



SURREY COUNTY WOMENS BOWLING ASSOCIATION
[Founded 1931]

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To Secretaries and Delegates

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BY EMAIL

Dear Secretary/Delegate

I attach two documents for your perusal and circulation amongst your ladies.

Badge Qualification:

However, before continuing further I thought I would clarify one or two points where questions have been asked regarding number of rounds played, byes and walk-overs and points.

1. No. of Rounds:.. We have used 6 rounds won as a default figure at the moment. It is not set in stone as it will depend on the entries for 2021.
2. Byes and Walkovers: It has been agreed, that a Bye + one Walkover or alternatively two Walkovers will be counted as games won, and counted towards gaining a badge. Any further walkovers will not count; therefore, the player will have to progress further in the competition to gain their badge. This has been introduced to avoid players receiving their badge without playing the required number of games.
3. Points. Your Executive, following numerous enquiries, have agreed that those players with any points will continue to earn points towards their badge until 2024 when all points should have dropped off naturally. Those players with no points will qualify for their badge under the new system in 2021.

Movement of Clubs

As you know we have held a series of zoom meetings and both SCBA and SCWBA have been working through the pandemic crisis to deal with Badge Qualification and Movement of Clubs.

During this period we have therefore carried out a number of exercises involving how the draw would look in different scenarios. Twenty five years ago there was a huge shake-up of clubs and zones and following the demise of in excess of 20 clubs during that period not least four during the 2019/2020 period we felt we needed to look at and address the situation again.



As I have said in my earlier letters the distribution of clubs in the areas who either participate in the Phyl Hill Trophy matches (inter-area competitions) and actual competitions is very different and certainly for competitions extremely unfair.

I am attaching a document showing all the club changes into new areas. Some clubs will not be affected but a large number of clubs will. I have colour coded them for ease of reference.

I also attach a copy of competition draws based on Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, CofC, Over 55s (or Senior Fours) and Unbadged Singles using the 2020 entries for each club. From this you will see that apart from one competition everything is fairly evenly distributed as near as we can get it.

It is intended we should be more flexible in that we will be prepared to move entries from one area to another to make sure the playing field is level for that one competition.

I should draw your attention to the fact that our Areas 1 and 2 Competition Secretary's club will be moving to Area 3. It has therefore been decided that Jean Hewett will be taking charge of Areas 1 and 3 and Ann Rapley will take charge of Areas 2 and 4.

Your Executive are aware that these changes are massive but in the interest of the future of bowling in Surrey. This will also bring us in line with SCBA but I must assure you that SCWBA Executive have looked into this at length and feel very strongly that this is the right way to go.

I have no doubt some of you will have questions so please feel free to speak to myself, Charlotte, Caroline Duarte or Zoe or if you would prefer to have a virtual meeting I am more than happy to arrange a Zoom meeting.

The whole purpose of this is fairness in competition for all.

With all good wishes and the usual phrase "keep safe".

Yours sincerely

Sheron Mitchell
Secretary
Surrey County Women's Bowling Association