

WEST OXON LADIES LEAGUE CUP

COMPETITION RULES 2024

- 1) Matches to be played to the laws approved by Bowls England where they apply to team games.
- 2) Teams will be split into 2 sections. All teams in each section to play all other teams once in a season on a home or away basis..
- 3) Each team to be represented by 8 players (2 rinks), if one player is short in any rink, the number of bowls played by each defaulting rink to be: the lead and two both playing 3 bowls and the skip 2. Defaulting rink to lose 25% of the total shots scored (including decimal places) by each defaulting rink to be deducted from their score after the game has finished. A fourth player may join in a rink (not at skip) before the commencement of the 4th end with no penalty to the score.
- 4) All league cup games will be played on Wednesday evenings commencing no later than 6:30 p.m. except if verified by the league secretary.
- 5) Points to be awarded in each game –
 - 2 points for team with highest shot difference.
 - 1 point each in the event of a shot difference tie.
- 6) A game to consist of 15 ends with two trial ends allowed. Only in the case of bad weather, the captains can decide to play 1 shot on the first 2 ends' instead on the trial ends and no 3's up.
- 7) A draw to decide the rink allocations and toss for the mat is to be made by the team captains. Home captain to place her cards face down on the table and the visiting captain place her cards face down on top and allocate the rink numbers writing on the back of cards
- 8) A substitute is allowed if one is present but must not play as skip.
- 8a) If a player is injured during a match and a substitute is present to play then the rink will play as a triple as per rule 3. With no shot penalty.
- 9) If a game is curtailed by bad weather or bad light, and a minimum of 8 ends on each rink have been complete, with the scores at the completion of the 8th ends being the result of the game.

10) If, because of bad weather or bad light, a fixture does not take place, or the minimum of 8 ends are not completed, 1.5 points will be awarded to each team. The green keeper shall decide if the green is playable, or if a green keeper is not available, the two opposing captains will decide.

11) In the event of a Club requiring a postponement in EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES a club may submit a request, stating the reason(s), to the League Secretary who has full authority to grant such a request if, in her opinion the described circumstances warrant such action. If a fixture is cancelled by any team for any other reason and/or without the permission of the League Secretary, the team available to play the fixture will be awarded the game with 3 points.

11a) If the game is cancelled due to bad weather the game is to be played within 6 days on a mutually agreed date. Any problems to be referred to the league secretary.

12) All home captains must be responsible for sending a copy of the actual match result card signed by both captains either by a scanned copy or a photograph of the card itself to the league Secretary no later than 24 hours following the fixture. All result cards to be retained by each team in case of Dispute.

13) The team with the most points when all games have been completed shall be the section winners. Both section winners will play in a final for the League Cup. If two or more teams are equal in points, shot difference will decide the positions.

13b) The location for the League Cup final will be played on a neutral green arranged by the league secretary.

14) An open section draw for the following season will be made at the end of season delegates meeting.

15) Dress Code: Club Colours for all players.

16) Any points arising or not covered by the foregoing rules, to be referred to the League Secretary for consideration by the League committee.