

GUIDELINES
South West Division Winter League 2011

Vision Statement

To provide an environment for the Division's club bowlers, of both genders, and of all levels of experience and ability, that combines the competitiveness of a League competition with the opportunities to socialize with other club members. It is intended to support and develop the clubs, as they are the basic social unit of the Division.

Structure

The competition will be in the form of regionalized leagues. The winners of each regionalized league will meet in a play-off format. How exactly this is structured will depend on the number of teams entered. The League will be very sensitive to geographical and travel considerations.

There will be 2 tiers of competition:

A Trophy league, which will be accented on the competitive aspect, and will involve the more experienced and accomplished bowlers within the Division, and may involve more travel, depending on the number and geography of the entries.

A Development League, which will be accented equally on the competitive and social aspects of the game. This league is composed of those bowlers who are newer to the game and would like to develop their game further. It is hoped that the more experienced bowlers would mentor the newer bowlers.

An engraved trophy will be awarded to the winning Trophy and Development team of the Winter League.

Playing Dates

The Leagues will be played between January and March 2011. It will be played on Saturdays at 9:00am, unless the clubs concerned agree on an alternative date and time, such as a Sunday or a weekday.

Each team would play approximately 6 or 7 games, which will give us additional dates for cancellations due to the weather. For those clubs involved in the play-offs this may extend to 8 or 9 games.

Format

Each team will consist of 4 players (men, women, or combined). There will be a game of Rinks (foursomes) in the morning and 2 games of Pairs following the Rinks.

Within 1 day, the scores will be emailed, or called in to the League coordinator: fred.robles@yahoo.com 909-599-9304(home) or 909-282-7700(cell).

He will publish the results in the Newsletter.

League standings

The league standings will be published in the Newsletter. Any inquiry or dispute as to the league standings or points scored should be taken up with the league coordinator: fred.robles@yahoo.com 909-599-9403(home) or 909-282-7700(cell). In the event of two teams having the same total points (tie) at the end of the regular season, the league position will be determined by the results of the games between those two teams.

Teams

All clubs will be encouraged to join either league, and can enter as many teams as they believe they can support.

Generally, 7 players are needed to support a 4-person team (illness or injury, vacations etc.). The league stresses this point. Because of the tight time frame of the league, games should only be rescheduled because of rain. They cannot be rescheduled because of player unavailability. Thus teams would need to ensure that they have sufficient players able to fill places in the team if necessary.

Please remember that any default by not fielding a full team has a critical effect on the league and cannot be adequately dealt with in any fair way to all the competing teams involved. The league would further request that any team that cannot field 4 players inform the other club and the league.

For each team in the Trophy League, 4 players must register with the League, and these players would not be allowed to play in the Development League. Other than that, any members of the club could fill each team. An example might be Development players moving up to fill a Trophy position. But, a Trophy player can never move down to compete at the Development level.

If a club enters more than one team in the Trophy League, they must register 4 players with each team and keep them separate in some way by naming the teams differently. Trophy League players are only allowed to play with the team they are registered with. If a Trophy League team needs a replacement player, that player must be brought up from the Development League. The list of players designated to each Trophy League team will be provided to all clubs.

The wearing of matching colored uniforms for each team is encouraged.

Disputes/Adjudication

The Tournament Chair, Mitch Woods 626-340-5676, will adjudicate any issues that occur. Any issue that is not settled to the satisfaction of the parties involved will be escalated to the SW Division Tournament committee.

Schedule

Once the number of teams has been determined, the two schedules will be published. Every effort will be made to make the environment as social as possible by having four, or even six teams (based on the number of entries) playing at a particular venue. It will, as much as it is possible, be based on a Home & Away structure so that each team can expect to have approximately half of their games on their home green. This, of course, will depend on the clubs being able to adhere to the original schedule when it is published.

Given that we receive sufficient entries there will be playoffs between the winners of the various regions, and trophies will be awarded to the Playoff Finalists.

Cost

The cost would be \$40 per team of 4 (\$40 for your Trophy team and \$40 for your Development team). This would cover any administrative expenses, and the purchase of trophies. Checks would be made out to: *Pomona Lawn Bowling Club*. There will be a fully published accounting of all monies involved.

Green Fees

It is hoped that in the spirit of friendly competition and cooperation, that visiting club members not be asked for any further financial obligations in the form of club "green" fees to compete. This interclub cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Newsletter

A newsletter will be published each week, which will contain the league standings for each region. We ask each team captain to send in a report of the match by Sunday, 6:00 pm.

Administration

For questions/issues relating to league structure, match days and time, or player eligibility, please call 909-282-7700 or email fred.robles@yahoo.com

For questions/issues during the day of the game call Mitch Woods 626-340-5676 (cell).

Please note that Fred Robles is the League Coordinator not an umpire. Any measuring or rules issues should be decided by the two teams even if the League Coordinator is in attendance.

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