FURNESS & DISTRICT WOMEN’S BOWLING LEAGUE

ADMINISTRATION RULES

1. That the Association be called The Furness & District Women’s Bowling League. All games must be played in accordance with the rules here laid down.
2. That it shall be governed by two representatives from each club. That meetings be held when necessary.
3. That it shall consist of those clubs of Furness & District who subscribe an annual affiliation fee.
4. Any Club wishing to join the Association shall make application in writing to the Secretary, who will place same before the committee.
5. Any Club leaving for more than one season, desiring to re-join shall be deemed a new club, and must comply with Rule 4.
6. League Forms to be signed form March to October instead of April to April. You must write your resignation if you wish to leave for another club.
7. That the affiliation fee of each team be forwarded to the Treasurer not later than 1st May each year.
8. Each player must be signed up on an official Schedule of the League, each player to pay £2 Registration Fee. One member from each club allowed to vote.
9. Players joining after the first game need to register be Monday lunchtime, to be able to play the following Wednesday.
10. Names for players to be drawn for placing in team for the first match and then to be placed in points and aggregate position for the rest of the season. However, in clubs consisting of one team any registered player can be used in case of an emergency ie someone not getting these on time or a player taking ill before the game starts.
11. Matches to start at 2.00pm. Scratch time is 3.00pm with one player allowed till 3.30pm. Home practice allowed until 1.45 pm. Away practice 1.45pm to 1.55pm. If all players are present and both Captains agree the match can start early this is in case rain is coming in.
12. Visiting Captain shall have preference in selection of players as to the order of going on the green.
13. Completed team sheet to be presented to opposing captain on arrival. If a reserve is required before the game start, she goes in on aggregate position. If a reserve is required after scratch time, she goes into the position of the player that she is replacing, this includes the 3.30pm scratch time.
14. A given bye goes on the score sheet 21-0 and the player receiving the win receives 1 point on their aggregate.
15. Teams must adhere to set fixtures dates unless **A**: Heavy rain **B**: the green is officially closed **C**: extenuating circumstances with the committee’s approval. **D extreme heat which could endanger the health of the players 2022 rule amendment**

15a . In the event of Heavy rain/Storm or extreme heat**, Captains** will decide if the match goes ahead and any player refusing to play may be replaced by a reserve player.

1. Rearranged games to be played with Captains discretion. Reserves can go in for any unavailable player. Every effort will be made to play the postponed game before the next game. If this is not possible aggregates to just follow on. Teams must turn up at games and stay till 3pm before the game can be cancelled.
2. Players coming off green owing to rain and match abandoned and cannot play the next time loses game at standing score. If neither player attends no points can be claimed by either team.
3. Player leaving the green before the game is finished because of sickness or accident be allowed 10 minutes recovery time or loses the game at 21 and her standing score.
4. Players not turning up for the F&DWBL competitions without 24 hours’ notice will be fined £5.
5. Scoring system to be as website whereby the aggregate counts no matter how many wins a team has, if both teams have 5 wins and an equal aggregate them 1 point is awarded to each team.
6. Home Captain to ensure results are checked with away Captain and then entered onto the website within 24 hours of the match. No match sheets are required to be sent to the secretary.
7. Captains to send team sheets of final points and aggregate at the end of the season.
8. Top aggregate player to qualify for money and play-offs on any number of matches played.
9. 1 team to go down from Division 1 with 1 team coming up from Division 2
10. Providing there is a bye a player can enter tournaments if she has not put her name down and is at the green before scratch time.
11. Clubs select their teams from any registered players, having done so 1st, 2nd or 3rd teams must be strictly adhered to, a reserve may be used in any team if they don’t play the same game number twice. Team sheets to be presented 2 weeks before the start of the season.
12. In tournaments stay on the same green until quarter finals.
13. Score cards to read the same way as the captain makes out her own team sheet.
14. All matters not provided for by these rules should be dealt with as the league committee may determine.
15. Aggregate play off’s to be played on a rota basis, Top 2 players available from each team, 2 markers per game, Prize money paid to last 8 players.
16. Any player having played 0 or 1 match can transfer to another team for the remaining of the season to get matches.
17. Minimum age for signing on for league bowling has now been lowered to 11+.
18. Aggregate play-offs to take place on Wednesdays with 1st & 2nd Divisions being on different weeks.
19. If 2 teams finish level on points, count matches won, if still equal the team with the greater aggregate will be the winners, if still equal there will be a play-off on a neutral green.
20. All league teams to play matches on a Wednesday.
21. Any team may opt out of the play-offs once a team has entered the draw, a £5 fine will be imposed on any representative failing to attend.
22. Players not playing in club shirts at play-offs will be fined £1.00.
23. Competitions will have 10 minutes scratch time.
24. Clubs will be fined £3.00 for non-attendance of delegates at AGM and delegate meetings.
25. Starting Point to be designated before team practise.
26. When a club has 2 teams in the same division a reserve must play in her aggregate position whichever team she plays for.

All league and non-league players must be registered with the BCGBA