

Dover District Bowling League Rules.

As agreed at the Annual General Meeting of 1977 and amended at the Annual General Meetings of 1994, 2002, 2004, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2019.

1. The name of the organisation is the Dover District Bowling League and all games will be played under Bowls England rules.
2. The joining fee for each club will be £5.00. Annual fees will be decided at the next and subsequent annual General Meeting.
3. (a) Games should be played on the dates published in the fixture list and may only be postponed if County/National competition requirements on the day of the fixture cause insufficient rinks to be available for a league match. Start time for matches as per the fixture list. Start times are flexible when mutually agreed.
(b) If a club decides it cannot meet a match commitment, the opponent club shall be informed not later than 10.00am on the day prior to the match.
(c) In the event of a postponement, the club requesting the postponement shall offer three dates to the opponent and the match shall be re-arranged and played within twenty-four days. The term of twenty-four days shall include the original fixture date and the date of the re-arranged match. The Secretary shall be advised of the date of the re-arranged match not more than seven clear days after the postponement.
(d) If the re-arranged match is not played within the time limits defined (acts of God, war etc. accepted) the Secretary and the representatives of two clubs not involved in the match will meet to determine which club is at fault.
(e) The penalty for default is as defined in By-law 3.
4. The matches are two triples home and two triples away of 18 ends for each club at each fixture. The visiting club to deliver the first jack. Dress greys with white tops or club shirts. Scoring to be a points system, a total of eight being available. Four points for overall shots win. Two points each for a draw. One point to be awarded to each winning triple. Half a point each for a draw. Shots for and against shall be recorded and shall be used in the event of a tie for any league position. The home team to provide tea and biscuits as a minimum requirement. Green fees for matches shall be the responsibility of the home team. The Committee whose decision is final shall decide any dispute on any question.
5. The Committee shall consist of one representative from each club who will act as co-ordinator for his club. He will report the results of matches to the league Secretary not later than Saturday morning of that playing week. Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum. The Chairmanship of the league shall rotate on an alphabetical basis continuing with Aylesham & Snowdown in 2016 except where provision must be made for the accession of any further clubs. All officers of the league to retire at the end of each year. All member clubs to submit the name of the following season's representative by the 31st December each year.
The Secretary/Treasurer may be elected from the body of appointed representatives or, at the representative's discretion, co-opted from the membership of any of the constituent clubs.
The Secretary/Treasurer shall convene, attend and prepare minutes of all meetings of the league and he shall conduct the correspondence of the league. He shall submit a report of the years working to the Annual General Meeting. He shall act under the direction of the committee and on his retirement shall hand over to his successor, or to the Chairman, all books, papers and any property of the league.
6. An Annual General Meeting is to be held in November for the consideration of reports and proposals. The venue to be arranged by the Secretary. In order that clubs may have an opportunity for prior discussion, all Notices of Motion to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to the Secretary, duly proposed and seconded, not later than 1st October and the Secretary shall then, within seven days, dispatch a copy of the Notice of Motion to all member clubs.

By-Laws

1. Where a team plays a man short the offending side will bowl 2 players x 3 woods and the non-offending side will bowl 3 players x 2 woods. The offending side shall forfeit one third of their shots on that particular rink.
2. Curtailment of a game by inclement weather. Provided that at least 12 ends have been played; the score at 12 ends shall be the accountable score, whether 12 ends or more have been played. If 12 ends have not been played the game shall be considered as interrupted and the teams shall meet at another mutually agreed date. The game must continue under Bowls England laws with the players being the same wherever possible and in the event, substitutes shall not have played in any other rinks in the same match.
3. If a club fails to fulfil a fixture or a re-arranged fixture the non-offending club shall be awarded 12 points.