Monday Night League (MNL) 2026

Objective

To facilitate and encourage New Bowler Development. The aim is to create an encouraging, enjoyable environment where New Bowlers can learn the game.

Format

Triples (3 aside) league Competition. Team to compromise **ideally** 1 **New Bowler (NB played <1yr); 1 Developing Bowler (DB, approx. 1-2yr)) and 1 Experienced Bowler (EB, >2yr)**.

Timing

1) **Every Monday evening. 7pm game start Please aim to get to green by 6.45.** Last jack to be delivered before 8.25pm. Once started the end is played out.

Rules

2) **Most important rule:** This is competition is intended to be fun. Let's abide by the spirit of the rules but not get too fixated about them!
3) Open competition ie male and/or female bowlers
4) 1 point on first 2 ends (then normal scoring)
5) Squads will comprise 6 or 7 bowlers, each team member nominally playing alternate weeks. ***Squads are responsible to work out amongst themselves which 3 bowlers will play on any particular Monday***.
6) Team should aim to have only 1 EB playing where ever possible
7) The Toss
   a) The 2 skips toss. Winner gets to stay as skip. Loser of toss gets the mat.
   b) Team losing the toss **must** play a NB or DB as skip. **Intent**: There will normally be an EB at both ends of the rink.
   Whilst EB's are expressly discouraged from coaching bowling technique to opposition NB's, explanation of roles, game rules and etiquette, hints and tips, etc. are actively encouraged. The emphasis is on helping new bowlers learn the game, NOT on 'beating the opposition'!
8) Match points
   a) Win 4 points
   b) Draw 2 points each team
   c) Walk-over 3 points
9) Score cards are to be kept by both teams, scores agreed & then placed in box provided
10) If a squad cannot field a team on a particular Monday, 3 points can be claimed by the opposition. In extremis if **both** teams agree, it is permitted to play pairs.
    Note: This is a friendly competition; squads are encouraged to borrow bowlers from other squads or contact bowler from reserve list rather than forfeit.
11) If a team cannot field a team two weeks in a row, the league organiser has the discretion to substitute an alternate team into that league slot. New team will inherit any existing league points.
12) Dress code is casual. Teams are encouraged to adopt some form of Team strip for example a similar colour T-shirt or hat!
13) The league organiser has absolute discretionary powers to add or deduct points on any 'funny business' 😊

Winners are encouraged to buy their opposite number a drink or make them a tea or coffee after the match!

Any questions post in MNL WhatsApp group.