

# CORINIUM LADIES LEAGUE STROUD VALLEYS LADIES TRIPLES LEAGUE

## RULES FOR 2025 SEASON

### TEAMS:

#### CORINIUM LEAGUE:

CAM

CIRENCESTER

COTSWOLD

DURSLEY

FAIRFORD

FRAMPTON

NAILSWORTH

TETBURY

VICTORY PARK

WOTTON U EDGE

#### SVLT LEAGUE:

CAM

COTSWOLD

FAIRFORD

FRAMPTON

MALMESBURY

NAILSLEY \*

TETBURY

VICTORY PARK

\* NAILSWORTH / DURSLEY JOINT TEAM

### 1a) OBJECT & QUALIFYING:

The object of the leagues shall be to further and promote the amateur game of Bowls for Ladies and to arrange competitive inter-club matches.

Any player representing a Club in the leagues must be a bonafide member of that Club.

### 1b) DEFINITION & AIM:

Corinium League: A more competitive league for experienced and longer serving bowlers.

SVLTL: An important stepping stone for new/ less experienced bowlers. This can also include experienced bowlers who prefer a less pressurised competition and the comfort of a third bowl.

Clubs should bear this in mind, as well as rule 7a) in team selection and not deliberately manipulate or load their SVLTL team with a view to winning as this is not in the spirit of the leagues.

Furthermore any club that played, but subsequently drops out of the Corinium League cannot apply to join the SVLTL only.

### 2) FORMAT OF PLAY :

Corinium League:

Teams shall consist of Two Fours. The first two ends shall be played as 'trial ends'. Each match to consist of 18 ends thereafter.

### SVLT League:

Teams shall consist of Two Triples. The games shall consist of 18 ends, no trial ends.

One shot to be counted on ends one and two, with the winner of end one to claim the mat for the second end as normal.

a) Home and away matches must be played on the evening of the fixed date of the schedule and can only be re-arranged if:

- i) The green of the Home Club cannot accommodate the ladies' rinks scheduled or
- ii) Two or more players have to play in County competitions or are part of the GBA County Tour on a league day.
- iii) Other exceptional circumstances agreed by the committee. (e.g. heat, pandemic)

b) Where games legitimately have to be re-arranged both captains should work together, to avoid delay, to agree a new date and time within 14 days of original date and played within 12 weeks of original date or 11th August 2025, for both leagues, whichever is the sooner and the League Secretary notified of the arrangements. If new dates are not agreed within the 14 day window both clubs will incur a 2 point deduction. Re-arranged games must be played on a weekday evening unless both teams agree on an alternative i.e. daytime or weekend. Re-arranged games can be played BEFORE the scheduled date

### c) NO WALKOVERS ALLOWED.

Clubs who feel they have to re-arrange for reasons outside the current rules should first try to arrange to play short on the scheduled day as detailed in clause 8) which covers method of play in the event of Absentee players.

d) The visiting Captain shall draw the rinks from those available for play and then draw for which team plays on which of the chosen rinks. The latter to be done while the cards are still face down on the table.

e) The Captains shall toss for first mat for both rinks before the start.

f) Skips are allowed to walk up to the head.

### 3) SCORING:

- 8 points are available for each game.
- 4 points for overall shot winning side.
- 2 points each if the overall score is tied.
- 2 points for each winning rink.
- 1 point each if score on the rink is tied.

### 4) DECIDER:

a) In the event of teams being equal on points after ALL matches have been played, then the overall shot difference will be taken into account.

b) Should the overall shot difference also be equal then a 'Play off' will be arranged on a neutral green.

### 5) WEATHER:

a) If a match has to be abandoned due to inclement weather conditions and no play takes place, then that match must be re-arranged as in 2b) above.

b) The match can be abandoned on both rinks by mutual agreement of the Captains if poor light or bad weather conditions make play unsuitable. Provided at least 8 ends have been played on each rink, the score as recorded at the time of abandonment shall be taken as the final score, and points awarded accordingly. The cards shall state: 'MUTUAL AGREEMENT' and shall be signed by both Captains.

c) If 8 ends have not been played **on each rink**, then another date shall be arranged and resumed play continue to 18 ends (as World Bowls Laws of the Sport Crystal Mark fourth edition Rule 33 '*Game Stoppages*'). Up to 2 substitutes can be used in the re-arranged game but not in the skip position (not one as shown in 33.4.1).

## 6) DRESS:

a) Dress shall be grey, **or club colours** skirts, **shorts**, plain tailored trousers, or crop trousers, white/cream shirt with sleeves and collar or club colours shirt style blouse and regulation bowls shoes.

b) All players to use bowls with their own club stickers. No county or other club stickers allowed.

## 7) SELECTION:

a) No more than two **Corinium League** players can be selected to play in the SVLT League **in any game** but not in the skip position **and not on the same rink**.

Each Club shall make their own policy for selection keeping in mind the above rule.

b) In the event that this rule is broken the offending team will forfeit 4 points from the total points scored in the league concerned.

## 8) ABSENTEES & SUBSTITUTES:

a) World Bowls Laws of the Sport Crystal Mark fourth edition Rule 39 shall apply except Rule 39.1.2 '*Absentee players in a team game*' In that respect the following arrangements shall apply instead:

An absentee player shall be allowed 15 minutes only for substitution to be made.

Teams who are missing players must play 2 rinks :

Corinium League – Maximum 2 players allowed short and play as per existing rules

SVLT - Maximum 2 players allowed short and play as per existing rules

If a team breaks this rule by having more than 2 players short points for the game in question will be awarded as follows:

Defaulting team = 0 points, Opposition for that game = 2 points, all other teams in the league = 1 point (Corinium League total 10 points, SVLTL total 9 points)

A team will only be allowed to break this rule 2 times in one season then d) below applies.

If one player is missing:

Corinium League:

Both teams will bowl with eight (8) bowls

In the defaulting team the lead and two will play with three (3) bowls each and the skip with two (2) bowls.

The team with four players will play with two (2) bowls each as normal.

The defaulting team will lose one quarter of their final score.

SVLT League:

Both teams will bowl eight (8) bowls.

In the defaulting team the lead and skip will play with four (4) bowls each.

In the team with three players the lead and two will play with two (2) bowls each and the skip with four (4) bowls.

The defaulting team will lose one third of their final score.

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c) Corinium League – If 2 players are absent the remaining 6 players will play 3 players per rink and lose one quarter of their final score on each rink.

SVLT League – If 2 players are absent the remaining 4 players will play 2 players per rink and lose one third of their final score on each rink.

d) If a team is withdrawn during the playing season, the results of all matches involving that team will be deleted.

## **9) LEAVING THE GREEN DURING COURSE OF PLAY:**

a) No player should delay play by leaving the rink of play or their team unless their opponent agrees, and then for no more than 10 minutes.

b) If a player has to leave the green during the course of a game due to illness or some other reasonable cause, and they cannot return within 10 minutes, the Captains can approve the introduction of a substitute.

c) The substitute should play in any position other than skip, and the other members of the team can rearrange their positions as necessary

d) The Captains will decide the substitute's eligibility.

If no eligible substitute is available: the rules around points in 8) ABSENTEES & SUBSTITUTES apply.

## **10) RESULTS:**

Results are to be phoned before 10.15pm, or preferably emailed/texted/facebook messenger by 09.00am the morning after each game. Pictures or scans of the signed cards (by both captains) should be attached if possible otherwise give scores on both rinks with the home team first. Cards that have not already been sent electronically should be sent by post to the League Secretary within 5 days.

## **11) SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

An annual fee shall be paid to the League Treasurer at the AGM or soon after.

## **12) SMOKING:**

No player may smoke or vape during the course of the game either on or off the green.

## **13) USE & DISPOSAL OF MONEY & ASSETS IF THE LEAGUES ARE DISBANDED:**

a) The income and assets of the Ladies' Corinium League and the Stroud Valleys Ladies Triples League shall be applied solely towards the objects of the leagues.

b) Reasonable out of pocket expenses properly incurred may be paid to the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer of either league.

c) Accurate accounts must be kept by the treasurers of each league, and statements of accounts brought annually to each Annual General Meeting.

d) If either or both leagues are to be wound up, following a decision at either or both annual general meetings or extraordinary general meetings, any money or assets, e.g. shields, remaining after payment of any debts, must be given to an organisation to promote bowling within the county of Gloucestershire.

## **14) CLUB CONTACTS COMMUNICATION:**

When communicating with other clubs you must ensure you speak to a person, be it the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Contact or any Club Official. If leaving phone messages/emails make sure you have confirmation that they have been received.

## **CORINIUM LEAGUE:**

**CHAIRMAN** : **Val Heathcote**  
**SECRETARY** : **Julia Stannard**  
**TREASURER** : **Heather Walker**

## **SVLT LEAGUE:**

**CHAIRMAN** : **Val Heathcote**  
**SECRETARY** : **Julia Stannard**  
**TREASURER/ASSISTANT SECRETARY** : **Sue Wales**

*v.13 11/01/18*

*v.13.1 14/04/18*

*v. 14 05/11/18*

*v.15 2b*

*v.16 24/11/19 changes in red*

*v.16.1 05/11/19 – Cotswold removed from SVLTL*

*v.17 10/05/21 – Fairford, Dursley and Framworth removed from SVLTL and other changes in red*

*v.18 19/05/21 – Victory Park removed from SVLTL*

*v19 18/11/21 – Frampton and Nailsworth added to SVLTL, Cirencester, Dursley and Victory Park reinstated into SVLTL plus changes in red*

*v19 02/06/22 – Fairford added to SVLTL*

*v20 07/11/22 – Frampton removed from SVLTL plus changes in red*

*v21 17/11/23 – Cotswold removed from Corinium League, Frampton and Cotswold added to SVLTL plus changes in red*

*v22 08/11/24 – Cotswold reinstated in Corinium League. Cirencester & Wotton u Edge removed from SVLTL, Nailsworth and Dursley joint team in SVLTL plus changes in red*