most points won (there will be NO points awarded for overall shot difference). If points are equal, a fours team from each side will be drawn (before the start of play) to play an extra end. This extra end to be played on a neutral rink if possible.

H **2 BOWL SUMMER TRIPLES LEAGUE**

- H1** *Matches will be scheduled between April & July for Fridays with a 10:00am Start (9:45 Roll up), all matches can be re-scheduled by mutual agreement of both clubs for any date prior to the last day of July. All changes to be notified to the Co-ordinator.*
- H2** *Sides to be 5 Rinks of Triples, each player playing 2 Bowls each, sides must be mixed*
- H3** *All games will be 18 Ends with 1 trial end in each direction allowed prior to Play .*
- H4** *In the event of a side being a player short either at the start of the match or during, 1 Rink may play 3 Bowl Pairs against the 2 Bowl triple. The defaulting teams score, will be reduced by 25% for every end they played this way. Sides will only be allowed to use this a maximum of 2 times per season, after that rule 8.8 will apply. Please ensure when used this is clearly marked on the result sheet.*
- H5** *If a jack is "Dead" in line with Law 19.1 then the jack will be re-spotted on the "T" in line with Law 19.5*
- H7** *The result sheet must be signed by both captains and submitted by the home captain to the coordinator within 2 hours of the match completion.*