

RADCLIFFE -ON-TRENT BOWLING CLUB
SYNOPSIS OF CLUB ORGANISATION

1. The club is a member of the following leagues:

- a. Belvoir League 3 wood (BL3)
- b. League of Country Bowling (LCB)
- c. Trent Valley League (TVL)
- d. League of Country Bowling Weekend League (WF).

Also known as Weekend FED or 3 x 3.

Additional matches:

- e. Friendlies (F)

2. Members also participate in:

- a. The Clubs own Annual competitions
- b. League of Country Bowling Annual competitions (details on the noticeboard)
- c. Belvoir League Knockout Cup

Note: Only Members of clubs affiliated to the LCBC may apply to enter the LCBC competitions.

3. There are 2 controlling bodies for the matches:

- a. English Bowling Federation (EBF)
- b. English Bowling Association (EBA)

4. Format of the matches and their associated rules:

- a. Belvoir League 3 woods (BL3)
 - 4 rinks of 3 players 18 ends 3 woods (EBF)
- b. League of Country Bowling (LCB)
 - 4 rinks of 3 players 25 ends 2 woods (EBF)
- c. Trent Valley League (TVL)
 - 4 rinks comprising;
 - 1 rink singles 25 ends 4 woods (EBA)
 - 1 rink pairs 25 ends 2 woods (EBF)
 - 2 rink trips 21 ends 2 woods (EBF)
- d. Weekend FED 3 rinks of 3 players 18 ends 3 woods (EBF)
- e. Friendlies (F)
 - Format/rules decided by the 2 opposing captains.

The schedule of matches is provided in the Fixtures List.

5. Team selection

- Members must put their name on the match availability lists, provided in the club house, to indicate their willingness to play.
- Each Tuesday the captains meet to select their teams for the following week.
- The completed team sheets are displayed in the external cabinets and members tick their name to confirm their selection.
- It is imperative that members visit the Club to tick their name on the published Match Selection List and anyone who **cannot** play must inform the relevant Captain as soon as possible.
- The Club also posts the team sheets via e-mail to all members on the e-mail distribution list.

NOTE.

- Prior to away games most team members meet at the club to organize travel arrangements.
- Meet up time is shown on the team list.
- Members travelling directly to the away match should indicate with 'D' next to their tick on the team list.

SYNOPSIS OF ENGLISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION [EBA] RULES

Note: Players may not alter the order in which they play.

1. STARTING THE MATCH

- a. Positioning the Mat.
 - The lead who is to bowl first, positions the mat lengthways on the centre line.
 - For each end the front edge of the mat (Mat Line) must be at least 2 metres from the rear ditch and at least 25 metres from the front ditch
- b. Positioning the Jack.
 - The jack shall be positioned on the centre line at least 23 metres from the Mat Line and not less than 2 metres from the front ditch.
- c. Delivering the Jack
 - The lead, who is to bowl first, casts the jack and makes sure the jack is centred with signals to the skip.
 - The maximum cast is 2 metres from the front rink. If the cast is over the maximum length the jack is positioned using the 2 metre stick.
 - The jack is improperly delivered if it comes to rest:
 - a. In the ditch
 - b. Less than 23 metres from the Mat Line
 - c. Completely outside the boundaries of the rink
 - If the jack is improperly delivered it is returned to the opposing lead who may reposition the mat before casting.

- If the jack is improperly delivered once by each lead in any end the jack is positioned 2 metres from the front ditch using the 2 metre stick.
- When the jack is correctly positioned the original player bowls the first wood.

2. DURING PLAY

a. Status of the jack.

- The jack remains live even if it is moved into the front ditch providing it is moved by a bowl in play and is within the confines of the rink.,
- If the jack comes to rest completely outside the rink side markers the jack is declared dead and the end is replayed in the same direction.

b. Status of bowls

- A bowl which, in its original course, touches the jack is “chalked” and known as a toucher.
- A toucher is live even if it comes to rest in the ditch, so long as it is within the confines of the rink
- A non-toucher bowl is dead if, for any reason, it come to rest in the ditch. It is removed to the walkway.
- Any bowl that comes to rest completely outside the confines of the rink side markers is dead and is removed to the walkway.

NOTE. The positions of a live jack and/or toucher in the front ditch are indicated by markers.

SYNOPSIS OF ENGLISH BOWLING FEDERATION [EBF] RULES

Note: Players may alter the order in which they play but only after the completion of an end and before the start of the next end.

1. STARTING THE MATCH

a. Positioning the Mat.

- The lead, who is to bowl first, positions the mat lengthways on the centre line.
- At the first end the front edge of the mat (Mat Line) shall be 2 metres from the back ditch. For subsequent ends the Mat Line shall be not less than 2 metres and no more than 4 metres from the back ditch. (Use, as a guide, the 2 and 4 metre indicators at the side of green)

b. Positioning the Jack.

- The jack shall be positioned on the centre line at least 23 metres from the Mat Line and not less than 2 metres from the front ditch.

c. Delivering the Jack

- The lead, who is to bowl first, takes position at the mat and casts the jack and signals for the skip to centre the jack.

However, after the cast, if the jack is:

- Less than 2 metres from the front edge of the ditch or passes into the ditch,

it is positioned using the 2 metre stick

- Improperly delivered it is returned to the opposing lead who may reposition the mat before casting.

The jack is improperly delivered if it comes to rest:

- Less than 23 metre from the Mat Line.
- On or over the side markings of the rink.
- The Leads may alternately cast the jack until the jack comes to rest within the permitted limits.
- Once the jack has been satisfactorily positioned the original player bowls first.

2. DURING PLAY

a. Status of the jack.

- The jack remains live even if it is moved into the front ditch, providing it is moved by a bowl in play and is within the confines of the rink.,
- If the jack comes to rest on or over the rink side markers it is dead and the end is replayed.

b. Status of the bowls

- A bowl is considered dead and removed from the rink if:
 - a. It is on or over the boundary line
 - b. It is driven into the ditch by the effects of play

NOTE. The position of a live jack in the front ditch is indicated by a marker.

SCORING

- The score is recorded by a member of both teams.
- At the conclusion of an end i.e. all bowls have been delivered, the number of a team's bowls which have finished closest to the jack are counted.
- If necessary one person will use a measure.
AT THIS TIME ONLY THE PERSON MEASURING AND THEIR OPPOSITE NUMBER SHALL BE AT THE HEAD.
- If a tie for the first shot occurs the end is designated a tied end. Neither side scores but it is counted as a played end.
- The player who cast the jack in the tied end shall again cast the jack in the following end.

NOTE: In EBF bowls that are more than 2 metres from the jack do not count.

RESULT OF MATCHES

- Scoring in TVL and LCB is 1 point for each rink win and 3 points for the club with most rink wins.
- Scoring BL3 and WF is 2 points for each rink win and 4 points for the club with most rink wins.