**THE HERON LADIES LEAGUE**

**REGULATIONS**

Effective from 1st December 2017

Revised in September 2021

1. **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

The annual subscription from Clubs shall be set by the Committee and ratified at the Annual General Meeting. Subscriptions must be paid to the Treasurer by 1st April each year.

1. **ORGANISATION**

Each Club shall be responsible to the League for only those matters which fall under the jurisdiction of The Heron Ladies Bowling League. Clubs wishing to nominate a suitable person for any of the Offices shall forward nominations to the Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting. All nominations for Office will be considered by the Committee and if more than one is received for any post a ballot will be taken at the Annual General Meeting. If no nomination is received for any post, the Secretary shall notify the Committee as soon as possible thereafter and discussion of the matter will be placed on the Agenda of the next Committee meeting.

1. **NOTIFICATION OF FIXTURES**

Each Member Club shall advise the Secretary and the Coordinator of the League no later than 15th February each year their league fixture programme for the season ahead.

1. **LEAGUE COMPETITION**

All member Clubs shall be eligible to take part in a Two Triples Ladies League competition. Games will be mutually arranged by clubs and played on dates and venues as agreed and played over 18 ends, with 2 trial ends. I on the approved date and venue the full match of 2 triples cannot for any reason be played, then the following criteria will be adhered to in this order.

1. The host club will set the start time for the matches.
2. Matches will be played straight through with refreshments at the end of the match.
3. All results to be emailed within 24 hours to the Co-ordinator secretary
4. Cards must be retained for inspection.
5. Should it not be possible to play the full games of two triples on the scheduled day, whether because of inclement weather, illness or clashes with County/National competitions, the procedures to be followed are listed below.
6. Failure to follow these procedures will result in the offending club forfeiting 4 points.

**The League will award points on the basis of 2 points for each winning rink, 1 point for drawn rink and 2 points for maximum overall score.**

1. **MATCHES POSTPONED**

Should any match be postponed the clubs will mutually arrange a new date for the fixture to enable the match programme to be met by 15th September. In the event that either Club is unable to fulfil a fixture it should advise its opponents by 10am on the preceding day or in the event of inclement weather early enough to prevent the away team from travelling. The Heron League should take precedence over internal Club or Open competitions.

1. **MATCHES ABANDONED**

Where a match is abandoned as a result of exceptional weather conditions, including bad light, providing that the match has played a combined total of 20 ends or more, than the existing score will stand as a result. Failure to reach the 20 ends between the two games, the match will be rearranged and recommence from the start.

1. **RE-ARRANGED FIXTURES**
2. The Home Club shall be responsible for advising the League Co-ordinator of the rearrangement of a fixture.
3. In the event of illness/injury during the game the following options will apply.
4. The match abandoned and replay/points decision decided by the Committee.
5. Play can continue (with agreement of both teams)

Pair: Skip 3 woods, Lead 4 woods.

Triple: Skip 3 woods, No.2 and Lead each have 2 woods.

1. **FAILURE TO ARRIVE FOR A FIXTURE**
2. Commencing time of play is set by the host club and agreed by clubs at arrangement of fixture but a reasonable allowance will be made to allow player(s) to arrive.
3. Where possible to phone your opponents to advise of situation.
4. **LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

The Club with the highest aggregate of points (match and bonus points combined) at the close of the competition will be deemed to be the League Champions and will receive the winner’s trophy to be held for one year. **In the event of an aggregate points tie the winners shall be determined by the aggregate shots score in the home and away matches played by the tying Clubs. Thereafter determination shall be the best shots difference from the entire league season played by the tying Clubs.**

1. **NOTIFICATION OF LEAGUE RESULTS**

Both the Home and Away Clubs must convey match results to the Co-ordinator by email or text as soon as possible after conclusion of the game, this includes shots for and against not just points. If email or text is not an option then the result must be telephoned through to the Co-ordinator.

1. **MATCH DAY REFRESHMENTS AND GREEN FEES**

The Home Club shall provide refreshments, and the home and away Club will pay the normal green fees as set by the League Committee.(currently £3.00). Refreshments should be served at the end of every match.