

# South East Ladies League

## Guidelines – 2026/27

The objective of this league is to enable new & intermediate bowlers to gain experience of bowling in a competitive atmosphere; it is not the intention that Clubs field only their strongest players in this league.

1. League matches *originally* consisted of 6 rinks (4 rinks Mole Valley) and were organised as part of the Club's Match programme for Saturdays, Sundays, or weekdays as was mutually acceptable. However, since Covid 19, these league matches have been reduced to 3 rinks. The guidelines have been amended to reflect this.
2. Whites or club colours will be worn. The Home Club's match arrangements will be complied with.
3. All fixtures will be on a home and away match basis and will receive points as follows:
  - a. 4 points for each winning rink/triple – 3 rink match
  - b. 2 points for each drawn rink/triple – 3 rink match
  - c. 4 points for winning the match overall on shots difference
  - d. 2 points for a drawn match on shots total.

### Total 16 points awarded

4. Rinks shall be drawn. The visiting Captain or representative shall make the draw to establish the opposing fours (or triples) and the rink numbers to be played on. The Captains will toss for possession of the jack.
5. Each rink should consist of 4 ladies. In the event of any team being short of 4 ladies in each rink (i.e. a male substitute), the match will proceed but one quarter (25%) of the total shots will be deducted from the defaulting rink and the male bowler is *restricted to playing as a 'Two' ONLY*. If only 3 bowlers play against 4, again, one quarter (25%) of the total shots will be deducted (fractions being rounded to the nearest whole number) and the Skip of the triples team will only bowl with/receive *Two woods*.  
Alternatively, the match may proceed with BOTH teams being reduced and the match converted to a mixture of rinks and triples (e.g. 5 rinks & 1 triple, 4 rinks & 2 triples) or all triples.
6. Clubs which are experiencing difficulties in fulfilling their league fixture are required to inform their opponents of the position **at least 7 days in advance of the match date**; offering their opponents the option to reduce the match in accordance with Guideline 4 above.
7. The duration of the match shall be 3 hours 30 minutes or 18 ends, excluding the trial ends, (*18 ends also applies if the match is reduced to triples*) whichever is the shorter, with 2 Trial Ends, '3s up' & no midway break.
8. **The match secretary of each Club will send details of their club's SELL fixtures to the match secretary of each participating Club and to the SELL league administrator (Neil Bartlett) by email to [mvibcmatchsec@gmail.com](mailto:mvibcmatchsec@gmail.com)**
9. The Home Club match secretary will be responsible for advising the league's administrator of any cancellation or re-arrangement of a fixture by email.
  - (a) In the event of a match being cancelled (& not re-arranged) because one of the Clubs does not attend or cannot raise a team, then the Club which HAS NOT cancelled will be awarded league points as follows:-  
*Awarded: 11 league points (3 rink games)*. No shots will be allocated.  
The Club which cancelled the match will have league points deducted from their existing league score as follows:  
*Deducted: 5 league points (3 rink games)*. No shots will be allocated.
  - (b) In the event of a match having to be cancelled due to inclement weather and a replacement date is not available, each Club will be awarded 8 league points with no shots allocated.
10. The captain of the Home Club will be responsible for sending, by email, a copy of the standard results sheet, not more than 48 hours after playing the match, to [mvibcmatchsec@gmail.com](mailto:mvibcmatchsec@gmail.com)
11. In the event of the league being tied on points, the winner will be the team with the greatest shot difference.
12. **The league results are available to view by using the following web address in your URL bar: [bit.ly/BowlsSELL](https://bit.ly/BowlsSELL)**
13. **Administration of the league will be by rotation of the participating clubs (in alphabetical order), the position being held for a period of 2 years. 2026/28 Mole Valley, 2028/30 Old Coulsdon etc.**