

LAWN BOWLS Isle of Man

LEAGUE FIXTURES 2023

COMPETITION RULES

1. The Mixed Singles, Ladies Singles, Evening Pairs and Daytime Pairs leagues have been scheduled as set out in the Fixture lists commencing on **May 8th**. The dates for each league follow the usual pattern of play with the Mixed Singles scheduled on Monday Evening, Ladies Singles on Tuesday, the Evening Pairs on Wednesday and Daytime Pairs on Friday. However, the Committee have agreed that all Members should be **FLEXIBLE** and make all reasonable allowance to accommodate the re-arrangement of matches for the benefit of all concerned.
2. Where matches are to be re-arranged this **must** be notified and agreed in advance between the players and the new date and time entered on the fixture sheet on the notice board. Players should avoid rearranging matches which coincide with scheduled Club competitions usually played on a Saturday afternoon the dates of which will be posted on the notice board and website.
3. Rearranged matches may be played in advance and should be completed whenever possible within **3 weeks** of the original date.
4. Please note that both Pairs Leagues will be split into 2 Sections following 11 matches with a further 5 matches to follow. Note that these 11 fixtures to be completed by **July 23rd or July 26th at the latest**.
5. Inclement weather is not a valid reason for rearrangement although common sense and mutual agreement may be applied in circumstances where heavy rain or poor green conditions prevail eg. Green waterlogged etc.
6. The **Mixed Singles League** matches will normally be played on Monday evening to commence at **6 o'clock** unless arranged otherwise by prior agreement. Due to the number of entries there will be 6 matches scheduled at 6pm with the other matches (**shaded yellow** on the fixture list) to be played at 5pm or 7pm by mutual agreement.
7. The **Ladies League** matches played on Tuesday should commence at **6 o'clock** or by mutual agreement or may be rescheduled for another date and time. A note of the agreed time should be written on the fixture list posted at the clubhouse.
8. The **Pairs League** matches played on Wednesday evening will commence at **6 o'clock** unless arranged otherwise by mutual agreement. This is to accommodate members with full daytime commitments.
9. The Daytime Pairs League will commence at **1:30pm on a Friday** unless arranged otherwise by prior mutual consent.
10. Players should be aware that the green may not be available prior to 12 noon due to maintenance (except on Saturday & Sunday and Bank Holidays), if members wish to play earlier they should check with Simon, the Green-keeper.
11. For all matches players shall toss for the jack at the start of each match and may only give away the jack & mat on the first end.
12. All Singles matches shall be played over **14 Ends** with no time limit. Players may visit the head only once during each end after their 3rd bowl. Players will mark their own matches where there is no marker available. The player not delivering the jack shall centre the jack.
13. The Mixed Singles League shall be operated for the overall Merit Championship.
14. Matches may be played in advance but any Singles matches not completed by **September 5th** shall be declared void or players awarded a walkover with a 10 shots margin if their opponent is unable to fulfil the match.

15. The Ladies League fixtures shall be a separate competition in order to determine an overall female league winner. These fixtures should also be completed by 5th September.
16. Pairs Matches (Wednesday and Friday) shall be played over **14 Ends** with only the Skip limited to a maximum of 1 visit to the head during each end. The lead may not visit the head.
17. In the Wednesday Pairs League the lead and the skip must retain their starting position for the whole match, although these may be changed at the start of any match during the season.
18. In the Friday Pairs League the positions of Lead and Skip shall be rotated at the mid point of the match after 7 ends, although the match result will only count after the full 14 ends have been played.
19. All pairs matches must be completed by **September 12th** at the latest, any uncompleted matches at this stage shall be forfeit by both teams and no points awarded. Any appeal relating to the leagues must be made to the Committee by **13th September** at the latest.
20. Substitutes may be used by any pairs' team provided they are a registered member of the club. A player may substitute for more than one team in any league. There is no limit to the number of matches a substitute may play for any team.
21. In all league matches **3 points** shall be awarded for **a win** and **1 point** awarded for **a draw**.
22. Shots for and against shall be recorded and in the event of a tie on points at the end of the season the final positions shall be determined by the shots difference.
23. If there is still a tie then the match result(s) between the respective singles players shall determine the final placing. In the case of the pairs leagues the aggregate shots difference between the respective teams in their 2 matches shall determine the final placings.
24. A draw for rinks shall be made before each match or session of matches which shall include all available rinks in play. In the case of rearranged matches a choice shall be drawn from at least 3 rinks where available.
25. All results shall be recorded on a match score card and signed by both players (or one from each pair). The match score may also be posted on the fixture list on the notice board. Leagues tables will normally be posted and updated weekly throughout the season and will be available on the club website.
26. All dead ends shall be replayed in the same direction, there is no re-spotting of the jack in any of the league matches.
27. In the unlikely event of any player or pairing failing to arrive within 30 minutes of the scheduled or rearranged start time the match shall be forfeited and declared a walkover with 3 points awarded and a 10 shots margin recorded. Exceptional circumstances for mitigation may be referred to the Committee for consideration.
28. No member may practice on the green within 30 minutes of any league match unless that member has played another league match or championship fixture immediately prior to the subsequent fixture.
29. Any member having already played a league match previously on the same day may not play on the same rink in any subsequent league fixture on the same day.
30. The current Laws of World Bowls governing the sport of Lawn Bowls shall apply in all other circumstances.
31. In the event of any dispute the matter may be referred to the Competition Secretary (Clive McGreal) in the first instance or on appeal the matter shall be determined by the Club Committee.