

Bowls Algarve Super 10's Competition

Rules and Format 2023/24

1. Each club affiliated to Bowls Algarve may enter one team in the Competition.
2. All bowlers in the team must be bona fide members of their club and registered with Bowls Algarve. Players may only represent one club.
3. Each Team will consist of ten bowlers: two to play Open Pairs, two to play Australian Pairs and six to play Two Open Triples. The Pairs and Triples will consist of 2 trial ends – the number of bowls agreed by both teams and there will be 18 ends of play. Teams will toss for choice of jack for the whole team and Dead Ends will be replayed.
4. All teams will play each other in a “round robin” format on a Home and Away basis. There will be 2 points awarded for each game win and 1 point each for a drawn game. In addition 2 points will be awarded to the team with the best aggregate score. If both teams have the same aggregate score then each team will be awarded 1 point. Maximum points possible per fixture will be 10. Competition Winners, at the end of the season, will be the team with the most points awarded. In the event of a tied situation, shot difference will count. Where shot difference is also tied, total shots scored will count.
5. Fixtures must be played on the stipulated date unless exceptional circumstances prevent this. The League Director must be notified of these circumstances and authorize the fixture to be rearranged. All matches should be played within 14 days. In the event of the circumstances involving the League Director’s club, the final decision shall be with the Management Committee Chairman. Each team must ensure that they have sufficient squad members to fulfil all their fixture obligations on the specified dates.
6. Any team unable to fulfil a fixture shall have 5 points and 10 shots deducted from their totals to date and all points available will be awarded to the opposition. The opposition will also add 10 shots to their total shots to date.
7. If a team is only able to field 8 or 9 players, then the fixture will be allowed to proceed, in accordance with the following: a Pair (playing 4 bowls each) may play against a triple (playing 3, 3 and 2 bowls respectively). The team with the lower number of players will forfeit 25% of their shots scored at the end of the game.
8. If any team fields an ineligible player then, irrespective of the actual result of the game affected, the team will be disqualified and rule 6 will apply.
9. All fixtures will start at 11.00 am. (Unless afternoon matches are necessary due to lack of available rink space or fixture congestion dictates otherwise). Should a team not be fully ready to play within 30 minutes of the agreed start time, then they shall forfeit the match and the provisions of Rule 6 shall apply.
10. Players are asked to wear full white or Club/Team colours for all League fixtures, however white or Club/Team colours above the waist is acceptable. Bowls footwear must be worn by all players. Footwear should be flat-soled or very small, dimpled soles are also permitted. All other soles are not permitted as they have potential to cause damage to both lawns and carpets. Non-compliance in either respect may result in an official warning. Where such a warning has been issued, a subsequent contravention of this rule by the player will result in his/her disqualification. If he/she has played then the Triple will forfeit one third of their score.

11. There will be a match fee of 8 euros per player. The visiting team will pay this amount to the home team and will be responsible for fees from any players failing to arrive. The home team may charge the match fee, or a proportion thereof, to their own players on a discretionary basis.
12. Rinks will be drawn from those available by opposing Captains before play commences. The Home team will lay down their four cards and the Opposition will place their corresponding cards on top of these. Rink numbers will then be allocated on a random basis. Where possible, the four games will play side by side.
13. If bad weather intervenes – and subject to the decision to cease play being made/agreed by the Home Club's Management –the fixture will be deemed complete if all rinks have completed a minimum of 12 ends. In these circumstances, scores for ALL ends played will stand. Otherwise, scores for completed games (if any) will stand and the uncompleted game or games will be rearranged and continued within 14 days or as otherwise agreed with the League Director. The resumed match should preferably be played on the same rinks but 2 more trial ends will be permitted and any game which had not completed 18 ends before the stoppage will play to completion. In the event that a player is not available for the resumed match, a substitute is allowed in accordance with Crystal Mark Laws 33.4.
14. The Skips shall keep scorecards for each game, which shall be agreed and signed off by the home and away skips after the match. Each team will retain their own scorecards in case of subsequent query. Both sets of scorecards MUST contain the FULL CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME of each player. Each team, by consulting the published list of eligible players, must satisfy themselves that the opposing team consists entirely of eligible players. If they are not satisfied, or are uncertain, they must raise a query with the League Director.
15. The Home team shall be responsible for advising the result of each fixture to Dave Bruce (email davebruceuk@gmail.com) within 24 hours of the completed fixture. Competition result sheets will be circulated to all clubs as soon as practicable.
16. The Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Fourth Edition) shall govern all games. It is, however, hoped that the spirit of fair play and common sense will prevail in the event that the rules and these Laws do not cover a specific circumstance. The Home team will provide an umpire, whose aim will be to resolve any dispute at the time. If no umpire is supplied the matter will be resolved by the Team Captains. Where, however, resolution is not possible, disputes should be referred within 24 hours to the League Director who shall make a binding decision.

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