

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE T&DBA

There have been rule changes to the league format for the 2022 season. These are as follows:

Premier League and Division One

The format of League matches is **3 rinks of four players per rink.**

All League matches are to be played over **18 ends** with 2 trial ends.

The cut-off point regarding inclement weather is an average of **12 ends across the 3 rinks.**

Please be aware if you have to curtail a match before the cut -off point of an average of 12 ends across the 3 rinks, keep the cards from the match so the remaining ends can be played with the correct score and players at a **later** date, if no cards are available as a reference, then the match will have to be replayed in full.

Because of the lurking threat of Covid for the 2022 season Premier League & Division One teams will be permitted to play with 2 rinks of triples and 1 rink of four, a total of 10 players, any less than 10 available players they must play with 2 rinks of four, any less than 8 available players they must forfeit the match.

Any team in the Premier division & Division One conceding more than 2 games throughout the season will be withdrawn from the league and any team fielding only 2 rinks more than 3 times throughout the season will be withdrawn from the league.

League Division Two

The format of League matches is **2 rinks of four players per rink.**

All League matches are to be played over **18 ends** with 2 trial ends.

The cut-off point regarding inclement weather is an average of **12 ends across the 2 rinks.**

Please be aware if you have to curtail a match before the cut -off point of an average of 12 ends across the 2 rinks, keep the cards from the match so the remaining ends can be played with the correct score and players at a later date, if no cards are available as a reference, then the match will have to be replayed in full.

Because of the lurking threat of Covid for the 2022 season Division 2 League teams will be permitted to play with 2 rinks of triples a total of 6 players, any less than 6 available players you must play with 1 rink of three, any less than 3 available players they must forfeit the match.

Any team in the division conceding more than 2 games throughout the season will be withdrawn from the league for that season and any team fielding only 1 rink more than 3 times will be withdrawn from the league for the 2022 season.

Regarding the League rule below, if you have an "A" team, I must have a list of your 8 registered "A" team players no later than the 01st May 2022 if I do not receive a list by that date then the first 8 players alphabetically that play for the "A" team will become the registered players and will not be able to play in any other league side for the remainder of the season. If your club has only one league side you may disregard this reminder and have no need to send me a list of players.

Where a club enters more than one team into the league, all registered bowlers shall be available for any team on the proviso, that the club **nominates 8 bowlers to play in their 'A' team and those nominated shall be ineligible to play in their 'B' team.** All other bowlers may play in either team as and when required. **If a registered 'A' team player plays in a rink for their club's B team in a league match, the B team will forfeit that rink with the loss of 2 points and 5 shots.**

Please note the official start time for all league matches prior to August is 6pm - **you may start earlier but it must be by mutual consent, also the providing of tea during games is not a rule and never has been, tea is provided at the discretion of the home club, so if your club does not wish to provide tea they are under no obligation to do so,** I only raise this point as it appears most clubs are struggling to field players let alone finding enough to make a cup of tea.

Kind Regards Robbie Clark League Competition Secretary

Signed *RF Clark*