

TPC WEALTH Open Triples League

Winter 2018/19 Short Mat Rules of Play

- The competition is a 3-wood triples short mat bowls league for any combination of men and women. The winning team will receive the David Cooper Memorial 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. Teams will be drawn into groups before the start of the season.
- A substitute may **not** be used by teams registering 7 players; for teams registering 6 or less players, a substitute may be used. 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. If the substitute is **not** from any other team there is **no shot penalty**; if from another team there is a **loss of 25%** of shots won.
- If a team is one player short the lead and skip will each play 3 woods under ESMBA Rule 12 and there is no loss of shots. The full rink fees are payable.
- Dress for the competition will be greys; club shirts are preferred.
- The league will be played on Wednesdays. Sessions will start at 9.30am, 11.15am and 2.00pm. Matches will be of 18 ends or 90 minutes, whichever comes first.
- The head must be cleared and the lead bowler ready to bowl with the jack set before the final bell goes.
- 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.
- Teams will play each other an equal number of times. At least the top two Teams in each group will play off against each other to decide the overall winners, the winners of each group will be decided by points won, then shot difference, then shots won.
- When the jack goes off the side of the rink there is a penalty of 2 shots. The end will count. Skips may not visit the head.
- Refreshments will be available at 10.45am and 1.30pm.
- The rink fee is £2.50 per match per person including refreshments.
- The completed score card showing the names of all players, should be 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.
- 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 £15. Their opponents will be awarded 2 points and 10 shots.
- Apart from the above ESMBA 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.