

# **South Worcestershire Triples Bowling League**

## **RULES 2026**

- 1.** The league shall be called South Worcestershire Triples Bowling League 'SWTL' and will confine itself to clubs being within 12 miles of Evesham.
- 2.** It is a gentleman's league comprising of two divisions each of 6 teams . Each team is made up of 3 triples, playing 18 ends .
- 3.** At the start of the season a list of 6 players are to be nominated for each division 1 team and they can't play for their second team. These are then circulated by the results co-ordinator to all team captains. Any number of players can be used as long as they are bona-fide playing members of the Club. Any breach will result in the offending team being deducted 10 points.
- 4.** Teams are awarded 2 points for each winning rink or 1 point for a draw and a further 4 points for the highest aggregate score, making a total of 10 points.
- 5.** All matches to be scheduled for a Tuesday evening. Start times as stipulated on the league fixture list. If a full team is not present at the official start time then a 15 minute grace period is allowed before rule 9 is applied.
- 6.** Each club is to provide one member from each team as a SWTL Delegate Committee Representative. The Delegate Committee will decide on how the SWT league should function, electing its own officials, deciding league rules, cost of yearly subscriptions, number of trophies, prize money , gala events, etc; All to be discussed at the delegates meeting and voted on at the AGM.
- 7.** Entrance fees confirmed at the AGM. are to reach the treasurer at the start of the season.
- 8.** All matches to be bowled under World Bowls Rules.
- 9.** Any team failing to field a complete team will forfeit 2 points and 10 shots for the triple short and the 4 points for the overall aggregate. The remaining 2 triples to be scoring triples.
- 10.** Any match given away or not played before the end of August will be forfeited, 10 points and 30 shots will be awarded to the opposition, at the discretion of the management committee.

**11.** Where a player is taken ill and unable to continue, if a reserve (substitute) is available he will be able to replace the ill person, but not play in the position of skip, game to continue with current score. If no reserve player is available, that triple loses the 2 points, other 2 triples are to continue and final aggregate score will count for points. Total to include score of abandoned triple of all full ends that have been completed.

**12.** Allowance should be made when 3 or more players from one team are in WBA or National Competitions. An alternative night can be arranged and played by mutual agreement as soon as possible or by the end of August.

**13.** Each division will be decided on points. In the event of a tie the winners shall be the team with the largest shot difference. If that is also equal then the head to head matches will be totalled and points then shot difference will decide.

**14.** Inclement weather. If a match is called off through bad weather, it is to be arranged and played by mutual agreement as soon as possible or by the end of August. If called off during the game, provided a minimum of 10 ends have been played on each rink, the result at halt of play will stand, total shots to include score of all the full ends that have been completed.

**15.** All results to be sent by whatsapp to the results co-ordinator by the home team within 24 hours of the match being completed. Any discrepancies seen when the weekly results table is distributed is to be resolved between captains and the results co-ordinator before the end of the week of the match. The home team record sheet is to be completed and signed by both Captains at the end of the match.

**16.** Any other issues arising which cannot be resolved amicably will be dealt with by the Management Committee. A 3<sup>rd</sup> person, unaffected by a dispute can be co-opted onto the management committee

**17.** If any team forfeits or plays short on more than 3 occasions in one season, then the ongoing situation will be reviewed by the delegates meeting.

**18.** Skips must leave the head together, no other rink members are allowed to visit the head.

**19.** At the end of the season, the bottom placed team of division one will be demoted down into division two, with the top placed team from division two being promoted up into division one.

Rule amendments:- New two division rules approved at 2025 AGM