

# Romford Bowling Association Shield and Triples Rules & Regulations

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The Shield/Triples will be open to all Member Clubs and shall consist of Divisions and the number of divisions and the number of Clubs in each to be determined by the Executive Committee at the October meeting.

(1) A team for a Shield match shall comprise of three Fours and for a Triples match shall be three Triples playing each other twice during the season on a home and away basis or as otherwise determined

(1A) The minimum number of players to constitute a Shield Team is 11, this will be 2 Rinks and 1 Triple, with the Triple losing 25% of it's total score. See (2) regards Bonus Points.

(2) Two points shall be awarded to each winning rink, one point for a tied rink and two points for the team with the overall highest score, making a total of eight points per match. If a club only fields two Fours for a Shield match or two Triples for a Triples match against opponents at full strength they shall forfeit two points and five shots for the rink not played. The two bonus points, regardless of the match result, will be awarded to the team at full strength

(3) Each year the two clubs (Shield) finishing top of their division shall be promoted to the next highest division and the two lowest clubs finishing bottom of their division shall be relegated to the next division (Shield), unless the Executive committee determines otherwise. In the event of any club being equal on points the position in the division shall be determined by the highest winning margin of shots i.e. the difference between shots for and against. If there is still equality the position will be decided by the result of the matches between the clubs concerned.

(4) The club gaining the highest number of points in each division will hold the Divisional Trophy for twelve months and will receive a bannerette indicating the year and name of the event.

(5) The matches shall be played on Wednesday evening no later than 6.00pm the dates fixed by the Shield/Triples Competition Secretary. Member clubs may play matches before the fixed date and time if mutually agreed **by email between** the Clubs concerned and the Shield/Triples Competition Secretary.

(6) Score card from both clubs must be endorsed and sent immediately by email after the match to the Shield/Triples Secretary; failure to comply with this request may place the club with disciplinary proceedings.

(7) Should the green be declared unfit for play, the match must be re-arranged amicably **by Email only** between the two clubs concerned and the Shield/Triples Competition Secretary.

(8) Games abandoned after start of play due to inclement weather or urgent medical reasons will, provided 15 ends or more have been completed by all rinks, constitute a result otherwise the game must be completed by the end of 7 days after the last scheduled game in the competition. As far as possible the match should be played on the same green and rink appropriate substitutes may be played in any position as necessary, but may not be transferred from original rinks.

(9) Should a rink be a player short at 6.00pm the game commences with the trial ends. If on completion of the trial ends the player is still not available play may proceed but in the defaulting four the number of bowls shall be made up of the lead and second playing three bowls each, but one fourth of the total shots scored by the rink playing with only three men shall be deducted from the score at the end of the game.

(10) Should any club default by not completing its fixture during the season, eight points shall be awarded to the club offended against plus an award of fifteen shots (i.e five shots per rink).

(11) Clubs shall at all times give due recognition to the sponsors of the Romford Shield/Triples Leagues.

(12) For all RBA Shield and Triple League matches; green fees should not be paid by visiting clubs to the home club.

(13) Suitable trophies will be awarded to the winners and runners-up of the Associations Competitions.

(14) Any item not covered by the above regulations shall be adjudicated by the Management Committee with the parties involved invited to attend and address the Committee.