Senior Ladies Rules 2026

1. The League to be called **Lytham St Annes Senior Ladies Bowling League** with a permanent elected committee paid an equal honorarium annually of £20 per person including the Chairman.
2. The Annual General Meeting will be held on a Monday before the end of November., following the end of the year luncheon. Any alterations to the Rules to be considered at that meeting. All decisions are subject to 1 vote per club.
3. The annual subscription to be £15 for each team and no registration fee for players.
4. Each team to comprise of 8 players.
5. All members to be registered 2 weeks prior to start of play.
6. A rota system for fixtures to ensure the same teams are not playing each other on the same date each year.
7. Any player attaining the age of 60 during the season is eligible to play that season. Registration is to be made by telephone and confirmed in writing to the League Results Secretary 48 hours before the new member plays.
8. The home team shall provide refreshments after the first four blocks have been played.
9. Matches to be played on Mondays, if the Ladies designated green is unplayable, a team with two greens may use the 2nd green, if agreed by the visiting captain. Times at the discretion of the League Committee. Any club wishing to join the L.S.A. Senior Ladies League must be able to play their home games on a Monday afternoon. Ten minutes practise time for both teams prior to commencement. ~~Clubs with more than two teams (3dr or 4th) to play at 10.30am~~. The home team may practise in the morning prior to a match finishing 1 hour before the match.
10. For clubs with more than two teams, then the "C and "D" teams HOME games to be played at 10.30am, no matter which division they play in.
11. When a club has more than one team in the League, players may only play for the team for which they are registered (including reserves). However if after 3 weeks from the start of the season, a player has not played for the team with which she was registered, she may play for another team 48 hours after notifying the Results Secretary. The penalty for infringement is the game to the opponents 21-0.
12. Each game will be 21 up and will have two markers (one from each side) who will check their scores every third end, and two measurers one from each side. Both players to reach the head before signalling to markers, (points should be conceded NOT taken) the markers to signal back either 1 or 2 before continuing the game. Measurers and markers of any gender can assist at our league games and competitions, but preferably not family members. A call for measuring should be heard all round the green, hand gestures may not be seen by the people concerned.
13. Second Division players to be allowed to play up to 6 matches for each of their First Division teams.
14. The first match to be drawn by turn of cards and thereafter as follows: the home captain lays down at random cards for the top four players as listed on on-line bowls, the visiting captain places cards for her top players at random on top. The remaining players are drawn at random. In the case of a walkover, then this is in the second half of the draw. Always use the comments box to indicate when

a division 2 player plays up. After the first game any division 1 Player who has not played a game comes in at zero but a division 2 player who is playing up goes into the bottom 4 for draw purposes.

15. Results must be entered into on-line bowls by the home team within 24 hours of completion of the match.
16. If rain stops play, all completed games to stand. Uncompleted games should be marked where the end finished. At the re-arranged match all unfinished games to carry on using the scores from where they were abandoned. No match to be played during a thunderstorm.
17. Postponed or abandoned matches to be played within 4 weeks of original date or at the discretion of the S.L.B. League Committee.
18. Should a player fail to turn up or is unwell and unable to play, a reserve player may take her place, even after the draw has been made.
19. Promotion and relegation will apply annually. At the end of each season, the top two teams in Division Two shall be promoted to Division One and the bottom two teams in Division One shall be relegated to Division two. If new teams enter or withdraw from the league at the AGM or during the winter the committee may equalise the number of teams in each division. The deadline for this is 31st December each year. No team may be dismissed without a verbal warning followed by a written warning and agreed by the league committee.
20. In the case of a tie for promotion or relegation, to determine the positions, wins, draws, and losses shall be worked out, and if the position is still equal then shots (i.e. aggregates) should be taken in to account.
21. The Treasurer to present full financial statement to every meeting of the S.L. League Committee
22. A donation to be given each year to local charities, providing league funds allows.
23. When the second Division has 8 teams or less, then teams play each other 3 times, to extend the season.

Points Scoring System

Applicable to Division 1 & Division 2

1 point for each individual game won
3 points for aggregate win away
2 points for aggregate draw away
2 points for aggregate win at home
1 point for aggregate draw at home

Competition Rules

1. All games shall be played under the auspices of the British Crown Green Bowling Association Rules.
2. Each club in turn (in alphabetical order) to run the League competitions for one year, which (if applicable) can be played on that Club's green.
3. An official referee to officiate on all competition finals day.
4. All competitions open only to members affiliated to the League.
5. Winners will hold the trophy for one year.
6. At all competitions entrants are not allowed to practise on the competition green before, after, or during the competition.
7. Each club's League Delegate will receive entries and send the names of each entrant to the competition secretary immediately after the entries close.
8. All entrance fees must be paid to the League Treasurer before taking part in the competition. Once the draw has been made no entry money will be refunded.
9. Members who put their names down to play in the competition must be available to play the final rounds if they get through.
10. In both the Florence Metcalf Doubles and the Lillian Nuttall Singles competitions there shall be two markers for each game.
11. The Florence Metcalf Doubles and the Lillian Nuttall Singles competitions to be played over days, Saturday and Monday, dates to be arranged by the host club. The competitions to be held late May and mid-August. In extreme weather conditions, the competitions to be postponed and played during the first week after the end of the season
12. The winner of the Lillian Nuttall Singles competition will receive a handicap of minus 3 points for one season only.

    12A. In the Lillian Nuttall singles competition, when the hosting team has the use of one green, then every player has 3 points on the card in the early rounds when there are more than 32 entries.
13. The Florence Metcalf Doubles competition to have a first Division player and a second Division player, from another club, paired together by way of a draw. It cannot be avoided if two players from the same club, or same division, are drawn together at the end of the draw. If two first division team players are drawn together at the end of the draw, they receive a handicap. This handicap to be agreed by the League Committee, to make a more even competition.
14. No player be allowed or requested to re-enter competitions at any stage. Clubs could provide names of anyone to act as reserves should players not turn up.
15. In order to maintain League Competitions, any club not represented to be fined £5.00 and a raffle prize to be provided for both competitions and the AGM.
16. The Executive have the power to deal with any other matter not provided for in the rules.