



BATH THURSDAY BOULES LEAGUE 6th SEASON 2015



Introduction

The League is formed to provide a competitive game to a wide group of players who wish to play for their own and others' enjoyment.

Format

This will be a team-based competition, played on Thursday nights. Any variation from the fixture list should be agreed by both team captains, with the proviso that the fixture must be completed by the end date of the competition. (The revised match may be played any day of the week.)

There will be no restrictions on the number of teams that a club can enter.

Teams may be made up of a minimum of 4 players and a maximum of 8 players on any one night

Any number of replacements will be allowed from a team of a lower division or a club pool of substitute players. i.e. a player who has played for one team, may still play for another.

There is no limitation on the number of club teams, a member may play for. This rule is to facilitate completion of matches, when there is a team shortage.

Division 1 may borrow players from a lower division team to fill in, this player may then revert back to the lower division team. Regular Division 1 team players may not play for lower division sides.

Leagues

The preference is for leagues of 8 teams each. If fewer teams enter, the Committee will decide on the actual number of teams within each League.

Each match will consist of 2 Rounds:

- Round 1 play 2 doubles;
- Round 2 play 1 triple and 1 single,

1 point will be awarded for each game won.

The final position will be decided by: games won, points difference, points scored, and finally Head to Head.

The top 2 teams in each Divisions will be promoted. Conversely, the bottom 2 teams in each Division will be relegated.

Organisation

Start time will be 7:00 p.m, unless otherwise agreed by both Team Captains.

At least 4 players should be present at the start time.

A team who are short of a player may play one down and may either forfeit one doubles match or play 1 player (3 boule) against 2 players (6 boule)

A penalty of one game point per 5 minutes for delay caused by an absence may be invoked after 7.10 p.m.(i.e. still short at 7.10 p.m.) by a non-defaulting team, should they wish to do so, though a team may begin a game short-handed to avoid a delay.

Cancellation must be confirmed at least 48hrs prior to match. Any matches cancelled within 48 hours, with the exception of bad weather will result in the team cancelling forfeiting the match and the team let down will be awarded 4 points with a 52 – 24 points differential.

If a Team cancels a match after Refreshments have been made, the Team cancelling, will be responsible for half the cost of the Refreshments.

Risk Assessment

A Risk Assessment will be carried out by the Home Team before the start of each match and read out to all.

Insurance

All registered EPA members are covered by Insurance. It is **strongly** advised that any non EPA members/teams arrange their own Insurance, before the season starts.

It is each team's responsibility to insure the validation of appropriate insurance.

Entry Fees

The cost of entry will be £20 per team for the season, non-refundable, paid upfront.

Rules

Winning teams are responsible for texting or emailing the results to the results secretary. These should arrive by the weekend after the match has been played.

The official rules of the sport will apply, with the exception of the playing area.

The winners of each League shall receive a perpetual trophy.

Medals will be awarded to the top 2 teams in each division.

All games will be played to 13 points. In the event of light being a problem or poor weather, on agreement of the captains, games may be played to 40 minutes, plus one end.

If there are any problems about playing a game the teams' disputes shall be decided by the League Organising Committee

Rain

Games to proceed unless the captains agree the rain is too heavy.

Pistes

Each Team is responsible for their own Piste. If this is council-owned property, i.e. Queen Square or Alexandra Park, teams are advised to go through the official procedure for booking the piste

START DATE

The League shall commence on Thursday May 7th 2015

Presentation Dinner:

Thursday 8th October - Venue TBD

BTBL Organising Committee

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