

H. C. B. A.
LEONARD DENNY CUP RULES

- 1 All Counties in the Home Counties Bowling Association are to play each other in League matches, home and away in alternate years. Games to be of six fours of 21 ends and to be played on a date mutually agreed by the Counties. All matches shall be completed one week prior to Finals Day. Matches are to be played on Saturdays (or by mutual consent Sundays) commencing at 2 p.m.
- 1a Not more than eight current * Middleton Cup players should play in any one match.
Transgression of this rule shall result in:-
 - (1) The loss of all points and shots to the offending County for that match.
 - (2) The other County to be awarded the points won plus two additional points, up to a maximum of 22 points.
 - (3) The other County to be awarded the shots won plus the shots scored by the offending County on their highest winning rink.
 - (4) The offending County to lose an additional 20 points.
- 1b Each County must provide a written team sheet identifying current * Middleton Cup players to the opposing County prior to the commencement of the match.
- 1c In the event of a County being unable to field 24 players at the appointed starting time of a Home Counties League Match, it shall forfeit the match. 12 points and 30 shots will be awarded to the opponent. Players who fail to appear punctually at the time appointed for the commencement of the match shall be disqualified unless, in the opinion of the Umpire there is a reasonable explanation for the delay.
- 2 Method of scoring. Points are awarded as follows:-

10 points for an overall win.	5 points for an overall draw.
2 points for each winning four.	1 point for each drawn four.
- 3 In the event of adverse climatic conditions and subject to agreement by the two Captains or on appeal to the Umpire, if a total of 60 or more ends have been completed then the actual score at the time of termination shall be taken as the result. If less than a total of 60 ends have been completed then each County shall be awarded 11 points.
- 4 The Hon. Secretary of the Home County shall request the Hon. Secretary of the E.B.U.A. to provide an Umpire.
- 5 Results of matches:- the Home Team Secretary or Manager is responsible for sending the Result Card to the Association Secretary by 1st.Class post on the day of the Match.
- 6 Any matter arising and not covered by these rules, to be referred to the Management Council whose decision shall be final.

***Definition of a Middleton Cup Player.**

A current Middleton Cup Player is a player who had played in the last Middleton Cup Match prior to the Home Counties League Match in the current season, or if there has not been a Middleton Cup Match in the current season, the last Middleton Cup game of the previous season.