**WEST LOTHIAN BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

**LADIES COUNTY COMPETITITION-CONDITIONS OF PLAY (W.E.F. 2024 SEASON)**

**Ladies Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours**

Each Member Club shall be entitled to one entry only in each of these Competitions.

Each of these Competitions shall be conducted on a knockout basis.

Players may only participate in one of these competitions in the same season.

The player(s) representing the Club in the first game they play in each of these Competitions shall constitute the official Club entry. Should one of these players not be able to play in any subsequent round in the same Competition and require to be substituted in accordance with the substitution conditions detailed below, they shall be entitled to return to play in the same Competition without it being considered to be a substitution. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS SHALL BE ALLOWED IN THE SINGLES.**

**Singles (4 bowls**)-Each Club shall be represented by one player. Each round to be 21 shots up. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS SHALL BE ALLOWED**

**Pairs (4 bowls each player)**- Each Club shall be represented by 2 players. Each round consisting of 17 ends. Only one substitution allowed throughout the duration of the Competition.

**Triples (3 bowls each player)-**Each Club shall be represented by 3 players. Each round consisting of 15 ends. Only one substitution allowed throughout the duration of the Competition.

**Fours (2 bowls each player)-**Each Club shall be represented by 4 players. Each round consisting of 17 ends. Only one substitution allowed throughout the duration of the Competition.

**Matches in the above which are required to be abandoned are required to be started on another day following the abandonment and prior to the next round. Matches that started on one day and are subsequently rearranged to be played to a finish on another day must be recommenced from the point where the match finished when it was abandoned in accordance with the Laws of the Sport.**

**Other Ladies Singles Competition**

**Champion of Champions-**Singles (4 bowls) knockout Competition with each Club represented by current year’s Club Singles Champion. Each round to be 21 shots up.

**Ladies Only Club Side Competitions**

**Top Six-** Each Club entitled to enter a maximum of 2 sides. Where Clubs enter two teams, participating players may only participate in one of the teams during the period of the competition.

Side Game with each Club represented by 6 players. The Competition will initially be in a sectional league format progressing to knockout rounds. The number of sections will be dependent upon level of entries. Each round to consist of a 4 bowls Singles (21 shots up), 4 bowls pairs (15 ends), 3 bowls triples (13 ends). 2 points to be awarded for each tie won and 1 point for a draw. Winner is side with a higher number of points scored.

In the knockout rounds, should the sides still be equal on points then the result is decided on total shots difference. If still equal the result shall be decided on the result of the Singles. No limit on substitutions allowed between rounds.

Where a Club fails to appear, 6 points and 15 shots will be awarded to the opponent and the defaulting side will receive 0 points and minus 15 shots.

Where a side turns up with less than 6 players the following rules will apply

5 players – there will be no Singles tie played with the non-defaulting side being awarded 2 points and 5 shots and the defaulting side being deemed to have 0 points and minus 5 shots

4 players – there will be no Pairs tie with the same scoring system applied as above.

3 players or less – the match will be declared Null and Void with the non-defaulting side being awarded 6 points and 15 shots while the defaulting team will get 0 points and minus 15 shots.

Where a Club withdraws from the Tournament before the completion of its full fixture list all games already played by that side will be declared null and void with the Section League table being recalculated accordingly.

Seniors Top Five (to be played during the day) A new competition commencing in the 2024 season

Each Club entitled to enter a maximum of 2 sides. Where Clubs enter two teams, participating players may only participate in one of the teams during the period of the competition.

Side Game with each Club represented by 5 players each of whom have attained the age of 60 years. The Competition will initially be in a sectional league format progressing to knockout rounds. The number of sections will be dependent upon level of entries. Each round to consist of 4 bowls pairs (15 ends), 3 bowls triples (13 ends). 2 points to be awarded for each discipline won and 1 point for a draw. Winner is side with a higher number of points scored.

In the knockout rounds, should the sides still be equal on points then the result is decided on total shots difference. If still equal the result shall be decided on highest shot average. No limit on substitutions allowed between rounds.

Where a Club fails to appear, 4 points and 10 shots will be awarded to the opponent and the defaulting side will receive 0 points and minus 10 shots.

N.B. Abandoned Matches in Ladies Top Six & Seniors Top Five Competitions-Where 8 ends or more have been played in all of the applicable pairs and triples games in a match and the match is ultimately officially abandoned then the match shall not be restarted on another day and the score as at it stands at the time of the abandonment shall be taken as the result of the match.