

# EAST LOTHIAN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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## ***EVENING LEAGUES DIVISIONS 1,2,3 AND 4***

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### COMPETITION RULES

- a. Each member club will be entitled to enter one or more teams, consisting of three rinks of gentlemen bowlers – except for divisions 3 and 4 where lady bowlers may be allowed to play in exceptional circumstances providing no gentleman players are available. The lady **MUST** play front end and only one lady bowler is allowed per rink. The ladies name must be marked clearly on the **scorecard and result sheet with** Mrs/Ms or Miss and will be monitored by the match secretary.
- b. The league shall be drawn up **ANNUALLY** on a home and away basis and shall commence at 630pm for the first 4 and last 4 games and thereafter will be 645pm
- c. Skips will draw the rinks to play on before each game. These games will consist of 17 ends with no trial ends. Two points will be awarded for the winning rinks and 2 points for the winning aggregate shots score. A draw in any aspect will result in the points being shared. All results **MUST** be sent to the ELBA match secretary by text or email or phoned in before 6pm on the Sunday by the HOME team. Failure to do so will result in a fine being levied at £10.
- d. Any club who does not play a scheduled game – who cannot field a team – shall be dealt with by the ELBA management committee and will be fined £10 or other punitive sanctions administered.
- e. **INTERRUPTED GAMES** - Any match postponed or interrupted by weather **MUST** be reported as indicated above to the ELBA match secretary. If the match is postponed then it **MUST** be played within 14 days at the same venue. If a match is interrupted by weather or other reason and all rinks having played at least 9 ends, the result will stand (**at last completed end as long as above 9**) and be reported as above. If the match is interrupted before 9 ends and cannot be finished that evening, the two teams **MUST** play the remainder of the match at the same venue, on the same rinks, starting at the score and end when the match was interrupted. Teams are allowed one substitute on each rink. Any team who started with 3 players **MUST** continue with 3 players but a substitute will be allowed. Any substitutes cannot play as skip. Teams cannot move original players between rinks.
- f. Any rearranged games will be done by the two clubs concerned and with the collaboration of the match secretary who must be kept up to speed in **ALL** decisions. But games must not be played any earlier than 7 days before the game is due to take place. The match secretary will have final say, but will take into consideration any mitigating reasons/

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- g. The winner of the league will be the club with the most points and will be awarded that league trophy. If the points are equal between two or more clubs SHOT DIFFERENCE will determine the winner. If this fails then the individual score between the teams involved will count towards finding a winner. The trophy will be suitably inscribed by the winning club at their own expense and retained until 1<sup>st</sup> day of August annually and returned to the ELBA secretary.
- h. The two top teams in divisions 2, 3 and 4 will be promoted to divisions 1,2 and 3 respectively. The two bottom teams in divisions 1,2 and 3 will be relegated to divisions 2,3 and 4 respectively.
- i. Any member club who wishes to enter or withdraw a team MUST do so in writing to the ELBA secretary. If any games have been played then these will be declared VOID for the complete league programme.
- j. All players must adhere to code of conduct in the constitution.