

Ladder League Format and Rules

The objective of this League is to provide bowlers of all standards with many opportunities to bowl with other bowlers of similar standards in regular, enjoyable, meaningful and competitive bowling matches thus giving opportunities to meet other members, compare bowling standards and improve bowling techniques and strategies.

Competitors will be divided into divisions of 4 players in a ladder format with each player playing the other 3 players once each session with each match consisting of 3 sets and each set being decided when one player's score reaches 9 shots. Each match can be played in a normal 2 hour session, arranged to suit both players.

If a session bell sounds during an end, then that end will be the last end and the set winner will be determined by the highest score after that end. If the scores are equal then the set winner will be determined by the highest score after the previous end. **There are no tied games.**

There will be no marker and as such the jack will always be placed on the "T" at the start of each new end. After a head has been scored and the winning player is decided then that player will have the full scope of the rink to choose where to place the mat from the shortest to the longest distance from the jack that the normal rules permit. **You only toss once at the start of the match.** The winner of the toss can choose to take the mat or give it to the opponent. **This is the only time the mat can be given away.** (There is no toss between sets). The maximum score on the first end of the **first set only** is limited to one shot. **There are no trial ends.**

There are no live touches.

If a player bowls and knocks the jack into the ditch that player must place a marker on the bank immediately over the jack, the opponent may accompany this operation. The centre of the marker will become the point to measure to when deciding the shots score. The jack has no further significance for that end **and should be removed from the ditch.**

Dead ends

A dead end is declared, as in a normal game of bowls, when the jack is knocked outside the boundary of the rink. Neither shots nor ends are recorded on the scorecard

Inspecting the head

Inspection of the head can be made at any time only by mutual consent or after both players have bowled their 3rd woods.

Scoring

Points will be awarded for each match as follows :-

1 point for playing the match

1 point for each set won

1 point for overall winner

At the end of each session the highest scoring player in each division will be promoted two divisions, the second highest will be promoted one division and the lowest scoring player will be relegated two divisions and the next lowest one division. In other words most players will move to a different division at the end of each session.

At the end of the game the scorecard should be signed by both players and placed in locker No. 610

Any member wishing to join the Ladder League please contact centremanager@ediba.co.uk and your request will be forwarded to the league organiser.