

YORKSHIRE LADIES INDOOR BOWLS ASSOCIATION

NORTH EASTERN LEAGUE RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. As a condition of playing in this league, clubs must be a member of the Y.L.I.B.A. and have a team entered in the Yorkshire League Competition.
2. In any competition consisting of 4 rinks a minimum of 15 ladies must be available to start the game. Failure to field 15 ladies will mean full game is conceded.
3. The following rules must be adhered to.
 - a Matches shall be played on a two teams home and two teams away basis on the same day.
 - b Rinks to be allocated by the home club.
 - c All matches to be played on Saturday and start at either 12.00pm or 12.30pm.
 - d The Executive committee will consider an individual request to vary the application of rule 3c, but this will only be where exceptional circumstances arise.

4. The games shall be 18 ends or 3½ hours and played in accordance with E.I.B.A. Ltd and Y.L.I.B.A. rules and regulations. Start and finish times to be entered onto score cards.

5. Matches shall be played on dates specified in the League programme. Re-arrangement will be allowed if inclement weather prevents travel, or if less than two rinks are available due to rinks being pre-booked for touring teams or for National team matches e.g. Atherley, Yetton/Plate, Egham, Liberty, and Denny/Plate.

Matches, which are re-arranged, must be played before the last match of the season. Any game which is cancelled regardless of circumstance must be played within 1 month of original play date or before the original play date.

If the final game of the season is cancelled, then this game must be played within 2 weeks of the original play date or before the original play date.

Failure to adhere to these rules will mean immediate expulsion from the league for both the current and following season.

If a team is expelled from the Yorkshire League because of defaulting of the rule they will be expelled from the NEL.

When a match has to be re-arranged, the first named club (Challenger) shall be responsible for contacting the opposing club to make the necessary arrangements offering weekend dates within the prescribed time limit. The Secretary must be informed at all times regarding any cancellations and re-arranging of matches.

If clubs will not fulfil their Yorkshire League or North Eastern League fixtures, then the non-defaulter should be awarded 4 points and the defaulter to be deducted 4 points.

If during a match one of the players cannot continue and there are no reserves available that team can continue to play with three players. The lead and second using three bowls, that team will lose a quarter of their score. If a reserve is used, then she may play in any position except Skip.

The Secretary should be consulted where difficulties arise in re-arranging games at a neutral venue or where unresolved disputes occur.

6. The League will consist of two groups with an annual promotion and relegation of one up and one down between the groups, based upon final League placings. Clubs new to the Association will be placed in the bottom half of the League.

7. **Points** – Ten points shall be awarded for each match as follows: -

2 points for winning rinks

1 point for a drawn rink

2 points for a match win (highest aggregate shots)

1 point for a drawn match

League positions will be decided on a point's basis and on the shots difference where points are equal.

8. **Dress** – Regulation white/cream tops or registered coloured tops/waistcoats with plain white or registered coloured trousers/crop trousers/culottes/shorts or skirts. If tights/Stockings are worn they must be in a shade of light brown. Regulation shoes/sandals to be worn. Club teams must be dressed the same.

When travelling to games Ladies should be dressed in regulation white/cream tops or registered coloured tops/waistcoats with grey or registered coloured trousers/crop trousers/culottes/shorts or skirts. If tights/Stockings are worn they must be in a shade of light brown.

9. The home club will provide refreshments and Ladies may change to registered grey or registered coloured trousers/crop trousers/culottes/shorts or skirts.

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