

THE FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE

Founded in 1991, the league currently consists of teams from Banstead Neville, Bookham, Brockham, Newdigate, Pippbrook and Reigate Priory.

The original trophy was presented by The Friends Provident Life Office.

AIM is to promote friendly competition among member clubs taking part and to compete annually for a trophy

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RULES

1. The winning club shall hold the trophy for the ensuing season. It is the responsibility of the winning club to look after the trophy and return it to the league secretary cleaned and undamaged when requested. If the trophy is lost or stolen, the club holding the trophy at the time is responsible for it's replacement at their cost.
2. Open to Bowls Clubs playing each other in mixed matches, one match at home and one away each season.
3. Match format to be arranged between clubs at the start of the season. Matches can be triples or rink play
4. Matches to include a minimum of 9 players (3 triples) and a maximum limited only by the capacity of the relevant greens.
5. All rinks/triple should be mixed and have at least one lady and one gentleman. Any rink not conforming must forfeit 25% of their score in the case of rinks, and 33.3% in the case of a triples format.
6. Prior to the start of the scheduled match, opposing captains to toss for possession of the jack for all rinks.
7. After the completion of matches, the results should be sent as soon as possible to the league secretary by both captains. (*A photograph of all the score cards for each team sent via WhatsApp is the preferred method, or alternatively by email noting the format played, shots scored on each rink, and points awarded as per the rules*)

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Scoring

8. The friendship league positions to be decided on a points basis. **9** points are available for each match, to be allocated as follows:
 - a. 6 triple/rink match: 1.0 point each winning rink
 - b. 5 triple/rink match: 1.2 points each winning rink
 - c. 4 triple/rink match: 1.5 points each winning rink
 - d. 3 triple/rink match: 2.0 points each winning rink
9. The winning team of a match will be the club scoring the highest number of total shots, and they will be awarded an extra **3** points.
10. In the event of a tie on a rink or the overall score, the points for the rink or 3 bonus points will be shared equally.
11. In the event of a tie at the top of the league at completion of the season, the league position will be decided on the basis of 'shot difference'. Should the differences be equal, the winner will be decided by the club with the highest 'shots for'. Should the difference still be equal, the winner shall be decided by 'points' awarded for away games.

Match Cancellation / Abandonment / Inclement Weather

12. In the event of a match having to be cancelled due to inclement weather or other reasons beyond the control of the clubs, and an alternative date is not possible, each club shall be awarded 4.5 points with no shots allocated
13. In the event of a match being abandoned or cancelled because one of the clubs does not attend or cannot raise a team to arrive at the appropriate ground on the agreed date, without the opposition having agreed an alternative match date, the non-offending club shall be awarded 9 points and 6 shots per planned rink.
14. Where because of inclement weather, a match has to be abandoned whilst play is in progress, the scores will be taken to be the total of those achieved by all the rinks in the number of ends played by the rink completing the least number of ends.
15. Where a match in play is abandoned with less than 10 ends played by any playing rinks, the fixture will be considered not to have taken place and rule 12 (twelve) will apply (unless the match is rearranged).