

Heritage Coast Carpet Bowls League Committee Meeting

15th September 2025

Clubs represented: Darsham, Kelsale, Knodishall, Leiston St Margarets FC, Middleton, Riverside, Wenhaston.

1. 2025/26 Season

All the clubs who played last season had already indicated their intention to enter again this season.

The fixtures had already been circulated to the clubs.

2. Finances

The League's bank account has been lying dormant for several years, now that our numbers have dropped significantly, and we no longer run any competitions.

It was therefore proposed, and agreed, that remaining funds of £1477 would be divided equally among the League's seven remaining clubs, and the account closed.

Peter Masters was thanked for all the work he has done over the years, as the League's Treasurer.

3. Change of Playing Rules

Two proposals were received from Riverside, as follows:

Proposal 1

"Smaller teams play at a disadvantage when playing against teams that have several members. In their team selection they have to ensure a Skip playing in the first game, cannot play in the Skip position in the second game. This means they may not be able to field their strongest team, unlike the teams which have a large squad to choose from. Can it be agreed that ALL teams can choose a Skip for a game, even if a player may have already played in that position?"

A vote was taken, it was agreed that Skips will now be able to play in the same position in for a second time in the match, as had already been the case for players in the first two positions.

The rules currently state the following:

If a Skip is drawn out to play twice, they must play either as Lead or No.2 in their second game, other players may play in the same position again.

The new rule will therefore read:

Any player drawn out to play twice may play in the same position again.

Proposal 2

"Our suggestion is that 8 bowls are used instead of 6 per end. Players 1 and 2 have 3 bowls and the Skip has 2. We propose 8 bowls and 8 ends per game."

A vote was taken, and the proposal failed, therefore the current format of 10 ends, 2 woods per player, will remain for the forthcoming season.

4. Tea Break

It suggested that clubs should be allowed to wait until the end of the match for the tea break.

It was agreed that things should remain as they are, both so that there is a break in play, and for the purposes of consistency across all venues, tea will be served between the two sets of games, at all matches.

5. Match Etiquette

Riverside asked that at the end of the match, everyone should wait until both games are completed before starting to roll up the carpets. It was agreed that this was something to which everyone should adhere.