

Croydon & District Ladies League

2024 LEAGUE RULES

1. Each club will play one fixture, comprising of two rinks, against all other affiliated clubs in the league. Whites will be worn for afternoon matches. Greys will be worn at all other times. Club colours are permitted as long as worn by all team members.
2. If either side or both sides should have a single player missing from their rink/s, the match will still be valid and Bowls England Rule 39 shall apply. (one fourth of the total shots scored (including decimal places) by each defaulting team must be deducted from their score after the game has finished.)
3. A copy of each club's fixture list must be sent to the League Secretary prior to the commencement of each season.
4. Each winning club must forward the signed match result sheet, including the names of players, to the League Secretary to arrive within **three days** of the fixture. Results will be recorded by the Secretary and two points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss. Two additional points will be awarded for each winning rink with points shared for a drawn rink. Emailed results is the preferred format but the results can also be posted to the League Secretary.
5. Matches must consist of a minimum of eleven ends to qualify as a result, with both rinks being levelled to the rink with the lowest number of completed ends. If a game is abandoned before eleven ends have been played, the fixture must be re-scheduled and start as a new game. A normal match will be 18 ends.
6. All clubs must endeavour to play the match on the day of the fixture but in the event of a cancellation, for whatever reason, the fixture must be re-scheduled. If the match cannot be rescheduled or the fixture is cancelled again by the same club, for reasons other than in Rule 7, three points will be deducted from the defaulting club and three points awarded to their opponents.
7. If the home captain decides that the match is to be cancelled due to bad weather or damage making the green unsuitable for play, and if the match cannot be re-scheduled, it will be deemed as a match not played and three points will be awarded to each club with no shots involved.
8. A team playing a non-registered member of that club will, on submission of irrefutable and non-contested evidence to the League Secretary by the non-defaulting club's captain, default the match and forfeit the maximum six match points to the opposing club.
9. Any disputes must be put in writing to the League Secretary. The committee's decision will be final.
10. A copy of the current league table will be sent by email to each club representative at the end of each month.
11. The League winner will be the club with the highest points at the end of the season. In the event of two or more clubs having equal points, shots difference will decide the winner. If two or more clubs have equal points and shots difference, the winner will be the club which has scored the highest number of shots.
12. The winning/runners up clubs will hold a Trophy for one year and will also be awarded a cash prize. It is incumbent of these clubs to maintain the trophy in a good and clean condition and to return it and its presentation box to the League Secretary by 30th September each year. The return of the trophy should preferably be made in person but if carriage is arranged through any third party carrier, the trophy must be packed in its original packaging and insured to its appropriate value.