

THE NEW SURREY BOWLS LEAGUE

(Revised March 2008)

Ron Willson Trophy

- RWT1. Composition :** One Team only may enter from each Member Club. The Team will comprise two triples and will be a Club entry. The composition of the Team may be changed in subsequent rounds.
- RWT2. Match Arrangements :** The competition will be played as a knock-out and will start by mid-July. Each Round will be on a "Play by" date basis. Match dates, when confirmed, must be notified immediately to the Press Officer. Names and telephone numbers of correspondents must also be notified to the Press Officer as soon as possible after the initial draw is made.
- Each match will be played with one triple at home and one triple away, each playing 18 ends.
- The first drawn team will be the Challenger. A minimum of three weeks before the closing date of the round the Challenger shall offer three dates to its Opponents, including two weekend mornings and one weekday evening. The same arrangements shall operate for subsequent rounds except for the Final. Failure to offer dates within the prescribed period will result in the Opponent, in consultation with the Press Officer, taking the rights and responsibilities of the Challenger, including home advantage.
- Matches at weekends should not commence before 10.00am and weekday evening matches not commencing before 6.00pm. Matches may be played on a Public Holiday by mutual agreement.
- RWT3. Scoring :** Each match will be decided by a simple majority of shots.
- RWT4. Extra End :** In all rounds, other than the Final, an extra end will be played at the green of the Challenger. In the Final, a draw will be made before play commences to decide which rink will play an extra end in the event of a tie after 18 ends.
- RWT5. Player Short :** If a player is absent from a team, or a team is unable to commence play 30 minutes after the appointed start time, the match will be awarded to the team not in default. If a player is absent from both teams, they will both be eliminated from the competition. Rules G10 and G11 will apply to a defaulting Club(s).
- RWT5. Results of Matches :** Results must be telephoned by a Representative of the winning club to the Press Officer within 24 hours of the conclusion of the match. Scorecards, signed by both clubs, should be retained in case they are needed for scrutiny.
- RWT6. NSBL Finals Day :** The Final will be played at the same venue, at the same time and on the same day as the Final of the Top Ten Trophy and will be played on the neutral green of another New Surrey Bowls League Club. Arrangements for the Final will be made by the Officers of the League.
- RWT7. Matches Abandoned :** If a match has to be abandoned at either or both venues, the score will be taken if a minimum of 12 ends have been completed at both. In the event of abandonment before the minimum number of 12 ends have been completed, the match will be played from its beginning on an immediate following weekend morning (i.e. Saturday or Sunday). The score at the point at which the match was abandoned will be discounted.
- If the Final is abandoned before the minimum number of ends have been played, the result will be declared on the basis of the lowest number of ends completed by either rink, i.e. if one triple has completed 11 ends and the other 10 ends, the score after both rinks have played 10 ends will decide the winners.
- RWT8. Ron Willson Trophy Winners :** The Club winning the Final will be awarded the Ron Willson Trophy which it will hold for one year. The Runners-up will hold the Runners-up Trophy for one year.