

**Motion 1 To amend Rule 7 (a) PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS** which currently reads:

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**Motion 2 To amend Rule 12 LEAGUE COMPETITION (j)** which currently reads:

(j) **For Divisions 2 & 3 only.** All league matches should commence **no later** than 6.15 pm (5.45 pm in August).

If a full quota of 12 players is not available at this time, then the following format will take place:

Eleven (11) players: Two rinks and one triple.

Ten (10) players: One rink and two triples.

Nine (9) players: Three triples.

Less than nine (9) players the match is forfeited and the opposing team, providing twelve (12) players turn up to play, receive seven (7) points and fifteen (15) shots. The opposing team will only receive six (6) points and fifteen (15) shots if less than twelve (12) players turn up to play. In the event of a triple or triples being played then the triple will lose 25% of their total shots or (5) shots whichever is the greater. (Rule (g) above still applies.)

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Nine (9) players: Three triples.

Eight (8) players: Two rinks.

Less than eight (8) players the match is forfeited and the opposing team, providing twelve (12) players turn up to play, receive seven (7) points and fifteen (15) shots. The opposing team will only receive six (6) points and fifteen (15) shots if less than twelve (12) players turn up to play. In the event of a triple or triples being played then the triple will lose 25% of their total shots or (5) shots whichever is the greater. (Rule (g) above still applies.)

**Motion 3:** Proposed by Mr. Robert Clark and Seconded by Mr. Lew Patterson Springhouse B.C  
To amend Rule **12 League Competition (e) and (m)** which currently read:

(e) The league programme will terminate on the last Wednesday in August each year. Any postponed games must be played before this date.

(m) Once dates have been arranged by the League Secretary, a Club shall not cancel any game, unless circumstances **on the day** are unavoidable. Any cancelled games to be played **within 3 weeks** of the original fixture date or the fixture is forfeited.

To Read: **League Competition**

(e) The league programme will terminate in August each year. As per the official league fixture programme. Any postponed games must be played no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of August. They may be played on any evening but not weekends. any dispute arising from postponed games not played by the 31<sup>st</sup> August will be resolved by the Executive Committee.

(m) Once dates have been arranged by the League Secretary, a Club shall not cancel any game, unless circumstances **on the day** are unavoidable ie bad weather, or unless permitted to do so by the league secretary. The league secretary must be notified of any prior intended cancellations, failure to comply will result in the club cancelling the fixture forfeiting the points for that match.

Reasons for suggested rule changes are as follows:

Rule (E) and Rule (M) seem to contradict each other rule (E) stating The league programme will terminate on the last Wednesday in August each year. Any postponed games must be played before this date. And rule (M) stating any cancelled games to be played within 3 weeks of the original fixture date or the fixture is forfeited.

Further -more rule (M) as it stands is being ignored as the clubs which are cancelling games have no time to play re-arranged league matches during in the regular league programme which means they are playing them during the last two weeks of August anyway.

**Motion 4:** Proposed by Mr. Robert Clark Springhouse B.C  
The proposal is for a Thurrock and District Mixed fours Knockout Competition  
Open to all members of Clubs Affiliated to T.& D.B.A

All players in a four (2 x men + 2 x Ladies) must belong to the same bowls club.

Two substitutes allowed per team, one lady and one man.

Final to be played on Thurrock and District finals day.

Arrangement of games as per Thurrock and District current competition rules.

Notes:

The reason for putting forward this competition is that some clubs are airing the possibility of a mixed league, which I personally do not think there is room for in the outdoor bowls calendar, in this format, due to all the other fixtures taking place, ie internal leagues, TALBA, T&DBA, Group Nine, County and National comps men's and ladies', without the Open competitions, Club weekend friendlies, and of course our own club competitions.

However I do feel that there could be room for another knockout competition, and seeing the success of the Fred Bromley mixed pairs competition run by the TALBA ladies, a mixed fours competition could be a good compromise, which would also give the chance for four ladies to appear on and enjoy our finals day, as much as the two men playing in the Fred Bromley final enjoy their appearance on TALBA finals day.

I would suggest that the competition does not start until the end of June this will allow ladies and men's county comps to be almost finished. But of course this would be at the current competition secretary's discretion.

If this proposal is accepted I would like to put up the trophy.

**Motion 5: Proposal to continue meetings between Thurrock & District Bowling Association and Thurrock Area Ladies Bowling Association to discuss possible Amalgamation of the two Associations.**

**NOTES**

A preliminary meeting between Thurrock Area Ladies Bowling Association and Thurrock & District Bowling Association was held on 30<sup>th</sup>. August 2012 held at The Springhouse Bowls Club. The reason for the meeting was to discuss possible amalgamation of the two Associations.

The T&DBA reasons for suggesting a possible amalgamation were that the membership was falling year on year and the lack of members prepared to take on duties of positions such as President or Secretary.

A draft document was put forward similar to the document used by Essex County Bowling Association when they amalgamated the Ladies' and Gentlemen's Associations. This document was only issued so that both TALBA and T&DBA could discuss any problems that would arise during forming a new Association.

After a brief examination of this document the following points were raised.

- 1, Which Officers would be on the Governing Body?
- 2, Will Finances be combined?
- 3, T&DBA have 4 affiliated clubs which are outside the Thurrock Area and as TALBA only have clubs that are in the Thurrock Area this could cause problems.
- 4, Would it be possible to have a Ladies/men's mixed League.
- 5, Name of new association, ( Bowls Thurrock suggested )

Questions were asked as to what benefits would be achieved by amalgamating, plus would it involve more work/responsibilities for the members of the governing body and junior officers, both ladies & men.

Pauline Lowe said Springhouse Ladies had amalgamated with the Men's Section, and this was for the benefit of all Springhouse members. It would not be so easy for the two Associations to do due to the mix of various clubs. However some suggestions and ideas could come out of what they achieved at Springhouse.

All the above suggestions have been put before the Club Delegates so they may discuss this at Club level.

If at the next AGM the members agree to go forward to Amalgamating, a steering committee could be set up consisting of both Ladies & Men.

All agreed that it will take some considerable time to come to a common consensus and a possible final agreement. We are looking at a time scale of years rather than months.