

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION, CLUB LEAGUE**  
(Formed in 2008, incorporating the "George Cairns League")

**CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

1. The league will be known as the "Middlesex County Bowling Association (M.C.B.A.) League.  
It will be open to all clubs affiliated to the M.C.B.A.
2. Membership of the league will be made by application and initially addressed to the M.C.B.A. League Secretary.  
A sub-committee known as the "M.C.B.A. League Committee" will be formed.  
This committee shall consist of the M.C.B.A. President, League Secretary, Treasurer. Assistant League Secretary plus a delegate from each section.
4. This Committee will meet as and when required..
5. **NEW STRUCTURE**  
The league shall consist of a Western Division, (sections 1 and 2), and an Eastern Division. Each team will play all other teams in their section once.  
The winners of Western Division Section 1 will play the winners of Eastern Division in one semi-final, and the winners of Western Division Section 2 will play the runners-up of the Eastern Division.  
The semi-finals and final will be played on the same day, dates and venue to be advised.
6. **MATCH FORMAT**  
Teams will consist of 3 rinks (Men). Matches will be played under Bowls England rules. Clubs to play each other home or away basis on alternate years.
7. **MATCH RULES**
  - a. The jack will be tossed for at the start of the match.
  - b. Matches will commence within 15 minutes of the agreed starting time.  
In the event of a team forfeiting a match, their opponents shall be awarded 10 points plus 12 shots.
  - c. **Any member belonging to two clubs may only play for one club in this competition. If found playing for two clubs during any season he will be expelled from the competition.**
  - d. **Any club using an ineligible player will have 12 points deducted from their league total points score**
  - e. In the event of an abandonment before the minimum number of ends (12) have been played, clubs may re-arrange the fixture, if this is not possible the points will be shared equally, i.e. 5 points to each team.
  - f. In the event of a player being absent from one or both sides the game shall proceed with the defaulting rinks losing 25% of shots scored.
8. **METHOD OF SCORING**  
4 points for an overall aggregate win. (2 points to each team in the event of a tie).  
2 points for each winning rink. (1 point for each winning team for a drawn rink).  
A total of 10 points are available per match.
9. **LEAGUE WINNERS**  
The club with the highest number of points shall be declared Section winner. In the event of two teams having equal highest points, the club with the highest shots difference will be declared the winners. In the event of teams having equal shots difference, the team scoring the most shots will be declared the winner.  
The "M.C.B.A. League" winner will hold the "George Cairns" Trophy for a period of one year.
10. **COMPLETION DATE**  
**All league matches to be completed by 31st August.**
11. **ADMINISTRATION OF LEAGUE**
  - a. All proposed changes to the structure and rules must first be sent to the G.P.C. for approval and voted upon at the M.C.B.A. A.G.M.
  - b. Annual entrance fee is £25 per club.
  - c. Cash prizes will be awarded to the semi-finalists and finalists.
  - d. Dates of matches will be arranged by mutual agreement of both clubs. Matches may be played weekdays, afternoons, evenings or weekends.
  - e. Dress code: Mid-week matches, approved club shirts or white shirts and grey trousers.  
Weekend matches, approved club shirts or white shirts and white trousers.
  - f. Completed match result forms must be signed by both Captains and posted by first class post that day to the League Secretary by the home Captain.
  - g. Details of winners and runners-up will be recorded in the M.C.B.A. yearbook  
**Any matter of a controversial nature shall be decided by the League sub-committee whose decision will be final.**