

# Ladies' League – Playing Rules

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1. League teams to consist of 9 players (3 triples).
2. A match will consist of 15 ends with 2 trial ends.
3. In the case of bad weather, the captains can decide to play '1 shot on the first 2 ends' instead of the trial ends and no 3's up.
4. Minimum ends to be played for a qualifying match is 8.
5. Captains to agree at start of match if they wish to have 3's up. All rinks to do the same if possible.
6. Captains to toss to decide who has the mat.
7. Rink allocation: 3 consecutive rinks to be used where possible. Home captain to place her cards face down on table. Away captain places her cards on top of these face down and allocates rink numbers by writing on back of cards.
8. Matches not played, to be re-arranged and played within 4 weeks of the set date. The home captain to offer 3 dates, one of which may be a weekend. Matches can only be re-arranged once, except for inclement weather.
9. If the offending team fails to fulfil a fixture, they will be docked 5 points and 6 shots, while the non-offending team will receive 10 points and 6 shots.
10. Matches that commence but are then abandoned without achieving the minimum 8 ends shall be deemed to have been played to a draw with 5 points allocated to each team.
11. If a team is short of a player, they will play a pair against a triple. When a team fields a pair instead of a triple:
  - a. The pair will play with 8 bowls.
  - b. The triple will play with 9 bowls (skip to have 3).
  - c. The triple will always start the end. The winning team of previous end will place the mat and jack.
  - d. The defaulting triple will also lose 25% of their score.
12. A substitute is allowed if one is present but must not play as skip.
13. If a player is injured and no substitute is present to play then the triple will play as a pair as per rule 9 - with no shot penalty.

14. Any disputes which arise must be resolved mutually between the two skips. If unable to resolve, the end should be replayed.
15. Two clubs may combine to form a team. Players may only represent one club during a season, this will be THE team they represent first in the season. The penalty for playing an ineligible player will be the loss of all shots scored on the rink the player plays on.
16. Combined teams may play on each other's greens in rotation. Decided between the two clubs in the combined team.
17. Clubs with a second team to submit 12 named players for Team A prior to the 2026 season. Any player not listed among those 12 will be eligible to play for Team B. If a non-named player plays for Team A, they automatically become a named player for that team for the remainder of the season. Clubs that have a second team, both teams to submit photo of scorecards on top of results card after every game to check player eligibility.
18. Points - 10 points are awarded for each match. 2 points for each winning rink and 4 for overall match result. Tied rinks or matches will share the points. Both captains to email results to the chair the same evening. Failure to do so will result in website not being updated until the following Thursday.
19. League winners – The final league position shall be decided: Overall points (in the event of teams being level on points) Shot difference – (if the same then) Number of ends won. Please ensure captains have all score cards kept in case this does occur. Winners to be presented trophy at the presentation evening.
20. Dress code – Club colours.
21. Start time: 6.15 – 6.30 pm.