

## RULES - HINCKLEY & DISTRICT TRIPLES LEAGUE (H & D TL)

Affiliated to Bowls Leicestershire and Bowls England

1. Participation in the H & D TL shall be confined to Teams from Clubs that are affiliated to their relevant County. A Club may enter more than one team, subject to an availability within the League. Clubs with multiple Teams will be designated by the Club's name and a letter, for example, A, B, C or D as appropriate. All players in a Team must be fully paid-up Men or Women Bowling Members of their Club and registered as such with their County. If a player is registered with two Clubs as a playing member, they shall only play for one Club in the Triples League. They shall not play for more than one Team within their own Club in any one season. If a player moves to another Club during the Season, they are not eligible to play for their new Club.  
The H & D TL Management Committee is the Controlling Body, see Rule 57.2 – Conditions of Play, Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
  - A At the Season's end the winners and runners-up in each Division will be awarded a Trophy. In addition, they will be awarded a monetary amount paid to their Club Funds. The H & D TL Management Committee shall decide this amount.
  - B The H & D TL Rules shall only be changed by the majority agreement of the Delegates. A Delegate wishing to amend the Rules must submit the proposed change to the Secretary in writing at least 14 days before the AGM.

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2. Team Delegates shall send a list of players to the Secretary, updated on their score sheets when unregistered players are introduced.

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3. Matches are played on the scheduled Monday evenings, play commencing at 6.15pm prompt.

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4. Matches to consist of 3 rinks per Team, 3 bowls each player, played over 18 ends. Also see Rule 11 – Inclement Weather.

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5. Points Allocation: 2 points awarded per winning rink, maximum points per match = 6. A tied rink receives 1 point each team.

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6. Absenteeism on a rink at the commencement of the match results in a walkover (2 points) plus 10 shots to their opponents. The records of any Team conceding more than 12 points due to absenteeism, or more than 6 points to any one Team during a season will be deleted, the Team will be withdrawn from the League for the remaining season and relegated at the end of the season.

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7. If a player leaves the Green during the course of a Match due to illness or some other reasonable cause and cannot return within ten minutes, an eligible substitute may be introduced providing both team Captains agree to the substitution. The substitute cannot play as Skip but can play in any other position. The other members of the Team can re-arrange their positions as necessary. If no eligible substitute is available the remaining two players shall play at Lead and Skip and the order of play will be Lead A, Lead B, Two A, or Lead B, Lead A, Two A, as appropriate, in turn until all three players have played three bowls each. The two Skips will then play three bowls each in turn as normal. The Match score will continue to be calculated in the usual manner without adjustment for the reduced number of bowls used each end.

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8. Match Fees to be decided annually by the Management Committee. No Club Green Fees to be levied. Meals are not required; however, individual Clubs may provide food for sale if they so wish.

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  - A **The Secretary of H & D TL is to be notified immediately if a match is postponed for either of the following reasons:**
    - (1) Insufficient rinks are available on the Home Team's Green due to matches being played in any of the matches listed below:
    - (2) Club Bowlers from either the Home or Away Team, are playing in any of the matches listed below thus leaving insufficient registered players available to fulfil the Scheduled League Match:
      - a. A fixed date National/ County Competition or Championship.
      - b. County Executive & County Friendly Fixtures, Midland Counties, Middle England League, Johns Trophy or Middleton Cup.**In both situations, the Home Team shall within 72 hours of the postponed Match, offer the Away Team 3 separate dates on which to play the postponed Match. The offered dates must allow for the re-arranged Match to be played within twenty-one days of the original date. The Secretary of the H & D TL shall be informed of the day, date, and time of all re-arranged Matches.**
  - B If Matches are postponed for other than the acceptable reasons detailed in Rule 9A, the Team postponing the Match shall be penalised 4 points for each postponed Match. With the agreement of their opponents, Teams may re-arrange Matches to be played before the scheduled date without deduction of points. The Home Team shall offer the Away Team three separate dates on which to play the postponed Match which must be played within 14 days of the original date.  
The Secretary of the H & D TL should be informed of all re-arranged Matches.

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10. In obvious cases of inclement weather, or a Club's Green Ranger/Green Keeper decides that the Green is unsafe or unfit for play, a Match may be postponed. It is the responsibility of the Home Team to notify the Away Team. At the same time the Home Team shall notify the Secretary of the H & D TL of the circumstances of the postponement and of the re-arranged date for the scheduled Match.

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11. If the Match is rained off and 33 ends have been played overall, the score at that time will stand as a result. If the match is rained off with less than 33 ends played overall, the match must be replayed from the beginning at a re-arranged date.  
The Secretary of the H & D TL should be informed of all re-arranged Matches.

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12. Postponed Matches must be re-arranged and played within 21 days of the postponement. If the postponed Match is the last Scheduled Match of the season the Match must be played within 14 days, as all Matches must be completed within 14 days of the last Scheduled Match date of the season. Teams not complying with this Rule shall forfeit any points plus ten shots per Rink.

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13. Scheduled Matches shall be played in accordance with the current Crystal Mark Edition - Laws of the Sport of Bowls, issued by World Bowls, Domestic Regulations of Bowls England and specific Rules issued by H & D TL as the Controlling Body. Bowls cannot be changed during a Match; Law 29.3 Changing Bowls.

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14. Misconduct & Discipline: Foul language or disruptive conduct on the Green will not be tolerated. Should a Match be interrupted due to misconduct, the Captains shall attempt to resolve the issue, so the Match can continue to completion. If the issue results in the Match being abandoned or the result compromised, each Captain shall submit a written report to the Management Committee. They will then conduct an enquiry before taking appropriate action against the Club and player(s) in breach of this Rule.

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15. Teams shall play in correct bowls shoes, grey trousers, smart tailored shorts or Official BE shorts or skirts as appropriate and white shirts. Club shirts may be worn as an alternative to white shirts providing that all nine members of the Team play in their Club shirt.

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16. The Management Committee of the H & D TL shall determine all questions and disputes that may arise. Such questions and disputes shall be notified to the Committee within 24 hours of the match having been played. A clear written statement of the facts shall then be communicated to the H & D TL Secretary without any delay, together with evidence if such exists.

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17. Only official score sheets will be accepted. The two skips will be judges of all disputed points on a rink, and when they agree their decision is final. If they fail to agree, refer to Rule 16.

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18. Prior to each Match commencing, the Home captain will offer three rinks to their opposite number. To avoid the Home Team favouring a particular Rink, the cards shall be placed face down with the opposing Captain's cards placed randomly on top. The Rink number will then be randomly allocated by the opposition captain before the cards are turned over.

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