

P C L LEAGUE (NORTH WEST KENT DIVISION)
RULES (Last Amended 9th November 2023)

1. The League to be known as the P C L League (North West Kent Division).
2. The competition to be for clubs in the North West area of Kent.
3. League matches to be played under Bowls England Rules.
4. The Committee of Management shall comprise of one representative nominated by each of the clubs in the League. The committee shall meet from time to time to manage the affairs of the league - 9 to form a quorum.
5. The committee shall each year appoint from their numbers a Chairman and a Secretary.
6. The competition shall be a four-rink game with clubs playing each other at home one year and away the following year. Matches to be played on Saturday or Sundays commencing at 3.00pm unless mutually arranged otherwise.
7. There is no objection to clubs playing additional rinks in their inter-club matches, provided the four rinks to count in the league are nominated in advance.
8. The League will be comprised of one division only with each team playing the others once only in a season. The points for each match should be 7 - one point for each rink won and three points for the overall win. The Home and Away element would be alternate years.
9. In the event of extreme/unsafe weather conditions, a minimum of 44 ends (in total) will have to be played by the four rinks in order that the score shall count. If the match is cancelled because of extreme/unsafe weather conditions, or in the event of the minimum number of ends not being played, points will be shared 3 1/2 to 3 1/2. However, a weather cancelled match may always be rearranged by mutual agreement.
10. If a club cancels a league fixture all **7 points** will be awarded to their opponents plus 10 shots. The defaulting club will receive no points and have 10 shots added to their shots against total. The minimum number of players required to constitute a team is 14. Any rinks playing with only three players will have 25% of their score deducted and this will be rounded down to the nearest whole number.
11. In the event of two or more clubs sharing the lead on points at the end of the season, the club with the best shots for and against difference from games in their division will be declared the winner.
12. A league match may be rearranged only in the event of a club's green being required by the Bowls England, K.C.B.A. or L & S.C.B.A. (for Association or Shield Matches).
13. A bowler cannot play in league matches for more than one affiliated club in any one season.
14. Post-match meals. The Home team to advise all clubs that are visiting of their catering arrangements by March 30th and that visiting teams comply with the home teams arrangements.
15. Any other matters or disagreements not covered by these Rules shall be dealt with by a sub-committee comprising the Secretary and two other members from uninvolved clubs. Their decision will be final.
16. Every year a new set of rules, dated for the current season for both the League and Presidents Cup, to be issued by e-mail by the League Secretary to all delegates, even if there have been no changes, so there can be no confusion which are the current rules. The Delegates of each club to then ensure their organiser(s) of the weekly games are fully conversant with the rules of the competition.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOME SIDE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY WIN OR LOSE, TO ENSURE THAT THE SCORE IS E-MAILED OR TELEPHONED TO SECRETARY BY THE MONDAY AFTER THE WEEKEND THE GAME WAS PLAYED. The Secretary must be informed of any postponed or cancelled matches.

Dated 19th November 2025