

# **Fylde Veterans Bowling League**

## **League Rules 2026 Season**

### **General**

**1,** The Association to be known as the Fylde Veterans Bowling League.

All member clubs to confirm at the A.G.M. by completing and submitting a registration form, that they are willing to enter a team/s for the following season and giving the contact details of Club Officials and Team Captain's.

All Subscriptions to be paid not later than 7<sup>th</sup> April each year and failure to comply will render the offending club liable to any disciplinary measures the league officers may impose.

**2,** The affairs of the league shall be governed by an Executive Committee to consist of the officers of the league and six members elected at the Annual General Meeting. They shall be responsible for running the league's general and financial affairs in accordance with agreed league rules and recommending changes to league fees should they be required.

**3,** The officers of the league shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Business Secretary, Results & Registrations Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary, two auditors and three trustees.

**4,** Any Fylde club desirous of being affiliated must be duly proposed and seconded and voted upon at the Annual General Meeting, such clubs must receive a simple majority of the votes cast to be duly elected.

**5,** Each Club must submit to the Results & Registrations Secretary prior to the commencement of the season, and no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> March each year, a list of players to be registered for the coming season. Ladies will be allowed to play in the league providing they are of the qualifying age and are members of the club they represent. A maximum of 3 ladies can play for a team in any match. Any new players may be registered up to and before the last 4 matches of the season. Should a registered player wish to transfer from one club to another club he may do so, providing he has not played more than three matches and his **Written Application** along with a letter from the two club Secretaries are received by the Results & Registrations Secretary up to and before the last 4 matches of the season. A Player may only change from one club to another once in each season. Teams may only be selected from registered players. Any club playing an unregistered player in a league match shall forfeit 4 league points. The player opposing the unregistered player shall count 21-0 for the purpose of the match score. This will not count 21-11 for the purpose of the Aggregate Prize. If an unregistered player is played in a cup match, the match will be awarded to the opposing team.

**6,** Players may play for North and South Sections as it is two separate Leagues, Players may play for different teams. Any player reaching the age of \*50\* shall be eligible to compete in the Veterans Divisions.

Players of the same club can when required play up into a team of a higher division but cannot play down from a higher division to a lower division. A player cannot move from one team to another in the last four matches of the season.

Clubs who have two teams in the same division must submit a list of players for each team. Moving players from one team to another will only be allowed as detailed in rule 5 and not in the last 4 matches of the season.

**7,** Any club may send a request to the Business Secretary to call a meeting of the Executive Committee. Such request shall state the nature of the business to be brought forward, and this shall be placed before the Executive Committee who, if they deem it of sufficient importance, shall instruct the Business Secretary to call an Extraordinary General Meeting. The notice shall state the nature of the business and none other shall be transacted.

**8,** Each club shall be furnished with a copy of the Rules of the League which will also be listed on the league web site.

**9,** In the event of the league being disbanded through any cause whatsoever or ceasing to exist. Trustees for the time being shall take charge of all cups, Prizes etc and in the event of a vacancy occurring subsequently in the trusteeship, a new trustee will be appointed by the Executive Committee at the earliest opportunity. All trophies shall be insured in the name of the league.

**10,** Any club resigning from the league must notify the Business Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> December.

#### **A.G.M./Presentation Evening**

**11,** Prize monies not collected at a presentation evening are automatically forfeited and returned to the league general account, unless attendance is not possible due to illness or an acceptable reason. The Business Secretary is to be informed in such cases before the A.G.M./ Presentation evening.

#### **League Matches**

**12,** The season is to start on the advice of the Fixtures Secretary and include any breaks that is considered necessary.

Matches shall be played as follows: -

Veterans North – Tuesday afternoon.

Veterans South – Thursday afternoon.

No alterations shall be made without the sanction of the Results Secretary.

Some clubs may have no option but to rearrange a match due to a corporate event being arrange that is out of there control. If this happens the home team must agree a revised match date with the away team as soon as possible and notify the Results Secretary of that date..

**13,** Each game shall be 21 up in both League and Cup Matches. Official standard jacks shall be used, the visiting players to receive the jacks.

**14,** All matches shall commence not later than 2-00pm unless both captains agree on another start time. The Results Secretary should be informed of the change. Visiting teams shall be allowed 15 minutes practice immediately preceding the above times except in the case of an official who is responsible for the preparation of score cards etc, who shall be entitled to his 15 minutes practice immediately preceding his normal practice time. Practice must not take place on an opposing team's green on the day of a league or cup match.

**15,** The Match results must be forwarded immediately by a representative from the home team to the Results Secretary. It must be received by the Results Secretary at the very latest 48 hours after the match has been played. Match results may be submitted electronically, via the website/email and or by 1<sup>st</sup> class post. A £10 fine will be levied on the home club for late reports.

**16,** The Championship of each division shall be decided by the greatest number of points. Match points to be awarded as follows: -

Away Team Win to count – 3 Points

Home team win to count – 2 points

Away team Draw to count – 2 points

Home team draw to count – 1 point

Plus, one point for each individual team winner.

In the case of a tie-on points for the Championship, or the runners up position, the result will be decided on the team having the most wins, draws, the least losses, individual winning players and then aggregate team scores shall be the winners. The same formula will apply to relegation.

**17,** In the event of wet weather, a match is not to commence unless both captains agree to play, after a match has started it may not be abandoned unless both captains agree. In event of a league or cup match being postponed the match must be played within fourteen days on a day mutually agreed by both clubs. If a match is unfinished on account of bad weather, the match must be replayed in its entirety. **\*STRICTLEY ADHERED TOO\***

A match may not be postponed for any reason other than bad weather without the permission of the Results Secretary.

It is the home team captain or a club representative responsibility to inform the away team captain in good time of any postponed matches and receive an acknowledged reply to prevent the away team from travelling unnecessarily. Should an away team captain require cancelling or failing to turn up to a scheduled or rearranged match he should also inform the home team captain in good time and receive an acknowledged reply. Failure to do this could result in the match being awarded to the aggrieved team and a £10 fine being given to the offending team unless both captains agree to replay the match.

All postponements or cancellations must be reported to the Results Secretary by the home club within 48 hours, failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine of £10 for the home team.

**18,** In the event of wet weather, it is the responsibility of the home club to notify the Results Secretary if they feel the match is totally unplayable and the visiting club not to make the journey.

**19,** A prize shall be awarded to the player with the Highest Points in each division. To qualify a player must have played in a minimum of 80% of league matches. To calculate the league points, prize a player counts one point for a home win and two points for an away win. Should more than one player have the same points then the average to count? Claims in connection with the best average must be submitted to the Results Secretary by the Club Secretaries within 14 days of the completion of the league fixtures.

**20,** In the event of a player having a “walk over” by reason of the opposing team being a man short, the said player shall count 21-0 for the purpose of the match score but for the purpose of the players aggregate 21-11.

**21,** The draw for order of playing: -

In all **North** section divisions, the first match of any season will be started by randomly turning over the cards of the first and second four players selected by the team captains.

For every match after this each team captain shall list his chosen 8 players in order of points received listed on the league website. The home team Captain will randomly place the score cards face down of his four highest ranking (points) players. The Away Captain will then randomly place his highest-ranking (points) players on top to determine who plays who in the match. The same process is repeated for the lower-ranking four players. In the event of a team's players having the same points the higher aggregate will be used to determine the higher-ranking player.

The Home Team Captain decides on the order of play selecting his starting four players. If for any **good reason** an away team player needs to start in either the first or second four specifically it can be agreed between the two captains for this to happen before the draw is made.

In the **South** section division, all matches will be started by randomly turning over the cards of the first and second four players selected by the team captains.

**22,** All matches shall be played under the rules of the British Crown Green Bowling Association. In the event of no referee, captains to agree otherwise it goes to the management Committee.

### **Cup Matches**

**23,** The first and second round of matches in the cup competitions will be played as drawn. Practise will be as rule 14 and the away teams will have the jacks and 2 points per man start. In the event of a tie in the first and second rounds the match will be replayed on the away team's green. Neutral greens will be used for the semi-finals and finals; there will be NO PRACTICE for either team prior to the match taking place. Aggregate scores will count in all cup matches. The final to be played over one match.

A player must have played in at least two matches in the appropriate Division to qualify for the semi-final and final in the cup competitions. A player having played in the first division cup is not allowed to play in the second division cup or vice versa.

Semi-Finals, Finals.

If a cup match ends in a draw (equal aggregate Points) the representative will draw one name from the first four of each team and they will play to 11 up. The Captains will have no say in this draw.

### **Finance**

**24,** The financial year of the league shall end on the 30<sup>th</sup> September. The Accounts shall be audited and a copy of the statement of accounts sent to each club in the league seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting together with notice convening the Annual General Meeting.

**25,** An account shall be opened at a local branch of an approved bank or building society, all monies shall be paid through the Treasurer into the bank or building society and shall submit a "statement of accounts" at the Annual General Meeting and at any other time on request. All cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and Chairman.

### **Annual General Meeting**

**26,** The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November, at which the officers of the league shall be elected. Alterations to these rules shall only be made at the Annual General Meeting, any club proposing alterations or additions must notify the Business Secretary in writing not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September and a copy of any proposed alterations or additions shall be printed on the notice convening the meeting. To become operative any alterations

or additions to these rules must receive a simple majority of the votes cast, each team being allowed one vote only. Clubs not represented at an AGM to be fined £10.

### **Protests**

**27,** Any club protesting another club or player shall do so by means of a resolution passed by the Committee of the club so protesting. Accompanying the protest, a written statement of the facts relied upon shall be sent to the Business Secretary with a deposit of £10 which sum shall be forfeited if the protest is not upheld, and an enquiry shall forthwith be instructed by an appeals committee.

The protesting club shall also forward a copy of the facts of the protest to the club protested at the same time as the protest is sent to the Business Secretary.

The appeals Committee shall consist of at least five members of the Executive Committee who shall be empowered to fix a penalty, fine or both on any offending club, the monetary penalty not to exceed the sum of £20.

### **Final Rule**

**28,** The executive Committee may at its discretion deduct 4 points for any infringement of these rules.

The above rules will be strictly adhered too.

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