

MIDLAND COUNTIES LEAGUE RULES

1. All games shall be played according to the rules of the Midland Counties League
2. Teams shall consist of six rinks of four players. With the exception that if after half hour relief players are absent the offending team/s will play two wood triples on the rink/s affected by the shortage. The triple lead will play two bowls, there will be no second player (opposition second plays both bowls consecutively), third and skip will each play two bowls. The offending team/s will not suffer a loss of score on the rink/s affected.
3. Teams will play all other teams in the League once per season: one year at home: one year away.
4. All players shall be full playing members of clubs affiliated to their County Association.
5. No player shall play for more than one team in any one season.
6. Play will take place at weekends, with a start time of between 12 noon and 1.p.m. **or by mutual agreement between the two Counties.** All games to have a three and half our limit or 18 ends whichever is sooner **not** including the two trial ends. These games shall all start simultaneously and begin by order of the Umpire.
7. County uniform to be worn.
8. All bowls must have County stickers. If a clash of colours the away team to change.
9. Home team to provide, where possible, a qualified local Umpire for each match. Costs to be shared between Home & Away Counties.
10. Before the start of each match the rinks are to be drawn in the presence of the Umpire.
11. Points shall be awarded as follows:
 - Two points for each winning rink, one each for a tie.
 - Ten points for each winning team, five each for a tie.
 - A total of twenty-two points.
12. The winning team to send a result sheet to the Hon Secretary within 24 hours of the match.
13. The Hon. Secretary to send a league chart to each delegate and officer of the MCL in Dec & Feb and at the completion of all matches.
14. A minimum of seven clear days' notice shall be given of cancellation of a fixture. Any team giving less than seven days' notice shall incur the cost of the opposing team.
15. All games to be played by the 15th of March.

24th April 2023