

## **COUNTY LEAGUE AND CUP COMPETITIONS (Revised March 2025)**

1. Each team shall consist of four rinks and scoring shall be based on two points for each winning rink and one point for each drawn rink. In addition, there shall be six points for the overall match highest shots score, or three points for an overall match drawn shots score. If there should be a tie for the winners at the end of the competition, then the trophy will be awarded for the team with the highest shots difference.
2. A player may only play for one club in any year unless sanctioned and approved by the Executive Committee. Any team fielding an ineligible player in a match will forfeit all points and shots gained in that match AND incur an additional penalty of 14 points.
3. Clubs with multiple teams in the same division may use up to eight players from their other club team to ensure full squads. However, the following restrictions apply:
  - a. Players who have competed in the Open County Championship or West Wales Ladies County matches cannot switch teams within the club.
  - b. Senior County Players are exempt from this restriction and may move freely between teams.
  - c. Any player who represented the Open County Championship or West Wales Ladies County teams in the previous season remains ineligible to switch teams until their respective county team has played in the current season.
4. Players may move freely between a club's teams in different divisions. However, restrictions apply when first-division players participate in second-division teams:
  - a. A maximum of eight first-division players may play in a second-division team.
  - b. These players are not allowed to SKIP.
  - c. A player is classified as first-division after playing three matches at that level.
  - d. Players who have competed in the Open County Championship or West Wales Ladies County matches cannot switch teams within the club.
  - e. Senior County Players are exempt from this restriction and may move freely between teams.
  - f. Any player who represented the Open County Championship or West Wales Ladies County teams in the previous season remains ineligible to switch teams until their respective county team has played in the current season.
  - g. This rule does not apply to Carruthers Matches but does apply to Brains Cup matches.
5. A team, which in the opinion of the Executive Committee, causes a match to be postponed without good reason, shall incur a penalty of six points, and the match to be re-arranged. If the offending team again causes the re-arranged match to be postponed, without good reason, they shall again incur a penalty of 6 points and their opponents shall be awarded 14 points. NB. Failure to obtain sufficient players is not considered to be a good reason.
6. Should a team arrive with less than a full complement of players, they may play one or more rinks with only three players, but each rink of three players shall be subject to a penalty loss of 25% of their total shots scored.
7. All teams must comply with the match reporting procedure – this is to contact the League Results Secretary within 48 hours of the completion of the match. Failure to comply will result in the forfeiting of all points and shots gained by the home team.

8. When the date of a match is changed by mutual consent, the match secretary or captain of the home team must inform the league results secretary before the original scheduled date and time.
9. This rule does not apply to matches changed at short notice due to inclement weather.
10. During a match, players should wear club colours and approved bowling shoes.
11. Score cards will be kept by the respective teams. Any dispute, in the first instance will be ruled upon by the League Results Secretary. Any appeal should be made in writing to the Hon Secretary of the P.C.B.A. and should include score cards and other relevant information. The County Executive will then make a final ruling.
12. In a side game the 'home' side shall determine what rinks are to be played on. Any rinks left vacant in between the side game rinks shall not be used during the side game.