



## Premier League Rules 2016/17



The Premier League is a Handicap and Scratch Tenpin Bowling League. The prize fund will be split approximately 70/30 in favour of the handicap section. The league committee is: - President: Andy Woods; Vice President Jim Allan; Secretary Paul Le Manquais and Treasurer Chris Le Manquais. The league prize money is deposited in an account at Lloyds Bank Southsea.

The general playing rules of the BTBA will govern the Premier League together with the following:

1. A team may register up to six players, all of whom must be members of the BTBA. De-registering of a player is done at the discretion of the league committee. No new bowlers may be registered after 2/3rds of the league season have passed. The Team Captain may only be de-registered under exceptional circumstances.

2. A team must consist of a minimum of 2 players. Failure to do so will result in a walkover for the opposing team. Blind scores will be the average of the missing player with the most number of games played, minus 20 plus their handicap. If players with an equal number of games played are missing then the one with the higher average shall be used for the blind score.

3. Each team is contracted to play 28 weeks (reviewed at a team meeting after 14 weeks) at the cost of £45.00 per team per week. The team captain is responsible for ensuring that the correct money is placed in the envelopes and delivered to the treasurer or their representative by the fifth frame of the first game.

4. Handicaps are based upon 80% of the difference between the bowler's average and 210, with a maximum of 70. Rules for determining initial handicaps depend upon the category into which a bowler falls. These are defined below:

Category 1: Bowlers who completed 21 games or more in the previous season will use their finishing handicap until nine games have been bowled.

Category 2: Bowlers not in category one, but with another Portsmouth average over 21 games will use this for derivation of handicap until nine games have been completed. Bowlers with no such average will use their three game average for the first week, the six game average for the second week and the nine game average for the third week. The handicaps are calculated after the games have been bowled.

5. A bowler must complete 50% of the total possible games in order to qualify for an individual award. If this does not equate to a whole number of series the next highest will be used. An individual or team may not win both the scratch and handicap, game or series award. Scratch scores will take priority. The handicap prize list will pay to 75% of the total teams (9) whilst the scratch prize list will pay down to 50% (6).

6. Bowlers may be substituted at the end of a game only. In the event that a bowler has to withdraw mid-game then 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the bowler's blind score will be used for each remaining frame. Tardy players may enter the first game and catch up missed frames up to the completion of the fourth frame. Thereafter a blind score will be used or if the bowler elects to play the scores counting for the bowled frames only will count. Slow play to permit a tardy player to enter a game is not permitted.

7. Re-arrangement of any fixture is at the discretion the league committee. However, if a team captain who is asked to rearrange a fixture is happy to oblige, then endorsement by the committee will be waived. A minimum of seven days notice is to be given of all bowl-off requests. Emergency situations however will be treated accordingly.

8. The league secretary must be informed of all non-contested postponements prior to the date on which the match should be bowled.-Failure to do so may result in the team calling off the match being responsible for the total bowl-off lineage in addition to their normal league dues.

9. League dues for re-arranged matches MUST be paid on the Monday immediately following the date that the match is played. The re-scheduled date should be agreed and advised to the League Secretary within three weeks of the game being called off. Both of these rules are the responsibility of the respective team captain. If no date is agreed within these timescales the league committee will set a date giving due notice to the inconvenienced team.

10. The league secretary shall have their league dues paid from the league funds on each week that they play.

11 The league delegate to the Hampshire Area BTBA is Alex Russell