

# CONSTITUTION & RULES OF THE CRISTAL LADIES LEAGUE

Amended November 2020

1. The League shall be known as the 'Cristal' Ladies League.
2. The League was founded by the following Clubs at a meeting of representatives of the Clubs at Supreme Bowling Club on Monday 25 January 1999:

Chessington BC	Raynes Park BC
Hook & Southborough BC	Supreme BC
Malden BC	Surbiton BC
Manor Park BC	Worcester Park BC
Merton Park BC	

The League's playing activities will commence in the 1999 playing season.

3. The Headquarters of the League shall be Supreme Bowling Club, Thetford Road, New Malden, Surrey.
- 3.1 After the 2005 AGM of the Cristal Ladies League the headquarters of the League became Merton Park Ladies BC, John Innes Park, Mostyn Road, London SW19 2LL.
- 3.2 After the 2011 AGM of the Cristal Ladies League the headquarters of the League became Cheam Ladies BC, Peaches Close, Cheam, Sutton, Surrey, SM2 7BJ.
- 3.3 After the 2019 AGM of the Cristal Ladies League the headquarters of the League became Sutton BC, Dorset Road, Sutton, SM2 6JA.
- 3.4 At the AGM in 2019 it was agreed that a club would run the League for 3 years each starting with Sutton in 2020 then it would be rotated in alphabetical order, thus Auriol take over in 2023.
- 3.5 The clubs forming the membership of the Cristal Ladies League as at November 2013 are:-

Auriol Park BC	Southey BC
Cheam Fields BC	Supreme BC
Cheam BC	Sutton BC
Chessington BC	Sutton Common BC
Malden Manor BC	West Park BC
Merton Park BC	

- 3.6 The Clubs forming the membership of the Cristal Ladies League as at February 2018 are:-

Auriol BC	Epsom Court BC
Carshalton Beeches BC	Malden Manor BC
Cheam Fields BC	Merton Park BC
Cheam BC	Supreme BC
Chessington BC	Sutton BC

- 3.7 The Clubs forming the membership of the Cristal Ladies League as at November 2020 are:-

Auriol BC	Malden Manor BC
Banstead Neville BC	Merton Park BC
Cheam BC	Purley BC
Cheam Fields	Supreme BC
Chessington	Sutton BC
Epsom Court BC	

4. Future membership of the League shall be by application at the Annual General Meeting which will be held at the end of the playing season. Three or more Clubs voting against shall exclude membership.
- 4.1 Purley BC have asked to be accepted into the League with effect from summer 2021 and this needs to be voted on by the other member Clubs.  
Due to Corona virus restraints it was not possible to hold an AGM, but having contacted all Clubs in the League, Purley will be accepted from Summer 2021 as there were 8 votes for and 2 against.
5. There will be a joining fee of £10 per club. The amount of the annual subscription shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting. For the opening season in 1999 the annual subscription will be £5 increased to £8.
6. The affairs of the League shall be conducted by a Committee which shall consist of the Officers and a delegate member from each Club.
7. The Officers of the League shall be a Chairperson and a Secretary/Treasurer. The Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
8. The Annual General Meeting of the Cristal Ladies League shall be held in October or November on a date to be fixed by the Officers of the League. Notice of the meeting shall be given to member Clubs at least 40 days before the meeting. Items for the agenda and nominations for Officers must be received in writing by the League Secretary at least 28 days before the Annual General Meeting.
9. The Constitution and Rules of the League may only be amended at the Annual General Meeting. For an amendment to be approved at least two thirds of the member Clubs present must vote in favour of the amendment.
10. The delegates of the Committee shall be nominated by each Club and such nominations should be notified to the Secretary as and when they are nominated. These nominations should show the address and telephone number of the delegate.
11. Only delegates will be allowed to vote at the Annual General Meeting.
12. The winners shall hold the Championship Trophy for the following year. A suitable memento shall be presented to the League Champions and the runners-up in each season.
13. **Rules of Play**
- 13.1 A League Match shall consist of each Club playing two **TRIPLES of 18** ends (plus two trial ends) and shall be played on a day to be agreed between the two Clubs.
- 13.2 Clubs will play each other Home and Away on alternate years.
- 13.3 In League matches the rinks should be drawn and a toss made to decide the mat.
- 13.4 Teams may not include more than one member per rink of last seasons John's Trophy, Walker Cup or National squad's players.
- 13.5 Scoring:
  1. 2 points for each winning rink
  2. 1 point for each drawn rink
  3. 2 points for an overall win
  4. 1 point for an overall aggregate tie.
- 13.6 If the minimum of 12 ends are played, the score is taken at the highest number of ends played by each rink.

- 13.7 In the event of a match being abandoned before the minimum number of ends have been played the Clubs shall share the points equally. If both Clubs wish to re-arrange the match this would be acceptable.
- 13.8 League matches should only be cancelled because of bad weather. The Home Club green keeper shall be responsible for declaring the green unfit to play. If a match is cancelled for this reason, it may be re-arranged by mutual agreement. If this is not possible the points shall be shared equally. If a match is cancelled for any other reason the Club not in default shall be awarded 3 points and the Club in default shall be deducted 3 points. Once again as it was not possible to hold an AGM, each Club was contacted and only 1 Club was against this proposal, so the change in the allocation of points for a cancelled match will come into effect from 2021.
- 13.9 All matches to be started at the agreed time, with rinks that are complete. If any rink is unable to start after 30 minutes the match will be awarded to the Club not in default as if the game was cancelled.
- 13.10 The Club with the highest number of points at the end of the season shall be declared League Champions. In the event of a tie for first place the team with the better points difference will be declared winners.  
(Any match not played because it was cancelled by that team shall be included in matches played. Any Club who had a match cancelled by the opposition shall not have that match included in their count of matches played.)
14. All matches shall be played in accordance with EBA Rules. Any disputes shall be referred to the Committee whose decision shall be final.
15. League result sheets, which must be signed by both Clubs, should be sent to the League Secretary within seven days. League score cards, which must be signed by both skips, should be retained by both Clubs in case they are needed for scrutiny.
16. In the event of the demise of the Cristal Ladies League; A Special General Meeting of all the participating Clubs at the time of the demise shall be called to decide on the distribution or disposal of assets and monies.
17. The League Committee, whose decision shall be final, should decide any matters not covered by these Rules.