

RULES FOR COUNTY SUMMER 3's LEAGUE

1. Eligibility

- a. Only players registered with both the County and the ESMBA are eligible to play.
- b. Teams will comprise of 6 players, playing as two teams of three.
- c. Players from any club may combine to form a team for the Summer League. In the case of composite teams or teams containing players from other Clubs, the team organiser must ensure that he/she has the agreement of the club with whom the player is registered for that player to play in his/her team.
- d. No player may play for more than one team during a season.

2. Season

The Summer League season will run from 1st May to the 31st of August each year. There shall be an entry fee of £5.00 per team (two mats).

3. Arrangement of Matches

- a. Matches may be played any time of the week, mutually convenient to both teams. The Home teams must offer at least 3 dates including one weekend to their opponents. If the Home team cannot offer 3 dates then they may elect to play away or at a neutral venue.

4. Fixture List

Seven days before playing their first League match teams must send a copy of their league fixture list to the League and KO Cup Secretary.

5. Match Format

- a. The format will be two mats with a minimum separation of 15 inches between the mats and a minimum distance between mat and the sidewalls of 6 inches and between mats and spectator area of 18 inches. 32 ounce jacks must be used. All matches to be played over 11 ends and ESMBA rules will apply.
- b. No player shall play on the same mat on the day of such a match before play commences, under penalty of disqualification from the League competition for the rest of the season.
- c. Each team of three will initially play as a Triple, and then each individual Triple shall split to form a Single and a Pair. The Single game shall be played second followed by the Pair. Triples and Pairs will play 2 woods each and the Singles 4 woods each.
- d. The Captains shall each complete the Triple score cards with the names of the players on them. The Home Captain shall indicate which is League Mat 1 and which is League Mat 2 and then each captain shall mark one of these mat numbers on each of their Triple score cards. Each of the three games played by the members of each individual Triple shall then be played on the mat as numbered on the card.
- e. Captains to toss for the mat at the commencement of play. Two trial ends must be played unless both Captains agree not to do so.
- f. Each match will attract **a maximum of 14 points** as follows: 2 points for the winner of each Triples, Pairs and Singles games or 1 point for a draw plus **2 bonus points** for the team with the most shots overall. If the shots are equal then each team will receive 1 bonus points. Shot difference will also count in deciding positions in the league table.
- g. The Home Team must send the Match Result Form to the League and KO Cup Secretary within four days. The Match Result Form must be fully completed and signed by both Captains.

6. Incompleted Matches

Should a match be started and be unable to be completed for reasons outside the control of either team the following will apply:

- i. if the match is abandoned prior to a minimum of one end having been completed in both the final Pairs games, the match will be re-arranged and replayed as a new match. A revised date for the match shall be arranged to enable the match to be played prior to the end of the season. This revised date shall be notified to the League and KO Cup Secretary within 14 days of the date of the incomplete match.

- ii. if the Pairs games are being played and at least one end has been completed on both mats the match will be considered as completed and the score will stand.

7. Re-arrangement of Matches

- a. Should it become necessary, and in exceptional circumstances only, a match may be re-arranged subject to the agreement of the League and KO Cup Secretary.
- b. Exceptional circumstances are defined as:
 - i. The non-availability of the venue over which the team has no control;
 - ii. The precedence of a higher level competition i.e. Inter County;
 - iii. A shortage of players due to illness or accident;
- c. Should a match have to be re-arranged, the team responsible for the non-fulfilment must in advance give a written explanation (or if less than 48 before the match a verbal notification followed by a written one) to the League and KO Cup Secretary as to why the match is required to be re-arranged. They should then contact the opposition in order to arrange a revised date. All possible dates shall be explored and unlike original dates offered prior to the start of the season, the oppositions views must be fully considered as they are the 'non guilty' party in such instances.
- d. This revised date when arranged, shall be notified to the League and KO Cup Secretary, by both teams, within 14 days of the decision to re-arrange the match. Where teams are unable to agree on a date for the re-arranged match, both teams shall notify the League and KO Cup Secretary in writing, within seven days, giving reasons why they are unable to agree a revised date. The matter will then be discussed by the League and KO Cup Secretary with members of the Management Committee who shall decide upon a date and if necessary, a venue, after hearing representations from each team. This decision will be binding on both teams.
- e. The team responsible for the non-fulfilment of any match must meet any costs incurred for the original match arrangements. All non-fulfilled matches must be re-arranged to be completed prior to the end of the season
- f. Once the season has commenced no more than two matches shall be re-arranged in any one season by any one team. The reasons for any re-arrangement of a match will be subject to review by the County Management Committee who may decide to deduct points if in their opinion the reasons for the re-arrangement are not justified.
- g. Any subsequent re-arrangement of a re-arranged match by the same team will also be subject to review by the Management Committee who may decide to deduct further points if in their opinion the reasons for the re-arrangement are not justified.

8. Dress.

Full ESMBA dress regulations will be in force at all stages of the competition. Teams may dress in their own colours provided that all players are the same; otherwise it must be mid-grey below the waist and white above. Proprietary bowling shoes or bowling sandals must be worn whilst playing on the rink mats.

9. Bowls Stickers

Bowls stickers, if used, must be the same on all of the team members bowls.

10. Disputes

In all disputes and in any interpretation of these rules the County Management Committee's decision will be final.

11. Shortage of Players (ADDED SUMMER 2008)

- a. **If a player becomes ill during a match and a substitute is unable to replace that player, the following will happen:**
 - i. If the situation occurs during the playing of the Triples then the Triple game will be completed with two players. The Singles game will then be forfeited and the Pairs game will be played.
 - ii. If the situation occurs during the Singles or Pairs game then the relevant game will be forfeited.
- b. **If a team arrives with a shortage of players the match will be played as follows:**
 - i. If a team arrives with one player short one of the Triple's games will be completed with two players. The relevant Singles game will then be forfeited and the Pairs game will be played.

- ii. If a team arrives with two players short both Singles games will be forfeited and the Triples and Pairs played as above.
- iii. If a team arrives with three players short all matches in one Triple will be forfeited.
- iv. If a team arrives with less than three players the match will not be played and will be dealt with by the Management Committee.

c. All games forfeited will be resolved as 2 points to the opponents, and they may claim shots as follows:

- i. in the event that the game is abandoned due to illness/injury of one of the players, the opponents may claim the current shot difference or a total of five shots.
- ii. In the event that a team arrives with a shortage of players, the opponents may claim 5 shots in respect of each game not played.

Furthermore, in respect of the situations under paragraph 2 where a team arrives with a shortage of players, an additional two points in respect of each player short will be deducted from the offending team's overall league total.

(Amended for Summer Season 2008 – points for overall shots scored reduced from 4 to 2 and procedure for shortage of players clarified.)