

BERKSHIRE COUNTY KENNET LEAGUE

KLX Rules (as amended at the 2009 AGM)

1. Each team shall consist of three triples. Each game to be played over 18 ends. Two points to each triple for a win. One point to each triple for a draw. Four points to the team with the highest aggregate of shots. Two points for each team if the match is tied. Total number of points available is ten.
2. (a) A draw for rinks to take place by 2.15pm after which time the players may commence their trial ends.
(b) All matches to commence not later than 2.30pm, 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.
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) Dress for the Final shall be decided by the Management Committee.
(c) 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 three sections East, Central 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.
(b) Each club will play each other home and away during the season.
(c) All matches must be completed by August 15th of that season.
(d) Any new sides 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.
(e) (i) The winner of the first division will be determined by the winners of East Division 1, Central Division 1 and West Division 1 and the best Division 1 runner up advancing to semi finals and the winners of the two semi finals proceeding to a final.
(ii) The winners of the second and third divisions will be determined in a similar manner.
(f) (i) The best runner up in each division shall be decided on points average (i.e. the number of points scored in the season divided by the number of matches played).
(ii) In the event of an equal record the semi-finalist team will be decided as in Rule 8.
(g) In the event of a default by any team their place in the semi final shall be filled by the next team in the order of merit according to the forgoing rule.
5. Matches are to be played on a regular weekly format as devised by the KL Management Committee with the playing day within that week determined by the home club. Dates of fixtures must be sent to the Results Officer by February 28th.
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 not received within four days of the fixture being played two points will be deducted from the HOME club's total.
8. In the event of sides tied for any position in the League the higher placed will be the side with the greater shots difference or if still tied the greater total of shots scored.
9. (a) All members of a competing club who are 60 years old or over are eligible to play in League matches. No player can play for more than one team in any season.
(b) 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.

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- (c) 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 triple in which he played shall be conceded to the opposing team plus ten shots along with the four points for the match result.
11. (a) In the event of a match being abandoned due to adverse weather, if a minimum of 27 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.
(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 27 ends completed, the home team 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 27 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.
(f) If a club does not fulfil a fixture the defaulting club shall forfeit the match and concede 10 points and 30 shots to their opponents. In this event the league will consider the circumstances of the default to decide whether further action, including exclusion, should be taken against the club.
12. (a) If a team arrives with one player short in any triple the two points plus ten shots shall be conceded to the opposing triple together with the four 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 eligible substitute player available then the triple (and two points) shall be conceded to the opponent. The opponent shall also be awarded ten shots (or the shot deficit of that triple when it was conceded whichever is the greater).
13. (a) The semi finals and finals will be played on a date and venue to be decided by the Management Committee.
(b) In the event of a default at the semi-finals, by any team, their place will be filled by the next highest placed runner-up from any of the three leagues within their respective divisions.
(c) The semi final winners will proceed to the Finals Day.
(d) At no stage will a side be allowed to commence a semi-final or final with less than three triples.
(e) The result of the semi finals & finals games will be decided by aggregate shots. In the event of a tie each triple will play an extra end or ends until a result is determined.
14. The winning team will receive a trophy at the end of the season to be held for one year.