



The West Wilts Bowls League

THE WHITE HORSE LEAGUE- PROGRAMME FOR 2024 rev a

RULES – (June 2023)

1. The League shall be run in five Divisions numbered 1,2,3,4 and 5. Teams in each division will play up to 18 games (As shown)
2. Each team shall consist of male players aged 58 years, or over, by 30 Sept in the current year, and may represent one team only.
3. * Games shall consist of 18 ends (plus 2 trial ends) and shall nominally be played on Tuesdays, commencing at 2.00pm in accordance with the League Code programme in para. 7, below. If weather conditions dictate, it will be permitted to play 18 ends with 1 shot scored on the first 2 ends with agreement from both skips. Games must be played on the Tuesday or, if this is not possible then, (by mutual agreement between the 2 Teams involved), by the next Monday of the week scheduled, except in the event of inclement weather when Rule 5 will be applied, or if, due to exceptional circumstances a team is unable to play. The exceptional circumstances will be determined as valid by presentation to the League Secretary. His decision, in consultation with the West Wilts Bowling League Management Committee, will be final. Vacations will not be accepted as a valid reason for postponement. If a game is not played on the Tuesday or by the next Monday of the week scheduled other than for the reasons above, the defaulting team will automatically concede the game, with the opponents being awarded two points and five shots. The HOME team must, as far as possible, give advance notice of cancellation to their opponents to avoid unnecessary travel costs. The HOME team must advise the League Secretary of all changes agreed between the teams concerned. Rule 8 will apply if no information is received.
4. ** If any game is affected by inclement weather or postponed as Rule 3: -
 - a. The result will stand if 10 or more ends have been played when affected by inclement weather.
 - b. If less than 10 ends have been played, the game will continue from the last end played before interruption. Teams should remain unchanged as far as possible.
 - c. * The ground declared unfit, or a game not started as Rule 3. The game must be played within two weeks, (except in the final week of the season when only one week is allowed). The HOME team must offer three non-consecutive afternoon dates to their opponents, one of which may be a weekend. If none of the dates offered to their opponents is acceptable, the two points will be awarded to the home team. If three dates cannot be offered to the Away team, the two points will be awarded to them. Should the re-arranged game also be affected by the weather the teams may agree a revised date within the specified time limit or share the points. The League Secretary must be kept informed of the situation by the HOME team. Rule 8 will apply if no information is received.
 - d. Any disputes will be resolved by the League Secretary, in consultation with the West Wilts Bowling League Management Committee, if necessary. Their decision will be final.
5. * The "HOME" team shall be responsible for forwarding the result of the game to the League Secretary within 24 hours of the game being played : -

It is the responsibility of each team captain to ensure that the results are received by the league secretary in a timely manner. Each club may nominate one person from that club – could be the West Wilts rep. or Club Secretary – to collect all scores from the home teams and send by email, text*** – asking for a receipt. If these are not received on time, i.e. within 24 hours of the game being played, (unless delayed in line with the rules), teams will be penalised appropriately. *As a consequence of this teams will be free to use any style of score card they wish and the WHL will not issue cards.*
6. * **THIS IS IMPORTANT.** If a score, or notification of postponement, is not received by the League Secretary within 24 hours of the scheduled match, TWO POINTS may be deducted from the HOME team. This is in addition to the actual result. **This Rule will be applied at the discretion of the League Secretary.** Bowls England Rules apply, subject to the above. A draw for rinks is to be made in accordance with WBA Code of Practice

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7. At the end of the season the top two teams from Divisions 2 - 5 will be promoted to the division above their current division and the bottom two teams from Divisions 1 - 4 will be relegated to the division below their current division. Promotion and Relegation will be compulsory.
8. Teams that change division must, as far as possible, retain at least four players in the following year.
9. At the end of the season a knockout competition will be held with the teams coming top of each division plus the three teams coming second with the best points average.

The 2024 Knockout Competition will be played at Spencer Melksham B.C. on the following dates:

1 Quarter- Finals	Monday.	2 nd September 2024
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2 Semi- Finals	Tuesday.	3rd September 2024
3 THE "FINAL"	Thursday.	5 th September 2024

10. 2024 Team Lists

Team No & Name		Leader	Phone
Division 1			
1	Broughton Gifford B	Rodney Bourne	01249-651743
2	Chippenham Town A	Jim Fitzpatrick	07471-689738
3	Avon Dinosaurs	John Crowder	01225-706118
4	Westbourne A	John Noyce	01225-862184
5	Warminster Warriors	Tony Reed	07900=981443
6	North Wilts E	David Hunt	07834-393698
7	Avon Arrows	Alan Roberts	07823-851503
8	Spencer Melksham D	Michael Over	07847-401214
9	Chippenham Town Tigers	Bob Chalmers	07730-520308
10	Spencer Melksham E	Dave Laws	01225-542599

Team No & Name		Leader	Phone
Division 2			
1	Corsham A	Bob Laws	07802-792270
2	Chippenham Town D	Walter Donald	07879-461033
3	Spencer Melksham A	Alan Jarman	07582-006779
4	Corsham E	John Hynes	07340-380288
5	Corsham C	Frank Wakeman	07485-284826
6	Winsley Wizards	Morris Hughes	01225-864727
7	Spencer Melksham B	Richard Thurston	07794-149853
8	Calne Falcons	Les Fish	07568-594763
9	North Wilts B	John Penfold	07847-109777
10	Chippenham Park A	Brian Murray	01249-654259

Division 3			
1	Warminster Braves	Rick Pearson	01985-512007
2	Box Buccaneers	Ian Higgins	07900822878
3	Chippenham Town C	Ted Greves	07534-674019
4	Trowbridge Town A	Terry Fuller	01225-761334
5	Devizes F	Mike Mitcham	07402-134303
6	North Wilts A	Ron Read	07976-740060
7	Westbourne B	Malcolm Oliver	01225-754571
8	Winsley Weavers	Paul Newlove	01225-865624
9	Bradford A	Trevor Janes	01225-865257
10	Devizes C	Chris Holt	07484-741597

Division 4			
1	Devizes B	Barry Howard	07767-621052
2	Box Foxes	John Smart	07988-724827
3	BOA Constrictors	John Ward	01225-864049
4	Broughton Gifford A	Ray Thomas	01225-707898
5	Westbourne C	Bill Bradbeer	01225-752164
6	Calne Beez	Steve Pember	01249-818641
7	Trowbridge Town D	Grant Rose	07954-361271
8	Trowbridge Town B	Richard Francis	01380-828232
9	Avon Eagles	Richard Bell	07505-433811
10	Devizes E	Ash Galloway	07951-787729

Division 5			
1	Holt	Paul Leverington	07876-191097
2	Devizes D	Colin Shewring	07970-152032
3	Avon Brewers	Norman Fry	07877-463235
4	Broughton Gifford C	Ray Thomas	01225-707898
5	Calne Cavaliers	Barry Kennedy	07720-506030
6	Park Rangers	Philip Wells	07368-204598
7	Spencer Moulton C	Russ Burgess	07593-578620
8	BoAls Team	Phillip Sutton	01225-867640
9	Warminster Wolves	Rob Smith	07827-493523
10	Vacant		

Notes:-

- 1 If any member cannot contact a team through the Team Leader, please ring the League Secretary (07802-837360). He may have an alternative number.
- 2 For administrative convenience, some team numbers have been changed.

Thank you all for your continuing support.



Mel Waller

White Horse League Secretary.

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