

# RODBOURNE CHENEY BOWLS CLUB MEMBERS SINGLE LEAGUE

## RULES

1. The Mixed Singles league have been scheduled as set out in the Friday Fixture lists commencing on **Friday May 17th**. The dates for each league follow the usual pattern of play with the Mixed Singles scheduled on Friday Evening. However, the Committee have agreed that all Members should be **FLEXIBLE** and make all reasonable allowance to accommodate the re-arrangement of matches for the benefit of all concerned.
2. Where matches are to be re-arranged this **must** be notified and agreed in advance between the players and the new date and time entered on the fixture sheet on the notice board. Players should avoid rearranging matches which coincide with scheduled Club competitions usually played on a Saturday afternoon the dates of which will be posted on the notice board and website.
3. Rearranged matches may be played in advance and should be completed whenever possible within **3 weeks** of the original date.
4. Inclement weather is not a valid reason for rearrangement although common sense and mutual agreement may be applied in circumstances where heavy rain or poor green conditions prevail eg. Green waterlogged etc.
5. The **Mixed Singles League** matches will normally be played on Friday evening to commence at **6:30pm** unless arranged otherwise by prior agreement. Due to the number of entries there will be 6 matches scheduled at 6:30pm with the other matches (**shaded yellow** on the fixture list) to be played by mutual agreement.
6. Players should be aware that the green may not be available prior to 12 noon due to maintenance (except on Saturday & Sunday and Bank Holidays), if members wish to play earlier they should check with the Green-keeper or Committee.
7. For all matches players shall toss for the jack at the start of each match and may only give away the jack & mat on the first end.
8. All Singles matches shall be played over **5 Ends** with no time limit. Players may visit the head only once during each end after their 3<sup>rd</sup> bowl. Players will mark their own matches where there is no marker available. The player not delivering the jack shall centre the jack.
9. Matches may be played in advance but any Singles matches not completed by **Friday September 6th** shall be declared void or players awarded a walkover with a 5 shots margin if their opponent is unable to fulfil the match.
10. In single league matches **3 points** shall be awarded for **a win** and **1 point** awarded for **a draw**.
11. Shots for and against shall be recorded and in the event of a tie on points at the end of the season the final positions shall be determined by the shots difference.
12. If there is still a tie then the match result(s) between the respective singles players shall determine the final placing.
13. A draw for rinks shall be made before each match or session of matches which shall include

all available rinks in play. In the case of rearranged matches a choice shall be drawn from at least 3 rinks where available.

14. All results shall be recorded on a match score card and signed by both players (or one from each pair). The match score may also be posted on the fixture list on the notice board. Leagues tables will normally be posted and updated weekly throughout the season and will be available on the club website.
15. All dead ends shall be replayed in the same direction, there is no re-spotting of the jack in any of the league matches.
16. In the unlikely event of any player or pairing failing to arrive within 30 minutes of the scheduled or rearranged start time the match shall be forfeited and declared a walkover with 3 points awarded and a 10 shots margin recorded. Exceptional circumstances for mitigation may be referred to the Committee for consideration.
17. No member may practice on the green within 30 minutes of any league match unless that member has played another league match or championship fixture immediately prior to the subsequent fixture.
18. Any member having already played a league match previously on the same day may not play on the same rink in any subsequent league fixture on the same day.
19. The current Laws of England Bowls governing the sport of Lawn Bowls shall apply in all other circumstances.
20. In the event of any dispute the matter may be referred to the Competition Secretary in the first instance or on appeal the matter shall be determined by the Club Committee.