

Witney Town Monday Open Triples League

Summer 2025 Rules of Play

- The competition is a 3-wood triples bowls league for any combination of men and women. The winning team will receive the Trophy. Prize money will be paid to the top 3 teams.
- Each team is to be a minimum of 4 and **a maximum of 7 registered players**, of either gender. Players do not have to belong to the same club. Depending on the number of Teams entering, they may be drawn into two groups before the start of the season.
- A substitute may be used only in the event of sickness or other unexpected absence of a registered player. The substitute shall play lead. Only 1 substitute is permitted for each match; the same person may only be used by each team twice in the season. A substitute cannot be used by a team that has registered 7 players, for teams registering 6 or less players if any substitute is used there is a **loss of 25%** of shots won.
- Games that are postponed by agreement must be played on the reserved dates..
- Dress for the competition will be club uniform please.
- The league will be played on Mondays. Sessions will start at 10.30am, and 1.30pm. Matches will be of 18 ends.
- There will be 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw. Group winners will be decided by points won, then shot difference, then shots won.
- Only 1 shot will count on the first 2 ends.
- If bad weather stops play after 9 ends have been played the score at the last completed end shall count.
- Teams will play each other an equal number of times.
- When the jack goes off the side of the rink there is a penalty of 2 shots. The end will count.
- Refreshments will be available at 10am for the morning session, and after 9 ends in the afternoon session.
- The rink fee is £3.50 per match per person including refreshments.
- The completed score card showing the names of all players, should be handed to the officer of the day or deposited in the post box in the Pavilion with the rink fees.
- If the lead player is to control the head, they must be nominated before the start of the game. Skips **may not** visit the head and **must leave** the head together.
- Any team failing to appear within fifteen minutes of the time fixed for starting shall forfeit the game, lose 10 shots and pay the rink fees for both teams of £21. Their opponents will be awarded 2 points and 10 shots.
- Apart from the above Bowls England rules apply.
- In cases of dispute the League Secretary's decision is final, in the absence of the Secretary the officer of the day.

Players please turn up a few minutes early so that matches can start on time.

League Secretary: - Alan Scholan - rules approved 15/02/2025