



North Lincolnshire Bowls Triples Leagues Men's Trips Knockout Shield & Clark/Rutt Knockout Cup



Rules

1. **Eligibility.** All teams who enter the Men's Trips or Mixed Trips leagues may enter the respective knockout competitions for that season.
2. **Draw.** The draw will be completed by the committee and may include preliminary rounds or byes in the first round to arrive at the right number of teams for a balanced knockout competition.
3. **Rules.** This competition will be played in accordance with the [Laws of the Sport of Bowls](#), and the following local rules:
 - a. Teams shall consist of nine bowlers (three rinks of three bowlers) and each bowler shall bowl three bowls in turn (Lead, Second, Skip). Clark/Rutt teams must comprise male and female bowlers for every match and may include juniors bowling full sized bowls.
 - b. Bowlers may not change position once the match has commenced unless a substitution is made ([paragraph 4](#)).
 - c. No trial ends are permitted except for the final.
 - d. *A coin toss will decide which team sends the jack first.*
 - e. The duration of the match shall be 18 ends per rink. If a match is abandoned due to poor conditions (e.g., rain or bad light), the result at the time of stoppage shall count providing that a minimum of 30 ends in total have been played. If the requisite number of ends have not been played, the match must be rearranged to be played as soon as possible, and the Fixtures Secretary notified of the new date.
 - f. *The final will be played on a neutral green where two trial ends are permitted (two woods per bowler per end). The sum of £30 (£15 per team) will be donated to the club hosting the match.*
4. **Substitution during a match.** In the event of illness or an emergency resulting in a bowler having to leave the green during a match, substitution is permissible as follows:
 - a. The substitute must play out the remainder of the match and no further changes to the rink can be made.
 - b. The substitute cannot replace the Skip. In such circumstances, the order of play must be changed.
 - c. In the case of a Mixed Trips match, the team making the substitution must still comprise male and female bowlers after the substitution is made. If this requirement cannot be met, then the team making the substitution will play two against three on the rink affected.
5. **Scoring the match.** The match will be determined by the aggregate score. No other points will be awarded. In the event of a tie, a tiebreak end will be played by one rink preselected before the match as follows:
 - a. The home team captain will place the home team scorecards face down.
 - b. The away team captain will:
 - (1) Place the away team scorecards face down, shuffle and place them over the away team scorecards.
 - (2) Write the letter 'T' on the back of one set of scorecards to designate the tiebreak rink.
 - (3) Write rink numbers on the back of all sets of scorecards to allocate rinks for the match.
6. **Scoresheets.** The home team captain is responsible for preparing and completing the match scoresheet, which both captains must sign after the match to confirm their agreement of the result.
7. **Submitting match results.** A scanned PDF or clear photograph of the signed scoresheet is to be emailed to bowls.trips@gmail.com. The original is to be retained by the home team in the event of a dispute.

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