

The Kendal League Cup Competitions

Counterproposals to Subscription 2017

Subscription bowling club have proposed that the new cup format trialed in 2017 be scrapped and if that is voted through then this counterproposal will not be required. However, if clubs vote to allow the new format more time, I have been asked to put forward some possible rule changes to improve the competitions for 2018 and onwards. The outcomes of the votes below, if they take place, will be implemented into the rules for both the KDBL Cup and the Ernie Woodcock Trophy for the 2018 season.

1 Start Times and Practice

Under the current rules, all matches start at 6:30pm (unless separately arranged between the captains), with no practice. NB: A new rule will be brought in allowing singles players a practice where they have not played doubles yet are scheduled to compete against someone who has.

- Vote 1A:**
- A) Stay as we are, as detailed above
 - B) Introduce a ten minute window for practice (doubles players only) before the match

If B above is passed:

- Vote 1B:**
- A) Start time for the match (after practice) be 6:30pm (or 7pm for venues with lights)
 - B) Start time for the match (after practice) be 6:40pm (or 7pm for venues with lights)

2 Minimum Number of Players per Team

Under the current rules, teams can field a minimum of 4 players, each playing both singles and doubles.

- Vote 2A:**
- A) Stay as we are, as detailed above
 - B) Increase the minimum number of players to 6

If B above is passed:

- Vote 2B:**
- A) Allow the captain of the team with less than 8 players to select who plays twice out of their doubles players
 - B) Allow the opposing captain to select who plays twice out of the doubles players
 - C) Randomly draw the players to compete twice from the doubles players

If B (from vote 2A) is passed, teams could still fulfill their fixtures with 4 or 5 players and remain with a chance of progressing through a round. We therefore need to decide what level of walkover the other team should receive in those instances.

- Vote 2C:**
- A) Opposing team shall receive a 21-0 victory
 - B) Opposing team shall receive a 21-10 victory
 - C) Opposing team shall receive a 21-15 victory

3 Selection of Doubles Teams

Under the current rules, each captain can pick which two doubles teams they wish to compete.

- Vote 3:**
- A) Stay as we are, as detailed above
 - B) Allow each captain to pick their 4 players to compete in the doubles, but the pairings to be randomly drawn

The Kendal League Cup Competitions

Counterproposals to Subscription 2017

4 Handicaps

Under the current rules, a team receives a positive handicap of 2 points per division.

- Vote 4A:**
- A) Stay as we are, as detailed above
 - B) Leave the handicap at +2 for a one division gap, but increase the handicap for a two division gap to +5
 - C) Increase the handicap to 3 points per division gap

Under the current rules, a team receives a positive handicap of 2 points if giving away home advantage.

- Vote 4B:**
- A) Stay as we are, as detailed above
 - B) Increase the handicap to 3 points for playing away

If B above is passed, as well as C from vote 4A:

- Vote 4C:**
- A) Introduce a maximum handicap of +8
 - B) No maximum

5 Draws and Nights of Play

Currently, the draw for both full competitions are done preseason, with the KDBL Cup being scheduled on Friday nights and the Ernie Woodcock Trophy on Wednesdays.

- Vote 5:**
- A) Stay as we are, as detailed above
 - B) Draw each round separately, periodically as the season progresses. Allow each team to submit their preferred night of play, and one they cannot do from Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The competition management team (currently Denise and Alan) will then schedule those games in accordance with preferences and green availability - if either team cannot make the specified night it is up to them to rearrange with the opposing captain.

6 Participation in Cup Competitions

When the competitions were introduced for the 2017 season, the committee allowed clubs/teams to withdraw if they did not wish to take part. The competition is inclusive and flexible, and the intention is to have as many teams competing in each tournament every year.

- Vote 6:**
- A) Stay as we are, i.e. allow clubs/teams to withdraw
 - B) Make participation in the cup competitions compulsory from 2018
 - C) 2018 - Compulsory for each club to enter at least one team in a cup competition
2019 - Each club (with more than two teams) can withdraw a maximum on one team from the cup competitions
2020 - Compulsory for every team to compete in their respective cup competition