

TUESDAY HANDICAP TRIOS LEAGUE

League Constitution 2026/27

1. Name

This League shall be known as the **Tuesday Handicap Trios League**, herein after referred to as The League.

2. Aims and Objectives

The purpose of the League is to foster fellowship and true sportsmanship and to conduct tenpin bowling activities through the competitive medium of an organized League Programme and other competitive or social events.

3. Membership and Eligibility

Membership of the League is open to any Team or Individual provided that –

- a. A suitable vacancy exists AND the applicant is acceptable to the Committee.
- b. Each applicant agrees to abide by the terms and conditions set out in this constitution.
- c. Application is made no later than the end of the first round of the current League Programme.

4. Management

League management shall be vested in a Management Committee comprising Executive Officers and other League Members who may be appointed from time to time. This Committee shall –

- a. Organise and oversee the running of the League in accordance with the expressed Aims & Objectives
- b. Determine the number of Teams in the League and set a Match Schedule prior to the start of the league season.
- c. Set Match Fees and Subscription charges.
- d. Investigate, and rule on, any dispute, protest or complaint.
- e. Be empowered to penalize, discipline or expel any Team or Team Member for violation of any provision, rule or regulation, contained in this Constitution, or for any conduct deemed to be detrimental to the best interests of the League.
- f. Change, waive or amend any rule or regulation as may seem appropriate or necessary from time to time.
- g. Advise ALL members of any changes or other matters that affect the League and its activities.
- h. All decisions or actions taken by the Committee shall be final and binding.

5. Management Committee

The members shall elect a Management Committee, at the Annual General Meeting, comprising –

- a. the **President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer**.
- b. Any League member is eligible to stand for office but must be nominated and seconded from the floor.
- c. If there are more than one nomination for any given post, a simple majority vote shall determine the incumbent
- d. In the event of a tied vote, the President or Vice-President, shall cast the deciding vote.
- e. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer can be combined by popular consent.

6. The President is the Chief Executive Officer and shall –

- a. Preside at all Committee or General Meetings of the League.
- b. Verify that any records issued during the League Season are a true reflection of events

7. The Vice-President is the assistant/deputy of the President and shall –

- a. Carry out any duties as may from time to time be requested by the President.
- b. Assume all duties of the President in his/her absence.

8. The **Secretary** shall be responsible for the proper organisation and function of the League and shall –
 - a. Keep a true and accurate record of all scores made by teams and bowlers and such other proceedings as may be required by the League.
 - b. Post the weekly League Standing sheet, showing team positions, individual standings/averages and the handicaps of all bowlers, including floating substitutes, prior to bowling times.
 - c. Receive such fees as agreed at the AGM as re-imbursement for duties of office.
9. The **Treasurer** shall keep a true and accurate record of all income and expenditure and shall –
 - a. Present an annual statement of account to the League at the AGM.
 - b. Receive such fees as agreed at the AGM as reimbursement for duties of office.
 - c. Oversee the distribution of the agreed donation from League Funds to our chosen Charity.
10. Other **Committee Members**, elected in General Meeting or appointed by the committee, shall –
 - a. Attend all duly notified Committee and General meetings.
 - b. Actively assist in any end of season activities.
 - c. Carry out such duties as may be delegated or assigned by the Committee.
 - d. In an emergency, take any necessary or appropriate action in keeping with the spirit of the game and to report same to the Committee and League Members.

11. **League Programme**

A League Programme, based on an even number of Teams will be organised as follows –

- a. Each Team shall compete against each other Team according to a pre-determined Match Schedule.
- b. Each Match shall be played over a Series of 3 Games.
- c. 2 Match Points will be awarded to the Team recording the highest Pinfall plus Handicap scores for each Game and the overall Series score – a total of 8 points being available for each Match.
- d. Accumulated Points will determine the League Standing of each Team.
- e. The Team accumulating the highest number of points, at the end of the scheduled season, shall be declared League Champions.
- f. Team and Individual High Game and High Series scores, Scratch and Handicap, shall be recognised.

12. **Team Registration**

Each **Team** shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 registered players who shall individually agree to –

- a. Attend and take part in each scheduled match as required.
- b. Pay the appropriate Match Fee, comprising Lineage charge and League Subscription.
- c. Accurately and neatly record pinfall on the provided Score Sheet.
- d. Return the completed Score Sheet to the Secretary at the end of each Match.
- e. Advise the Secretary of any intended absence or non-attendance for a scheduled match.
- f. In the case of non-attendance by any players, the remaining Team members will be responsible for paying the whole of the Match Fee.

Note: In the event of a substitute being used to replace a Team Member, for any Match, it is the Teams responsibility to determine what portion of the Match Fee is to be paid by the substitute.

13. Pinfall Averages

All bowlers will establish a Pinfall Average, being the total accumulated pinfall divided by the total number of games bowled.

- a. Bowlers re-joining the League from last season will have their established Average (over 9 games) carried over.
- b. New Bowlers, or those with no established Average over 9 games, will achieve one based on their first match series of the season.
- c. In both cases this 'starting' Average will be used for the first 3 matches (9 games) bowled in the current season.
- d. After this, Averages will be re-assessed on a weekly basis.
- e. Registered bowlers who do not bowl during the first 9 weeks of the season will have any carried forward Average from the prior season deleted and will be re-classified as new bowlers (see 13b above).

14. Handicap Allowance

A Handicap Allowance, based on the player's current Average, will be added to the Pinfall score of each bowler, to allow bowlers of all levels to compete on more equal terms. It will be calculated using the following formula –

A percentage of the difference between a player's Pinfall Average and a fixed Base Score.

- a. The percentage and Base Score are to be determined at the AGM prior to the first match of each season – see Addendum Sheet.
- b. Calculated figures will be rounded down to the nearest whole number.
- c. There will be no maximum Handicap Allowance but players attaining an Average equal to or exceeding the Base Score will receive a zero (0) allowance.

15. Legal Line-Up

Each team must field 3 registered Team players for each match except that -.

- a. If only 2 registered team members are available, the team can replace the missing player with either a Floating Substitute (see Rule 17) or a Blind Score (see Rule 18) or a player from another team, not needed by that team, to field a legal line-up.
- b. If only 1 registered team member is available, the team must use 1 Sub and 1 Blind Score. In this case the Blind Score is to be calculated on the missing player with the highest number of Games Played.
- c. A Team may NOT use 2 Subs or 2 Blind Scores.

16. Floating Substitutes

Non-Team Members can be registered with the League as Floating Subs and may be used to take the place of an absent Team member, subject to availability and their agreement with the following additional rules –

- a. To be pre-registered with the Secretary BEFORE the first round of the Schedule is completed.
- b. To play for the Team designated by the Secretary.
- c. Pay that part of the Match Fee determined as appropriate by the Team under clause 12.

Where a Floating Sub is not available, a member of another Team may be allowed to fill the vacancy ONLY if they are not required by their own Team. That is - you cannot bowl for another team if it would mean your own team needs to field a sub or blind score.

17. Blind Score

If no Substitute is available, a Blind Score may be entered for the absent player, subject to Rule 16.b above, and this will be calculated as –

the Average of the player LESS a percentage or fixed amount as set at the AGM – *see Addendum sheet.*

Where there are more than 3 registered players in the Team the Blind Score is to be calculated from the Average of the missing players with the greatest number of games played.

18. Match Postponements

Postponements are to be avoided at all costs; it should be possible to play each match as per the schedule by utilising Rules 15 – 17 above.

- a. If all else fails, the postponing Team must arrange with their opponents a mutually agreeable date and time to play the match within 14 days of the postponement.
- b. Lane conditions cannot be guaranteed or requested.
- c. If a re-arrangement cannot be agreed, the Team requiring the postponement shall forfeit the Match, with all points being awarded to the opposing Team who must, nonetheless, bowl the match.
- d. Both Teams must pay the match fee by the time of the original scheduled match.

19. League Standing Sheet

A weekly Standing Sheet shall be produced by the Secretary for display within the Centre and the Club website and should contain –

- a. The current League Position of each Team, in descending order of accumulated Match Points. In the event of tied points, total handicap pinfall shall determine superiority in the placing order.
- b. Team statistics including Accumulated Pinfall plus High Game and Series scores for each Team.
- c. Player statistics including Accumulated Pinfall, number of Games bowled, current Average and current Handicap allowance, plus High Game and Series scores for each player.
- d. The Lane Schedule for the next League Match.

20. The League Fund

This represents the accumulated League Subscriptions, paid by the members, together with any other payments received, or sums donated, for the benefit of the League. It shall be –

- a. Established and administered by the Treasurer, under the scrutiny of the President.
- b. Used, under warrant of the Committee, for providing cash Awards, League Functions or Social events, payment of Honoraria to Executive Officers and any other expenses associated with the maintenance and proper organisation of the League, as may be set at the AGM or from time to time by the Committee.
- c. A Charitable donation shall be determined at the AGM and shall be disbursed by the Treasurer each year.

21. League Awards

This is a cash League, and awards will be made from League Funds at the end of each season for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed League Standings plus Team and Individual achievements subject to the following –

- a. League Standings are based on Points Won. In the event of a tie, on Points, the accumulated Handicap Pinfall total shall determine place order.
- b. For Team and Individual achievement awards Scratch scores take precedent and winners of Scratch awards will be eliminated from Handicap awards for the same category. i.e. a winner of a High Scratch Game award will not qualify in the High Handicap Game section – the highest player, after any such eliminations, will receive the award.
- c. Points Money, paid to all Teams based on accumulated Standing Points, will be calculated from remaining League Funds after all other awards, donations and disbursements have been made.

22. Annual General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting (AGM), is to be held at the end of the season for the purpose of -

- a. completing league business,
- b. presenting the accounts,
- c. awarding trophies and/or cash prizes,
- d. determining the league structure for the coming season,
- e. appointing League Officers and
- f. Up-dating, amending or setting rules.

23. Extraordinary General Meetings

An (EGM) may be called, during the season, to discuss matters pertaining to the League and that the committee may decide should be discussed and settled in open forum.

24. Committee Meetings

Members of the Management Committee will meet as required during the season.

25. Meeting Procedures

All meetings shall comply, where appropriate, with the following guidelines –

- a. Be called by or on the authority of the President.
- b. Have the President, or deputy, presiding over procedures.
- c. Only League members may attend any meeting, except for Centre staff, or others, invited to impart relevant information to the meeting.
- d. For AGM and EGM meetings, a quorum of 14, including Committee members, must be present.
- e. For Managerial Meetings, a majority of the Committee must be present to form a quorum.
- f. All votes will be by 'show of hand' by those members present, with the exception that the President, or presiding deputy, will not vote unless a tied result requires a deciding vote.
- g. Changes to the Constitution will require a unanimous vote but all other votes will be decided by majority acceptance.
- h. All league members are entitled to request an EGM but must do so in writing, to the Secretary, giving details of any proposal or reason behind the request. Such requests must be signed by the proposer and be seconded by another league member.
- i. The Committee shall decide if the matter warrants further action and respond accordingly.

26. Interpretation of Rules

All matters pertaining to the League, whether covered by this constitution or not, shall be determined by the Committee and, in the event of any dispute that cannot be readily resolved, the Committee will have the final decision.

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Addendum Sheet showing items determined at AGM of September 2026.

LEAGUE OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Office	Name of Elected Member	Honorarium
President		
Vice-President		
Secretary		
Treasurer		
Member		
Member		
Member		

LEAGUE FORMAT - See separate schedule for full Date and Match information

Number of Teams -	Players per Team -	No. of Matches	Start Date	End Date
16	3 min / 5 max		15th September	

MATCH FEE per Player

Lineage to AMF	League Subscription	TOTAL per player per week
£12.00	tba	

HANDICAP ALLOWANCE

Percentage (or Fraction)	Base Score
75%	210

BLIND SCORE

Calculated as -
Average LESS 20 pins

AWARDS - cash allocation from League Funds will be -	£tba
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Which will be apportioned and presented for the following –

Team Standing	1 st - £100	2 nd – £80	3 rd - £70
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AWARD	Team	Male	Female
High Game Scratch	£90	£30	£30
High Series Scratch	£90	£30	£30
High Game Handicap	£90	£30	£30
High Series Handicap	£90	£30	£30
Most 200s	£60	£20	£20
High Average	-	£20	£20

Min Tulley Award	to be determined by the President
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Charity Donation – Amount and Recipient to be determined

Balance after deductions -	£tba	Returned as Points money at -	£tba /point
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