

## **BOWLING CONSTITUTION**

The following is the constitution for the league known as Thursday League Doubles .

The league will bowl on a Thursday night commencing on 9<sup>th</sup> January and will have 7 rounds. After each round there will be a make up week, followed by a position round. In the event that no one has any games to make up we will go straight into the position round.

Practice will commence at 19.50hrs with matches commencing at 20.00hrs.

### **LEAGUE OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT : NEIL DEBENHAM**

**VICE PRESIDENT: JIM PYATT**

**SECRETARY: ERIC BROWN**

**TREASURER: KAREN AYLOTT**

### **PRESIDENT**

The president shall preside over all league meetings.

He shall verify that the treasurer has deposited the league fees in the registered bank account of the league

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

He shall perform all duties of the president in the president's absence

### **SECRETARY**

He will post the league standing sheets each week showing the league positions, handicaps and averages and these will be displayed before the commencement of bowling. These will also be displayed weekly on the website [www.tld-ipswich.co.uk](http://www.tld-ipswich.co.uk)

At the end of each season he will discuss with the committee who is eligible for the league prizes.

### **TREASURER**

The treasurer is responsible for keeping an accurate account of all league funds.

The treasurer will collect all due fees before the commencement of play each week and pay the lineage to Tenpin bowling centre.

The treasurer will be responsible for depositing all league funds into the league bank account

### **TEAMS**

The league will consist of 6 teams of two bowlers. Team roster must be completed on the first night of the season. There will be no limit to the amount of players registered with a team, but any new bowlers must have bowled at least once before the last 6 weeks of the season to qualify to be able to bowl in those last 6 weeks.

Tardy bowlers will be permitted to bowl as long as they arrive before the 5<sup>th</sup> frame of the first game, failing that they will have to wait until the next game, although this can be agreed with the opposing team captain to wait for them. This rule will not apply in exceptional circumstances i.e when an accident occurs on the A14/A12, in this instance if possible please contact the bowling centre to inform them of your delay.

### **POINTS**

There will be a total of 24 points available to win on the night, this consists of 6 points per game (2 for each bowler that wins the game with handicap and 2 for the team total per game) and 6 points for the overall series (that is 2 points per bowler and 2 points for team series). The scoresheet shall be completed at the end of each game before the scores are cleared from the

screen. It is the captain's (or stand in) responsibility to ensure the scores on the scoresheet are correct and to sign the oppositions scores accordingly.

At the end of the season should the league be tied a 3 game roll off will take place,if after this its still a draw the winner will be decided on overall pinfall

## **FEES**

League fees will be £11.00 per person per night of which £8.70 will cover the league lineage the remainder of which will be deposited in the league bank account with the Lloyds bank in the name of THURSDAY LEAGUE DOUBLES and the authorised signatories will be Karen Aylott and Jim Pyatt .

If a team has to cancel a match and they know in advance (i.e for holidays) ,please can you let the opposing team captain know and also Karen Aylott so that she can inform the bowling centre that lanes will not be required on that night.This will also apply if you have to cancel a match at short notice.

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID TO THE TREASURER OR THERE STAND IN BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MATCH,THESE FEES MUST BE PAID IN CASH-PLEASE INFORM YOUR TEAM MEMBERS. IT IS THE CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THIS. THE TREASURER SHOULD NOT HAVE TO COME TO REMIND TEAMS TO PAY.

## **HANDICAPS**

The handicap will be based on the following

80% of the difference between a bowler's average and 230 for all bowlers with no limit and this will change every week for this season.

If a team has only one bowler the blind score will be 10 pins below average for the absent bowler(it will be based on the member who has bowled the most games but is absent,if two absent bowlers have bowled the same number of games, then the missing bowler with the lowest average shall be used to calculate the blind). Full lineage will still need to be paid. For example if your average is 160 to receive the points you must bowl 150 plus your handicap.

## **PRIZES**

To qualify for a prize a bowler must have bowled at least 25% of the games which is 33 games or 11 weeks. No bowler or team will be able to win more than one prize,apart from high average and most improved

Prize money will be divided up into prize money and trophies..

Trophies will only be awarded for juniors and most improved bowler..

## **DISPUTES**

Any Disputes must be brought to the attention of the president, in his absence the vice president or any one of the committee. If this cannot be resolved easily then a captains meeting will be called. Any decisions should be discussed with all members of the teams before a decision is made.

Meetings shall be held at the call of the president or anyone of the committee. Each team is entitled to one vote and the decision will be made on the majority vote cast.

**END OF SEASON** if we use all the make up weeks then the fun night will be 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**PUBCARD** bowlers will have the option of having a go if they want at 50pence a go there are 40 teams on the pubcard which will raise £10 for the fun night and when the card is complete £10 for the winner.To be eligible for prizes at the end of the season this will be calculated on the amount of goes people have had on the pub card,as its has been deemed unfair for a person who may have only had 1 or 2 goes on the card all season to be eligible for the same amount of prizes as someone who has contributed every week.Please ensure your teams are aware of this so as to avoid disappointment at the end of the season.

