

Bowls Algarve Inter-Club

Summer League Rules & Format 2020

1. Each club affiliated to Bowls Algarve may enter one or more Sides in the League.
2. All bowlers in each Side must be bona fide members of their club. Players may only represent one club in the Summer League competition.
3. Each Side will consist of two triples, each of which, preferably, will be mixed in composition, as the essence of this League is that it is mixed in nature. It is however, **COMPULSORY** that the Side contains at least two ladies and at least two men.
4. Each league match will consist of two trial ends and two sets of nine (9) ends of play. Sides will toss for choice of jack for each set and Dead Ends will be replayed. Two points will be awarded for a set win and one point for a set draw. The Side with the highest total number of shots across the two triples shall, in addition, be awarded two (2) bonus points. In the event of a tie on total shots, each Side shall be awarded one (1) bonus point. Maximum points possible per fixture is ten (10). The order in which the three players play may be changed after completion of the First set but interchange between the triples is not permitted. League Winners, at the end of the season, will be the Side with the most points awarded. In the event of a tied situation, shot difference will count. Where shot difference is also tied, total shots scored will count.
5. All fixtures should be played on the stipulated date unless exceptional circumstances prevent this. The League Director must be notified of these circumstances and authorise the fixture to be rearranged (exception to this bad weather or green unavailability). All matches should be played within fourteen (14) days. In the event of the circumstances involving the League Director's club, the final decision shall be with the Management Committee Chairman. Each Club must ensure that they have sufficient squad members to fulfil all their fixture obligations on the specified dates.
6. Any Side unable to fulfil a fixture shall have five (5) points and ten (10) shots deducted from their totals to date and all points available will be awarded to the opposition. The opposition will also add ten (10) shots to their total shots to date.
7. If a Side is able to field only one Triple the game is forfeit and Rule 6 above will apply.
8. If a Side is able to field one (1) full Triple and only a pair (two players) for the second Triple, then the pair may play four (4) bowls each and the opposing skip will play two (2) bowls and his/her other two players will play the usual three (3) bowls each. The pair will forfeit one quarter (25%) of their shots at the end of each set. Only one game may be played in this way, the other games must be a full Triple.
9. If any Side fields an ineligible player then, irrespective of the actual result of the match, the Side will be disqualified and Rule 6 above will apply.
10. All fixtures will start at the time shown in the schedule published by the Competition Organiser, (unless afternoon matches are necessary due to lack of available rink space or fixture congestion dictates otherwise). Should a Side not be fully ready to play within thirty (30) minutes of the agreed start time, then they shall forfeit the match and the provisions of Rule 6 above shall apply. Should a game begin and a player suffers an injury or illness with no substitute available then Crystal Mark Law 33.6 and 39.2 (which decides how the game proceeds and the shots penalty) shall apply.

11. Players are asked to wear full whites or Club/Team colours for all League fixtures, however, white or Club/Team colours above the waist is acceptable. Bowls footwear must be worn by all players. Non-compliance in either respect may result in an official warning. Where such a warning has been issued, a subsequent contravention of this rule by the player will result in his/her disqualification. If he/she has played then that Triple will forfeit one third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of their score.
12. There will be a match fee of Seven (7) euros per player. The visiting Side will pay this amount to the host Club and will be responsible for fees from any players failing to arrive. The host Club may charge the match fee, or a proportion thereof, to their own players on a discretionary basis.
13. The umpire will supervise the drawing of Rinks by opposing Captains before play commences. Where possible, the two Rinks will play side-by-side. The Home Side on the fixture list, will lay down their two cards and the Opposition will place their cards at random on top of these.
14. If bad weather intervenes – and subject to the decision to cease play being made/agreed by the Host Club's Management – both Triples must complete the minimum six (6) ends of the second set to constitute a completed fixture. If they have done so, scores for ALL ends played will stand. Otherwise the match shall be declared suspended and the opposing Sides shall agree a suitable date, acceptable to the Host Club, to continue within fourteen (14) days or as otherwise agreed with the League Director. The resumed match should preferably be played on the same rinks but two (2) more trial ends will be permitted and any Triple which had not completed eighteen (18) ends before the stoppage, will play to the completion of eighteen (18) ends. In the event that a player is not available for the resumed match, a substitute is allowed in accordance with Crystal Mark Laws 32.4 and 33.4.
15. The Skip of each Triple shall keep a scorecard for their game, which shall be agreed, time game completed and signed off by the two opposing Skips after the match. Each Side will retain their own scorecards in case of subsequent query. Both sets of scorecards MUST contain the FULL GIVEN NAME AND SURNAME of each player. If a Side are not satisfied or uncertain regarding a player's eligibility, they must raise a query with the League Director within twenty-four (24) hours as per Crystal Mark Law 36.2
16. The Host Club shall be responsible for advising the result of each fixture by email to the League Director within twenty-four (24) hours of the completed match. League result sheets and tables will be circulated to all clubs as soon as practicable.
17. The Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition) shall govern all Summer League matches. It is, however, hoped that the spirit of fair play and common sense will prevail, in the event that these Rules and the Crystal Laws do not cover a specific circumstance. The Home Team will provide an umpire, whose aim will be to resolve any dispute at the time. If no umpire is supplied the matter will be resolved by the Team Captains. Where, however, resolution is not possible, disputes should be referred firstly to Club Captains who will then refer if necessary, to the League Director, within twenty-four (24) hours, who shall make a binding decision.