

North Somerset Mixed League Rules for 2026	
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1.0	Ethos of the League
1.1	The league has been designed to: 1) aid the development of inexperienced bowlers 2) provide those who work with opportunities to play 3) provide opportunities to club members with limited opportunity to play league matches. Any experienced players selected should not skip. It is not intended to monitor selections. It is hoped that all clubs will respect the ethos of the league and in particular give inexperienced bowlers opportunities to play.
2.0	Match format and definitions
2.1	The league consists of 7 clubs. Each club will play each of the others once. The match secretary will notify clubs which fixtures will be at home and which away. All matches will be arranged on weekends or evenings with a preference for Sunday mornings. This is to enable working bowlers to participate. Evening matches should not be arranged before the middle of May or later than the middle of August when matches are unlikely to be able to be completed due to failing light.
2.2	Definitions Team: a team consists of two rinks. Rink: a rink consists of two ladies and two men. (If in exceptional circumstances, a club is unable to meet this requirement, they may play a minimum of three ladies and three men.) (In 2.3 rink means the rink where games will be played) Match: a match consists of four games. Each home rink plays each away rink
2.3	Game Pre- match The match will be played on two rinks. Captains will draw the first round games (games 1 and 2) to determine who will play who and the rinks to be played on. In the second round of games (games 3 and 4), rinks play the opponents they didn't face in the first round. The away team will have the choice whether or not to play their second game on the same rink. The choice to be made after the end of the first two games have been played. Captains will toss for the mat and the team taking the mat will have it for all four games.

	The Game There will be no trial ends with one shot available on the first two ends of each of the four games. Skips should not visit the head. 'Threes up' will be permitted to help the development of prospective back end players should teams wish. The game consists of nine ends. Dead ends (but not tied ends) will be replayed. There should be a short break between the end of the first two games and the start of the third and fourth.
	Home clubs should provide light refreshments at the conclusion of the game.

3 Scoring

Points will be awarded as follows:

1 point for each end won (0 points for tied end).

2 points for each game won (1 point for a tied game).

Therefore, there are 11 points available for each game and 44 points for the match
Where clubs are equal on points, shot difference will determine league position)

Results should be reported, by the home team to the Match Secretary by completing the form below, photographing it, and emailing it to Trevor Passingham (trevorpassingham3@gmail.com).

North Somerset Mixed League – Result card

Date:

	Home Team:				Away Team:			
	Ends won	Shots scored	Shots conceded	Game points *	Ends won	Shots scored	Shots conceded	Game points*
Game 1								
Game 2								
Game 3								
Game 4								
Totals								
Match points home (ends won + game points)					Match points away (ends won + game points)			
Home signature:					Away signature:			

Contact details in case of query: Name:

Telephone no.:

*game points should be 2 for a win; 1 for a draw; or 0 for a loss.

4 Inclement Weather etc

Should a match be postponed due to inclement weather, arrangements should be made to replay it before the end of the season. If this is not possible points will be shared between the two teams. No shots will be awarded.

Where matches begin but cannot be completed the following applies:

Where games 1 or 2 have not been completed the game should be rescheduled if possible. If it cannot be played 4.1 will apply.

Where games 1 and 2 have been completed, usual scoring for these games will apply.

With incomplete games, ends already played and won will score (including shot difference) any unplayed ends and game points will be shared.

If the two captains agree, before the start of the match, that due to the lack of light not all ends can be played, they may reduce the length of all four games. In these circumstances the points for the ends not played, will be shared.

Conceding a match

In the event of a match being conceded the following will apply:

The team not responsible for the concession will be awarded 25 points and the team conceding 0 points.

Dispute resolution and League development

As a new league there may be matters that arise during the season that need clarification or even amending. Consideration of anything that arises will be determined following consultation with all participating clubs.