

Singles League Conditions of Play 2026

Season

1. There will be 12 rounds of regular season play followed by 4 rounds of playoffs or 13 rounds of regular season play followed by 3 rounds of playoffs depending on number of players
2. **There will be no matches on July 20th**
3. Prizes from first to eighth, approximately with rounding, 30%, 25%, 15%, 10%, 8%, 6%, 4%, 2%
4. Season schedule and playoff format will become finalized once I get a feel for the total number of players
5. The league this season will be similar to the other leagues where you show up whenever you like to play and the entry fee each week is \$2
6. There will be a random draw to set matches. You will not play the same person twice during the season. If a duplicate match is drawn then the second player drawn will be swapped in reverse order until no duplicates occur. If an error is discovered after play has begun, all matches will continue.
7. Should there be an odd number of players show up then the final name drawn will have their entry refunded and they will receive maximum points. This can only occur once per player per season. Should the draw produce a duplicate bye then the player will be swapped with the next previous person who hasn't had a bye. If an error is discovered after play has begun, all matches will continue.
8. If there are an odd number of players, once the bye players name is drawn then no new entries are permitted. If a player arrives during the draw, then their name will be added to the bucket immediately and the draw will continue but only if it makes the number of players even.
9. You must have played at least 6 matches to be eligible for the playoffs. If it is mathematically impossible for you to complete 6 matches by the end of the season then you are ineligible to play any further matches this season. If we have a significant number of rainouts then this number may be lowered. Be aware that if you plan to play just the last 6 weeks of the season and there is a rain out then you would become ineligible. Play early. Play often.

Matches

1. Each match will consist of three sets
2. To save on cards, all 3 sets should be recorded on one scorecard leaving the 7th and 14th row empty
3. Clearly mark along the side the winner of each set with a large W
4. If after 3 sets the match is tied then a 1 end tie breaker is played. This only occurs if both players win a set, lose a set and tie a set or when all 3 sets are tied
5. Optional to play up to 2 trial ends prior to match

Sets

1. Normal lawn bowling rules apply
2. If sufficient jacks are available then you set jacks, otherwise you throw jacks
3. Sets are 6 ends using 4 bowls and tie sets are not broken
4. No dead ends, use re-spots of the jack
5. If dispute over the re-spot of the jack then use impartial individual to mark the spot
6. Visits to the head only after you have thrown 2 bowls, can ask for help from others though
7. Coin flip prior to every set and tie breaker to determine choice in order of play
8. You may concede a set if the score is out of reach

Standings and Playoffs

- 1) You receive 2 points for a set win, 1 point for a set tie, and 1 point for a match win
- 2) If a match is tied (both players get a win, a loss and tie or they tie all 3 sets then a 1 end tie breaker is played to earn a bonus point. This point does not count as a match won for tie breakers
- 3) A total of 7 points are available in each match
- 4) Two players tied in points in the standings will use their head to head result to break the tie
- 5) No head to head result or more than two players tied then the following will be used:
 - a) Most matches won
 - b) Most sets won
 - c) Most tie breakers won
 - d) Drawn card or coin flip
- 6) If several players are tied, a bottom player is determined and placed then normal tie breaker rules apply
- 7) If there appears to be 20 or more competitors eligible after July 13th then 12 players advance to the playoffs. Fewer than 20 competitors then only 8 players advance to the playoffs and the regular season is extended an extra week. An announcement will be made on July 27th
- 8) If a player is unable to begin the playoffs then the person finishing next in order will take their place
- 9) If there are 12 players in the playoffs then the top 4 players receive a bye to the second round

Etiquette and Circumstances

- 1) Unless damaged the same bowls must be used throughout the match
- 2) All 6 ends of a set must be played to be official unless conceded
- 3) If a night is shortened for any reason, then all matches will be reduced to the amount everyone has completed unless there are only 2 matches still playing, see below
- 4) As long as one set is completed by all then a match winner is determined and 1 point is awarded
- 5) If a shortened match is tied then the player who scored first in the first set wins the match and receives 1 point as a tie breaker
- 6) Playoff matches that are rained out will be rescheduled. Incomplete playoff matches will pick up where they left off. An incomplete end will be wiped out and restarted.
- 7) Should the night be shortened with 2 rinks or less still playing then the finished rinks will be scored normally and the slower rinks will only receive points for what they've completed

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