

BERKSHIRE COUNTY KENNET LEAGUE

KL Rules (as amended at the 2009 AGM)

1. Each team shall consist of Four Rinks. Each game to be played over 21 ends. Two points to each rink for a win. One point to each rink for a draw. Six points to the team with the highest aggregate of shots. Three points for each team if the match is tied. Total number of points available is 14.
2. (a) A draw for rinks to take place by 6.15pm after which time the players may commence their trial ends.
(b) All matches (except (d) under) to commence not later than 6.30pm, the start of the game being when the jack is delivered after the trial ends. Late players may join the game up to this point.
(c) Green fees are to be paid by the home club.
(d) Games played in August to commence at 6.15pm instead of 6.30pm, the start of the game being when the jack is delivered after the trial ends.
3. (a) All competitors must wear the same regulation dress for all matches. White shirts, or coloured shirts that have been approved by the RCBBA, above the waist, grey trousers and Brown or Grey bowling shoes for all rounds up to and including the semi-finals.
(b) It is expected that competitors in league matches would have their bowls identified by their club stickers.
4. (a) The league will be divided into two sections East and West with each section consisting of three divisions. Promotion and relegation between the three divisions will be two up and two down each season. Each team will play each other home and away during the season.
(b) All matches must be completed by August 15th of that season.
(c) Any new teams joining the league will be placed into division three of their section, subject to review by the Management Committee taking into account all factors including geographical locations.
5. All matches will be played on Tuesday evenings and all matches must be completed before the last day of the fixture programme. The fixtures to be compiled by the League Management Committee.
6. (a) The Official Match Result Card must be signed by BOTH captains and submitted to the Results Officer. The responsibility for this lies with the HOME SIDE.
(b) Any result cards submitted with incorrect information are liable to the imposition of penalty points.
7. If an official match result card is received later than noon on the Friday of the week when the match was played then the home side will have two points deducted from its total.
8. In the event of teams tied for any position in the League the higher placed will be the team with the greater shots difference or if still tied the greater total of shots scored.
9. (a) No player can play for more than one team in any season. In the event of any club entering more than one team any player having played for one team may only play for that team for the remainder of the season.
(b) However if his club does not have a side entered in the Kennet League, then he may play for another club, of which he is a bona-fide member, in the Kennet League. (NB: a bona-fide member is a Life or fully paid-up playing member of a club).
10. In the event of a team fielding an ineligible player the points of the rink in which he played shall be conceded to the opposing side plus ten shots along with the six points for the match result.
11. (a) In the event of a match being abandoned due to adverse weather, if a minimum of 40 ends have been completed irrespective of the number of ends played on individual rinks, then the result will stand on the scores of each rink at the time the match was abandoned and the end completed.

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- (b) An Official Match Result Card must still be sent in stating the scores and the number of ends played for each rink at the time of abandonment.
 - (c) For matches not commenced or less than 40 ends completed, the home club must, within 48 hours, offer three alternative dates, one of which has to be accepted within 48 hours. The Results Officer to be notified of the replay date.
 - (d) Matches with less than 40 ends completed will be voided and must be replayed from scratch.
 - (e) Matches rearranged to be played within the last three weeks of the season, must be referred to the Management Committee for approval. The Results Officer to be notified of the replay date.
 - (f) If a team does not fulfil a fixture the defaulting team shall forfeit the match and concede 14 points and 40 shots to their opponents. In this event the League Management Committee will consider the circumstances of the default to decide whether further action, including exclusion, should be taken against the offending team.
12. (a) If a side arrives one player short one rink will play three against the opposing four players in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. If a side arrives one rink short the two rinks points plus ten shots shall be conceded to the opposing side together with the six match points.
- (b) In the event of a player being injured or falling sick during a match, whereby he is unable to continue, an eligible substitute player shall be allowed to take his place (in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls).
 - (c) If there is no substitute player available then the rink will continue as permitted under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. In doing so one fourth of their shots will be deducted from the last completed end (before the player left the green) to the end of the match.
13. (a) The teams that finish in first place in Divisions 1, 2 & 3 East will play a final against their respective contemporaries from Divisions 1, 2 & 3 West.
- (b) The matches will be played on a date and venue to be decided by the Management Committee.
 - (c) At no stage will a team be allowed to commence a final with less than four full rinks.
 - (d) The results of the finals will be decided by aggregate shots. In the event of a tie each rink will play an extra end or ends until a result is determined.
 - (e) Dress for the Final shall be decided by the Management Committee.
14. The winning team will receive a trophy at the end of the season to be held for one year.