**WEST LOTHIAN BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

**OPEN GENDER COUNTY COMPETITITION-CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

 **(W.E.F. 2024 SEASON)**

**Open Gender Club Side Competition**

**Livingstone Trophy** Each club must enter 4 rinks, 2 playing at home and 2 playing away from home at different venues. Clubs may form each rink with any combination of male or female members.

All games must be played on the date scheduled by the WLBA Competition Secretary.

Game to consist of 17 ends plus two trial ends. These trial ends do not count and are not scored on the card.

Tournament to be decided as follows, winning teams 2 points, drawing teams 1 point, losing teams zero points.

* 1. The club with most points will be declared the winners and will hold the Livingstone Trophy for one year and will also receive a monetary prize. In the event of a draw in points in the competition overall the winners will be the club who scored the greatest shots difference. If still tied the winner will be the club who scored most shots. If still tied the winner will be the club who won most ends. Clubs must keep all the score cards for one week in case they are required.
	2. A monetary runner up prize to be given.

Where any team appears with only 3 players then the 1st and 2nd in the triple will play 3 bowls each and the skip will play two bowls. The triple will have one quarter of their score deducted. If both teams have only 3 players then both triples will deduct one quarter of their score.

If one team appears with fewer than 3 players or fails to appear at the host venue the game shall be awarded to the opponents.

Teams winning by default will score 2 points and 10 shots.

Defaulting teams will receive zero points and minus 10 shots.

Any disputes will be settled by the Management Committee whose decision will be final.

**Open Gender Singles Competitions**

**West Lothian Masters-**Singles (4 bowls) knockout competition. No limit on the number of entries from any Club. Open to all genders to enter. Each round to be 21 shots up.

**Fred Meikle Cup -** Singles (4 bowls) for players under age 30 as at 1 April. Knockout Competition open to all genders to enter. No limit on the number of entries from any Club. Each round to be 21 shots up.

**Senior Singles-** Singles (4 bowls) knockout competition for players who have attained the age of 60 years, open to all genders to enter. No limit on the number of entries from any Club. Each round to be 21 shots up.