

EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of a Extraordinary General Meeting
held at The Racing Centre, Newmarket, on Thursday 30th March 2023 at 8.00pm**

Present: Officers: G. Sutton – Chairman
M. Giddens – Secretary & Treasurer
P. Daniels – League & Tournament Secretary (also representing Suffolk)

County Representatives:

B. Giddens - Cambridgeshire, P. Orrin - Essex, D. Danby – Hertfordshire
and M. Fisher - Norfolk

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from N. Rixon – Bedfordshire, P Cook – Hertfordshire and T. Runnacles – Suffolk.

2. Eastern Counties Championship

Following the Committee Meeting held on the 20th October 2022, the following proposal was put forward:

To amend the Rules to read: Where a team are players short the lead and second player plays 3 woods and the skip 2 woods with no penalty for being a player short.

This proposal was opened for discussion.

Cambridgeshire advised they were not in agreement for no penalty to be applied and put forward an option for playing with 6 woods when a team are a player short.
No other counties were in favour of this.

Essex said there needs to be fairness as there is a slight favour of playing all 8 woods. Also, if county team players are not available it could be an opportunity to ask players to play who don't normally play for the county.

The League Secretary suggested the format for playing with 8 woods could be: for the team with a player short, player 1 plays their 2 bowls as normal, the same for the 2nd player, then player 1 and 2 bowl alternatively against the opposing 3rd player, then the skips bowl as normal. (copy of format attached)

Hertfordshire and Essex proposed/seconded the above format for when a team is a player short, with no penalty.

With 4 in favour, 1 against, this proposal was agreed.

3. Champion of Champions

Following the Committee Meeting held on the 20th October 2022, the following proposal was put forward:

To play 3 woods each in the Pairs.

With all counties in favour, this proposal was agreed.

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4. **To Review the Ruling re: When a team arrives with a player short at a League Match**

The format agreed for the Eastern Counties Championship will be put forward to the AGM as a proposed format to adopt for one season for when a team arrives a player short at a League Match.

The League Secretary will issue dates for future league matches as these were requested for booking halls in advance.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

In confirmation of the foregoing minutes.

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Chairman

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Date

Rules for playing 3 against 4

The team playing short will play without a No.3.

The No.1 and No.2 players on the team playing short will bowl their first 2 woods as normal, they will then share the woods which would normally be bowled by the No.3 player, as follows:

Bowling Sequence

Short Team Bowling First		Short Team Bowling Second	
Short Team	Full Team	Full Team	Short Team
1		1	
	1		1
1		1	
	1		1
2		2	
	2		2
2		2	
	2		2
1		3	
	3		1
2		3	
	3		2
S		S	
	S		S
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