

HERTFORDSHIRE CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

LEAGUE RULES

All matches and competitions will be played to the English Carpet Bowls Rules for Playing. This provides all the rules for:-

- A. The equipment to be used
- B. Playing
- C. Delivery
- D. Skips
- E. Measuring
- F. Scoring
- G. Unforeseen Incidents
- H. Spectators

The following are the Team and Match Rules for the HCBA Leagues as determined by the committee and registered clubs and may be revised to facilitate the efficient running of the leagues, taking into account the needs and changing requirements of the competing teams.

1. A team will consist of a maximum of twelve and a minimum of eight players.
2. Where a club is playing a match that needs one or more bowlers to play twice, the bowler(s) will be chosen by having the names of all players placed in a hat and the opposing captain will select one or more names as appropriate.
3. Any player playing twice is not permitted to play on the same carpet twice or to be skip twice.
4. Although not expressly stated in the rules, it is anticipated that both captains will act reasonably when it comes to the fitness of any particular player to play more than one game.
5. If a club has less than eight players available they will forfeit one of the "Fours" and the opposition will be awarded 2 points and 9 shots for that game.
6. Each match will consist of two games of "fours" and two games of "pairs", both over 9 ends
7. Each player in the "pairs" will bowl 4 woods and each player in the "fours" will bowl 2 woods
8. Two points will be awarded to the winner of a game, with one point each for a drawn game, making a total of eight points available for each match.
9. Full names must be entered on a score sheet before the commencement of the match. The home team must complete this first and then pass to the opposition for completion.
10. The team sheet cannot be changed once the match has started.
11. All team players must be registered members of the club.
12. Any player who transfers from one team to another or from one club to another during the league season must notify the league secretary in writing. However they will not be eligible to play for that transferred club for that season in any league or cup matches.

13. Cancellation of league matches. All clubs must notify the league secretary of any match cancellation. No club should cancel due to lack of members available, the match should be played with the members that are available. If it is necessary to cancel a match it must be done 10 days prior to the match date in order that the opposition can notify their members and to alter any catering arrangements. Failure to comply with this will automatically result in the full 8 points being awarded to the opposition. Cancellation of any match for the second time by the same club will automatically result in the full 8 points and 36 shots being awarded to the opposition. The only exceptions for any cancellations are a, b, c, or d, listed below:
 - a) Bereavement of either of the clubs membership (or close relatives) within a few days of the match date
 - b) Extreme weather conditions (fog, snow, ice, flooding etc)
 - c) Unavailability of venue due to an unexpected event (ie alternative function such as pantomime, AGM etc)
 - d) Exceptional illness throughout the club
14. Should there be any unforeseen circumstances occur whilst a match is in progress, the following guidelines should be followed:
 - a) The status of play and equipment should not be moved until an agreement has been made by both captains to void the match
 - b) Any game that has been completed and signed for and during the course of play has not been affected by the unforeseen event shall be deemed as a result.
 - c) Any game yet to be played or in progress and affected or influenced by the unforeseen event shall be declared void and arrangements be made for these to be replayed.
 - d) Any player who has taken part in a completed and signed game is deemed to have taken part for this match. Therefore they are not eligible to play in the rearranged fixture, unless they had other matches to play due to rule 2 above.
15. If there any disputes regarding matches they should be submitted to the county secretary in writing within 7 days of the fixture, for a decision to be made by the county committee.