

## Pairs League (aka 'Covid Cup')

### Competition Rules

1. Pairs can be all male, all female or mixed.
2. Closing date for entries is 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
3. Entrants should preferably provide an email address (for one of the pair) for the arranging of matches, but at least a contact phone number is required. If neither of you do not have an email address, please ask a friend who can help make match arrangements.
4. There is no 'home' pair, so it is the responsibility of all players to try and arrange a convenient date to play their fixture.
5. League format is 3 points for a match win, 1 point for a draw, and 0 points for a loss.
6. In the event of a total points tie at the end of the league format, net points will determine the league position. If still a tie, the head to head result between the tied pairs will be the deciding factor.
7. Depending on the number of entrants, pairs will be divided into either 1 or 2 leagues. If 2 leagues, these will be drawn on a totally random basis with no 'seedings'. **We have 12 pairs, which is considered the maximum for one league, so we will proceed on this basis.**
8. Every pair will play every other pair in their league once only.
9. At the end of the league(s), there will be a final to determine the winner and runner-up. If there are 2 leagues the finalists will come from the top pair in each league. If there is just one league, the top 2 pairs will play off in a final.
10. There will be suggested dates for you to have played one, two, three fixtures by etc. This is to try and ensure that there are no fixture pile ups at the end of the season. Although these dates are not set in stone, any player who the competition organisers feel has fallen considerably behind these dates, **will be asked to catch up or they will face disqualification**. In the event of a disqualification, for the purposes of fairness, all their games (played and not played) will be marked as a draw (1 point each and no bonus points).
11. You are free to play your fixtures in any order you like and earlier than the suggested dates if you wish.
12. Any matches not played by the league closing date will be declared a draw (1 point each, no bonus points). If an un-played match influences who goes through to the semi-finals or final, it must be played, and an extension will only be given in these circumstances. If it is still not possible to play, due to illness etc., as per rule 10 above, all their matches will be declared a draw (1 point each, no bonus points) and the league table recalculated. The sooner you play your matches, the less likely this outcome will prove to be an issue.
13. Dress code – greys with white tops.
14. Final league play by date is 13/9/2020. Final play by date to be advised.
15. Results and league tables will be sent by email in PDF format.

### Match Rules

1. The club's COVID-19 Playing arrangements (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) confirms the procedures that must be followed in all matches. **Keep 2m apart at all times.**
2. Keep a scorecard for personal clarification. Score cards are by the clubhouse door, but bring your own pen or pencil
3. The format of the matches is to be two 'sets' of 7 ends (8 woods each). A set can be tied. This should allow completion within a 2 hour rink slot.

4. 'Killed' ends count towards the total of 7 ends in a set, apart from the 7<sup>th</sup> end of a set which cannot be 'killed'. Killed 7<sup>th</sup> ends must be replayed.
5. Players to book a rink via the normal booking system, and they must specify it is for the pairs competition.
6. Toss of a coin to see who has the mat for the first end of the 1<sup>st</sup> set. Other pair gets mat for the first end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> set. After 1<sup>st</sup> end of a set, as in normal play, the mat goes to the winner of the last end.
7. No trial ends.
8. Please play within the spirit of the game.
9. The jack must be delivered by the lead and then centred by the skip. Please refer to the "2 jack" rule in the club's COVID-19 Playing arrangements (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)
10. Spray chalk only can be used for touchers.
11. No visiting of the head, i.e. only swap over after leads bowled all their woods.
12. Under the revised COVID-19 Playing arrangements (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) measuring is now allowed. Bowlers must only use their own measure, and no measuring that requires more than one person's participation.
- 13. Please text (07976 283084), or email ([pdstokes70@gmail.com](mailto:pdstokes70@gmail.com)) the match result through to Peter Stokes. Please let him know which league (if applicable), who played who and the total score in sets, e.g. League 2, 'Smith' beat 'Jones' 18-6, 19-4, or match tied 10-8, 8-10.**