

1 Introduction

- 1.1 These Rules are in addition to the Competition Rules.
- 1.2 In each Division there will be a Premier League and a Challenge League.
- 1.3 The winning Club from the Premier League shall hold the County Cup for a period of one year and the losing finalists shall hold the Runners-up Shield for the same period.
- 1.4 The winning Club from the Challenge League shall hold the County Plate for a period of one year and the losing finalists shall hold the Runners-up Plate for the same period.
- 1.5 For each of the finals, no more than fourteen winner's medals and fourteen finalist's medals will be presented.
- 1.6 The 'Starred Green' rule detailed in Association Regulations shall not apply to this competition.

2 General

- 2.1 The competitions will be divided into two stages:
 - 2.1.1 The preliminary stage which will be played on a league basis.
 - 2.1.2 The final stage which will be played on a knockout basis.
- 2.2 Each Club will be represented by four triples and all games shall be of 18 ends.
- 2.4 Divisional Secretaries shall manage the competitions in their Division up to and including the quarterfinals.
- 2.5 A draw for the Bucks Cup and Bucks Plate shall be arranged by the Competition Secretary and witnessed by two other County Officials.
- 2.6 Players that have played National Championships/County competitions for one Club affiliated to the BBA shall not be eligible to play in the County Cup and/or Plate for another Club in the same year.

3 Preliminary Stage

- 3.1 Play shall commence at 6.00pm unless otherwise arranged.
- 3.2 If a team is not ready to play within 30 minutes of the specified start time the match may be played with three triples if possible. The opponents shall be awarded the two points for the triple not played and ten shots.
- 3.3 If a team does not turn up, or is unable to play three triples, the results of all games played by the offending team shall be declared void and expunged from the League.
- 3.4 Two triples shall play at home and two triples shall play away on the same evening.
- 3.5 The home Club shall:
 - 3.5.1 Nominate the two rinks to be played on.
 - 3.5.2 Nominate the home teams for each rink.
 - 3.5.3 Draw for opponents.
- 3.6 The home Club must telephone the appropriate Divisional Secretary with the results of the two triples played on their green before 10.00pm on the day the game is played.
- 3.7 Six points shall be awarded to the team with the highest number of shots or three points to each team if each team has the same number of shots.
- 3.8 Two additional points shall be awarded to each team for each winning triple or one point to each team for a tied triple. *(Points awarded via 3.7 and 3.8 shall be in addition to any awarded in 3.2).*
- 3.9 Both Clubs shall ensure the scorecards are sent to the appropriate Divisional Secretary. *(They must be delivered or posted, 1st class, within 24 hours of the completion of the game).*
- 3.10 The two Clubs gaining most points in each League in each Division shall go forward to the appropriate quarterfinals.
- 3.11 Should two or more Clubs be equal on points, the one having the better shot difference shall be declared the winner.

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- 3.12 Should two Clubs be equal in both shots and points, the winner shall be ascertained by the result of the match already played between those two Clubs.
- 3.13 Should the match between those two Clubs be drawn, the side that has the triple with the highest shot difference in that match shall be the winner.
- 3.14 The bottom club of the Premier League in each Division shall be relegated to the appropriate Challenge League.
- 3.15 The top club of the Challenge League in each Division shall be promoted to the appropriate Premier League.
- 3.16 In the event of a Club's green being unfit for play, all four triples may be played on the opponent's green or postponed. (*See Rule 3.17*). If the opponent's green does not have four rinks the match shall be postponed.
- 3.17 Postponed matches shall be played on or before the next Wednesday after the completion of the league.
 - 3.17.1 If five ends have not been played by any triple the match shall be treated as a postponed match.
 - 3.17.2 If five ends have been completed, the triple shall be played to completion on or before the next Wednesday after the completion of the League. The same triple, using the same rink on the green shall play, although one substitute may be allowed, but the substitute shall not be permitted to skip the triple. If more than one triple is not available, points and shots shall be awarded as per Rule 3.2. If neither team can field a triple no points or shots shall be awarded to either triple.

4 Final Stages

- 4.1 The winner of each league in each division shall play a runner-up from another relevant league.
- 4.2 The quarterfinals will be played on the league winner's green and the S/Fs on a neutral green.
- 4.3 Play will commence at 10.00am and if a team is not ready to play within 30 minutes thereof the opposing team may be awarded the match.
- 4.4 In the event of a tie after 18 ends, an extra end, or ends, shall be played by all four triples until a winner is established.
- 4.5 The Management Committee will set the date, time and venue for each final.

5 Questions, Issues and/or Disputes

- 5.1 In the preliminary stages Divisional Secretaries are authorized, subject to the overriding authority of the Competition Secretary and the Management Committee, to answer questions and deal with issues and/or disputes raised appertaining to the administration and playing of the games. In the final stages the Competition Secretary shall be responsible for dealing with such matters, subject to the overriding authority of the Management Committee, and which do not come within the remit of the Umpires.
- 5.2 A Club affected by a decision may appeal to the Administrator.
- 5.3 Disputes relating to the conduct of Players and or Officials or the outcome of a game must be the subject of an appeal, made at least three days prior to the game or within two days of the game having been played.

End

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