

**ROTHERHAM RETIRED PERSONS INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION**  
**RULES/GUIDANCE (AGM Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 & Nov 2023)**

1. Entry is open to anyone over 50 or who will be 50 during the forthcoming season. They do not have to be Members of an actual bowling club but must register with Hexthorpe and pay the agreed Registration Fee of £60 for full membership or £20 for Rotherham League.

2. On arrival due to Health & Safety regs all bags must be left in the changing rooms although bowls carriers will be permitted in the Bowls Hall.

Dress Code: No trainers, smooth-soled, heel-less shoes (of any colour) or bowling sandals.

Light/mid grey or black trousers, skirts or formal shorts (no cargo pockets) with predominantly white, long or short sleeved polo shirts or blouses but non-white club shirts are acceptable. Jeans and track suit bottoms are not allowed.

3. Player Registration fee is £2.50 per person and should be paid to the Treasurer on the first Collection Date. After this time new Players should be identified as such on the scorecard and paid for at the next Collection Date. Players may only play with one team and will become registered to that team when their name first appears on a scorecard. No new players allowed in their last three League matches. Should a team be found to have played a new player the result will stand but they will be deducted two points.

4. The minimum number of players to constitute a team is 2 but no additional woods. The playing order will be as below:

Order of Play (Team 'A' have 3 players ~ Team 'B' have 2 players)

'A' Teams jack ~ A1 - B1 - A2 - A1 - B1 - A2

'B' teams jack ~ B1 - A1 - A2 - B1 - A1 - A2

Late comers and teams arriving late will be allowed 45 minutes from the designated Start Time. A team not arriving will forfeit the game and both teams will be liable for their Rink Fee. Should both teams not arrive then no points will be awarded but they will still be liable for their Rink fees. (See Rule 17)

5. Hexthorpe's Rink Fees are £15.00 per team, per game regardless of the number of players a team has. Payment dates will be listed on the Fixtures. All matches to be played according to the fixture sheets with 2 points awarded for a win and 1 point each for a draw. League places to be decided on number of points but where teams tie on points their averages will decide.

6. The format is Two-Ball Triples of up to 20 Ends. Indoor Bowls only to be used. Any player found to be using Outdoor bowls will forfeit the game. No Roll Ups allowed, Captains to toss for the first jack and games will start with the buzzer at twelve o'clock. If not completed before the final buzzer the end in play can be finished even if a jack sent out before the buzzer goes in the ditch.

7. One scorecard per game to be signed for by both teams and put back in the box in the foyer.

8. To save time if the Lead sends the jack off or fails to set a mark the opposing Skip may set the length and the mat may be re-positioned If required.

9. A measured Dead End will count as an End played. Skips to nominate Measurers at the start of the game. Normally Leads will monitor the score cards while No. 2's measure but this can be altered at the start of the game and the Opposing Skip advised.

10. If a player plays out of turn the opposing Skip can stop the bowl and return it to be played in its proper turn. A bowl played by mistake shall be replaced by the Player's own bowl. If a bowl comes into contact with a jack or bowl they shall be replaced as near as possible to their original positions. If a bowl is going to collide with a bowl on another Rink it may be stopped and returned or the bowl it would have hit may be lifted then replaced when the offending bowl has passed

11. If a Player breaks up an end before the last wood has been played or before the nominated players have agreed the score the opposing Skip will have the right to score a point for each of their team's bowls which are in dispute plus any woods not yet played.

12. A player who leaves the Rink will forfeit their bowl(s) if they have not returned in time to take their turn(s) Their opponent will be allowed to bowl twice in succession but there will be no change in the order of play of any other players

13. If a player is taken ill or called away and unable to continue a substitute is permitted, providing they have not played for any other team (See Rule 3) The Substitute cannot play at Skip. The substitute's name to be recorded on the scorecard.

14. Presentation of prize monies and trophies will take place during the Outdoor League's Pre-Season meeting (Normally held in March)

15. In the event a team member's funeral prevents a game from being played the Registrar must be informed and it may be re-arranged. Please try to re-arranged on a day before the date of the original fixture. If Captains cannot agree on a new date, then neither side will be awarded any points and they will be liable for their Rink fees.

On occasions Hexthorpe may commandeer Rinks for National games in which case the League games must be re-arranged anytime from the date of cancellation up to 14 days after the date of the original fixture. The Home team will be responsible for booking a Rink and will offer their Opponents up to three alternative dates after which they will be awarded the two points if neither of the three dates offered are acceptable.

16. If a jack is displaced by a bowl in play to outside the boundaries of the Rink (beyond the white markers) it must be re-spotted on the nearest spot in line with the T or as close to the spot in line with that spot and the spot at the other end of the Rink if the spot's partly or completely covered.

If a jack is moved by a bowl in play into the ditch within the white markers it will stay and count as live with its position marked by the white disc.

A bowl that touches the jack and goes into the ditch within the white markers will be live and marked with the red disc.

If either the jack or Toucher in the ditch are displaced by a non-toucher it will be removed and the jack and Toucher returned to their original position.

17. If Hexthorpe is closed teams can re-arrange their fixtures, otherwise the rule about teams not arriving will apply. The Home Captain shall be responsible for re-arranging the fixture which must be played within 21 days from the date of the original fixture.

18. The use of pieces of chalk to mark Touchers is not allowed due to chalk residue being left on the carpet. Each team to be in possession of spray chalk.

19. The Registrar's Honorarium is £150 per annum.