



The West Wilts Bowls League

THE WHITE HORSE LEAGUE- PROGRAMME FOR 2026

RULES –

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 50 years, or over, by 1st April 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. Teams that change division must, as far as possible, retain at least four players in the following year.
8. 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 shots difference.

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The 2026 Knockout Competition will be played at venue to be determined on the following dates:



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1 Quarter- Finals	Monday.	31 st August 2026
2 Semi- Finals	Tuesday.	1st September 2026
3 THE "FINAL"	Thursday.	3rd September 2026

10. 2026 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	Chippenham Town D	Les Snelgrove	07968-185061
4	Corsham A	Bob Laws	07802-792270
5	Warminster Warriors	Mel Waller	07802-837360
6	North Wilts E	John Penfold	07847-109977
7	Avon Arrows	Keith Young	01225-704677
8	Calne Falcons	Les Fish	07568-594763
9	Chippenham Town Tigers	Bob Chalmers	07730-520308
10	Chippenham Park A	Stewart Murrow	07870-193785

Team No & Name		Leader	Phone
Division 2			
1	Devizes F	Mike Mitcham	07402-134303
2	Westbourne A	John Noyce	01225-862184
3	Spencer Melksham A	Alan Jarman	07582-006779
4	Corsham E	David Jones	07436-884866
5	Spencer Melksham D	Mick Over	07847-401214
6	Winsley Wizards	Morris Hughes	01225-864727
7	Warminster Braves	Rick Pearson	07576-808088
8	Spencer Melksham E	David Laws	01225-542599
9	Avon Dinosaurs	John Crowder	07842-361790
10	North Wilts A	Ron Read	07976-740060

Division 3			
1	Box Buccaneers	Ian Higgins	07900-82287
2	Trowbridge Town D	Grant Rose	07954361271
3	Park Rangers	Bob Maddick	07980-852812
4	Trowbridge Town A	Dave Hall	07811-075874
5	Avon Brewers	Norman Fry	07877-463235
6	Calne Beez	Dave Whitehead	07367-119620
7	Spencer Melksham B	Richard Thurston	07794-149853
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	Warminster Wolves	Rob Smith	07827-493523
3	BOA Constrictors	John Ward	01225-864049
4	Broughton Gifford A	Mervyn Davies	01225-790669
5	Westbourne C	Bill Bradbeer	07969674376
6	Corsham C	Frank Wakeman	07485-284826
7	Avon Crossply	Alan Roberts	07823-851503
8	Trowbridge Town B	Michael Darwin	07508-377550
9	Chippenham Town C	Ted Greves	07534-674019
10	Devizes E	Ash Galloway	07951-787729



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Division 5			
1	Holt	Peter Walpole	07762222044
2	Devizes D	Colin Shewring	07970-152032
3	Devizes A	Kelvin Nash	07588-685868
4	Spencer Melksham C	Alag George	07305-553175
5	Calne Cavaliers	Rob Hyland	07813-068119
6	Box Foxes	John Smart	07988-724827
7	Spencer Moulton C	Russ Burgess	07593-578620
8	Warminster Wobblers	Graeme Millar	07939-99154
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10	Avon Eagles	Richard Bell	07505-433811

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.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Mel Waller

Tea & Biscuits League Secretary.

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