



MID SHROPSHIRE BOWLING LEAGUE

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Appendix to Competition Rules – for 2022 ONLY

Explanation – After 2 years badly hit by Covid, the rules for both the Senior Merit and Harris Cup need amending for the 2022 season.

The eligibility criteria for the Senior Merit needs clarification for this one season while the Harris Cup rules are added on to this Appendix, to be changed formally at the 2023 AGM.

*League officers feel an Appendix to the Rules, for the 2022 season only, is the best way forward at this stage of the year - rather than calling an EGM – and can be approved under the League's **General Rules** which state:*

1. *Any matter not provided for in the rules shall be dealt with by the League Executive whose decision is final.*

Individual Merit:

Change from:

1. *Players on the named list as per rule 21(c) shall not be permitted to play in the Mid Shropshire Merit – unless they have played a minimum total of 10 Thursday and / or Saturday division games in the previous and / or current season at the time of the entry deadline.*

To read for 2022 only (**change in bold**):

1. *Players on the named list as per rule 21(c) shall not be permitted to play in the Mid Shropshire Merit – **unless they have played a minimum total of 10 Thursday and / or Saturday division games in the current and / or 2019 season at the time of the entry deadline.***

W. G. HARRIS CUP:

*These changes (**in bold**) are simply to accommodate the switch from 12-a-side teams in the Friday divisions to 10-a-side, a move approved at the AGM in March.*

1. *Competition is open to all member clubs of the Shropshire Bowling Association. No limit to the number of teams. Clubs with more than one green must state green to be used at the time of entry. Any team that enters the competition but then later withdraws will be fined £20.*

2. Winners to hold the W.G. Harris Cup for 12 months.
3. Entry fee to be fixed by the Committee and a donation shall be paid to the Hadley Senior Citizens Rest Room in memory of the donor.
4. (a) Number of players shall be **10, to play 5 home and 5 away** on the same day. Winners to be decided on aggregate score.

(b) Teams shall receive a handicap score according to their **League position at the end of the 2019 season**. Premier League sides will all give 20 shots, plus one shot for their finishing position the previous season - so the reigning champions would be handicapped $20+14=34$, the runners-up $20+13=33$ etc. Any team promoted to the Premier League for the current season shall be handicapped 20 shots. Any team relegated from the Premier League the previous season shall be off scratch. The top side in division one would be off scratch, second place +1, third place +2 etc. and players shall be those normally associated with that team.

(c) All games to be played on or before the dates set by the League. Changes of dates or nominated greens may only take place if both teams agree and the Competitions Secretary is notified in advance. At no time may the fixture be re-arranged to take place after the original date and if no agreement is reached the match shall take place on the date specified.
- 5 A player may play in only one team, the team for which he plays being the nominated team.
- 6 Winners of ties will be decided by aggregate. If that is drawn, the victors will be the team with the most winners from the **10 games**. If that is level, the outcome will be decided by the best card – and if that is the same it will be the second best card etc
7. Home teams shall ensure the result details are entered on the website within 48 hours of ties being played. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine of £5. The details should then be checked and approved by the away team within five days of the tie being played. Clubs should retain the match cards for 7 days in case of a dispute.
8. The **10-a-side** Final shall be played on a Saturday at a neutral green decided by the Management Committee.
9. In the event of the Final being a tie, both the aggregate result and the games won, the prize money shall be equally shared and the trophy held for 6 months each.