



THE STRACEY/BRODIE LEAGUES

Definition: The two leagues comprise the Stracey Shield and the Brodie Tray. The competitive but friendly fixtures are open to all registered members of participating Clubs, as selected by their Club's selection committee. A record of which individuals play is not kept and clubs are relied upon to participate in good faith. Saturday is the preferred day for fixtures but any other day may be agreed upon to ensure fixtures are fulfilled.

Rules for the Stracey Shield

1. The league will be played during the outdoor bowls season matches commencing at 2:00pm unless mutually agreed otherwise.
2. A team will consist of four rinks of four and a match will be played over 18 ends.
3. A winning rink will receive 2 points and in the event of a drawn rink, 1 point will be awarded to each side. Therefore there are 8 points to be won.
4. In addition the team with the highest overall match shots score will be the match winner in relation to the league tables and receive a further 2 points. If overall match shots scores are level, the match is drawn and 1 point is awarded to both teams. A maximum 10 points is available for each fixture.
5. If a match is abandoned before commencement of play due to inclement weather, the match should be re-arranged if possible and the Results and Fixtures Secretary notified. If this is not possible the Clubs involved will share the 10 points equally. The decision to play will be taken by the local groundsman. Should the groundsman deem the greens fit for play but the weather conditions are uncertain, the decision to call off must be agreed by both Captains. Both Captains should agree prior to the match starting what will be the strategy if the weather deteriorates to a point where safety becomes a concern. In the event of an inability to agree the strategy the 'home' Captain will have the final decision.
6. Where a match has commenced and at least 10 ends have been completed by all rinks, but the match has to be abandoned due to the weather, the scores at that point will be deemed to be the result and the points awarded accordingly.
7. Where a match has commenced but, due to the weather, has not reached the 10 ends on all rinks then each Club will share the 10 points equally.
8. When a match is defaulted, 10 points will be awarded to the non-offending team unless there are extenuating circumstances or it is agreed the fixture is re-arranged.
9. If a team has to forfeit a rink it will lose the 2 points and the rink score shall be 10 - 0 to the opposition.
10. The participating Clubs will play each other on a home and away basis.
11. Where there are only three players available for a rink - either at the start of a game or due to a player leaving a rink due to illness, injury or other reason and no substitute is available - then play on the rink shall be as follows: whichever team wins the end the lead (or two if the lead is the player missing), shall place the mat and deliver the jack. The Lead of the team with four players shall then play both of their two woods followed then by the other six players playing in order commencing with whichever team won the previous end. There shall be no deduction of 25% from the score.

Rules for the Brodie Tray

The same rules apply as for the Stracey Shield but with the teams consisting of 1 rink, 2 triples and 1 pair, all playing 18 ends. The participating Clubs will play each other on a home and away basis.

With 2 points available for each of the individual fixture elements and 2 points for the highest overall match shots score, a maximum of 10 points are available for each fixture.

Should a team arrive with less than a full complement and no substitute is available, then the pair and triples will take priority over the rink. Where the rink has less than 4 players then the same procedure as in the Stracey Shield will apply.

General

No '3s up' on the rinks.

A substitute (if available) can be used when a selected player fails to arrive or has to leave a rink due to illness, injury or other reason.

Each match may be played straight through or a stop for tea held at an appropriate point. The home teams to determine and ensure opponents are aware prior to the fixture.

All results will be notified as soon as possible after a match in accordance with the process defined by the Results and Fixtures Secretary.

In the event of the cancellation of a fixture, the match should be re-arranged if possible and the Results and Fixtures Secretary notified.

Special rule for extreme heat days. If temperatures are likely to reach the levels of 30°C and above, as defined at the time of the game and match location by the BBC Weather App, Clubs can mutually agree any one of the options below:-

- a) Matches are played as scheduled,
- b) The start time is moved to a cooler part of the day,
- c) Matches are rearranged, if existing fixtures and time permit.

If clubs cannot mutually agree a way forward or the above options are not feasible, as a last resort, matches will be cancelled and the points shared.

Where a Club has two teams in any competition, a player may only play for one of those teams.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners of both competitions.

In order to assist the Fixture Secretaries of the member clubs, a cut off date of 1st September applies for receipt of applications for a team to join the league for the following season's competition. An email vote will be called to decide the application. Submissions received after the cut off will be considered at the AGM where acceptance and, if successful, timing of entry will be determined.

An AGM will be held every October/November and a Spring meeting every March/April.

At the AGM a Chairman, Secretary and a Press Officer/Results Secretary will be elected. In addition to the elected officers every Club may have two persons to represent them at any meeting. At an AGM or EGM, where any changes to the running of the Competitions will be made, a Club will have only one vote. The Chairman will have no voting rights and in the event that there is an even split of votes on any resolution brought before the AGM/EGM the 'status quo' will prevail.

In the event of the league requiring finance for an agreed expenditure all clubs will contribute equally to the sum to be raised.

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