

Chester Over 60's League Match and Competition Rules

The schedule of League matches and competitions will be published by March each year.

All games shall be played under the British Crown Green Bowling Association laws and the winner is the first individual or pair to score 21.

The dress code for all League matches and competitions should be as the BCGBA rules. In addition, shirts should be worn at all times, and shorts should be knee length or thereabouts; swimming shorts are not acceptable.

Only players registered with the League may participate in any League match or competition.

1. Matches

- a. Competing teams are to number 6 players.

For each match, respective captains shall select a playing team of six registered team members, the remaining registered members of the team shall be reserves.

- b. Games shall normally commence no later than 1.30 p.m.

- c. Greens are available for practice from 12.45 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

- d. 1 point shall be awarded for each individual winner.

- e. Captains of each team have control of each match and are responsible for conducting a draw in a single operation to determine the order of play of all 6 games before the commencement of play.

Teams playing less than 6 players shall concede the appropriate number of games as walkovers with a score of 21 - 0.

- f. Matches in which two teams have sole use of the green shall be played in two sessions, each session comprising three games.

- g. If a green is shared for two matches, the maximum number of jacks on the green shall be 4 and two games will be simultaneously played in each match until both matches have been completed.

- h. Match results should be confirmed by captains. Home captains are responsible for the reporting of results using the League web site for result entry.

- i. No games can be postponed owing to deficiencies in team numbers unless this is approved by the Executive Committee. Adverse weather or death of a player are the only reasons for postponement of any League matches and any unfinished games shall be played off as mutually agreed within 21 days and the Secretary notified.

- j. Any dispute between teams/players should be dealt with by the captains on the day. If agreement cannot be reached, the matter should be referred to the Management Committee for resolution.

2. Competitions

There are three forms of competition, namely team, doubles and singles.

- a. No practice is allowed on the nominated greens before the commencement of play.

- b. Players competing in any competition are not allowed to play on the nominated green within either 7 days before the date of commencement or during the period of the competition, unless such play is at any fixture (singles, doubles or teams) either approved by the BCGBA, or forms part of County fixtures or those of any directly affiliated League.

3. Team Competitions - Hermitage Cup and American Plaque

- a. Team competitions will commence by 1.30 p.m. and shall be played on neutral greens.

- b. The draw and location of matches is arranged by the Management Committee in April after the commencement of the bowling season.

- c. Both competitions are to be played between teams of six on a knockout basis.

- d. The match result will be determined using an aggregate score including any handicaps that may be assigned to each competing team.

If the final aggregate scores are level, and only one match is on the green, the captains will each select three players to play that day to ensure a result. The handicap will be

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halved and rounded up to the next highest whole number.

If two matches played on the same green are drawn, only two players will replay, the handicap to be one third of the total and rounded up.

- e. Team handicaps are the difference between the points achieved by the League winners less the team points total divided by two and rounded up to a maximum of 60. The distribution of team handicaps is the responsibility of the League Secretary.
- f. Matches are to be played on neutral greens, with a maximum number of 4 jacks and play to be arranged as for any League match.
- g. The captain of the winning side is responsible for entering the results on the League web site as soon as practically possible after the match is completed.
- h. Host clubs should provide all essential equipment, that is jacks, mats, measures, tapes, score cards if required and the availability of refreshments.
- i. Teams wishing to enter must inform the Secretary at least 7 days before the meeting of the Management Committee normally held in April.
- j. The Hermitage Cup, usually played in May each season, has team handicaps calculated using the previous season's League results.
- k. The American Plaque is held after completion of the League programme and team handicaps are based upon League results for the current season.
- l. Players in the American Plaque must have played at least 3 games for their team during the season before they are eligible to play.

4. Doubles and Single Competitions

- a. Three days are scheduled for these competitions, all played without handicaps. Games scheduled for any day should commence by 16.00 hours at the very latest.
- b. The greens to be used are with the possible exception of the Burrows Cup individual merit competition, municipal greens where two greens are available.
- c. Registration for competitions must be made by 1.00 p.m. on the opening day of the competition.
- d. Host clubs are responsible for providing essential equipment as above in 3h. They are also responsible for registration of entrants and the draw for the competition that must be made in the presence of a League Officer before the commencement of play.
- e. The schedule of play should ensure that competitions are run efficiently and in the minimum possible period of time. No player should be asked to play more than two matches in any one day unless for any reason it would be unreasonable for the players to return the next scheduled day for a final. More than two matches should only be played with the consent of the overseeing league official and the players involved in that game.
- f. The maximum number of jacks on the green at any one time will normally be four.
- g. In doubles competitions, substitution for players who are absent may be made up to the time of the draw.

A Redmond & W Poole Cups

These are doubles competitions for which a draw of pairs will be made from all players registered on the day.

GH Williams Cup

A doubles competition for players who select their own partners not necessarily from the same team.

H Ainscough & A Robinson Cups

These are singles competitions.

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Burrows Cup

A singles competition with entry restricted to one player from each registered team based upon the best results of the current season.

The venue for this competition will be determined at the previous season's AGM.