

GOLD COAST LEAGUE 2012 BY-LAWS

I. ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORITY

1. The Gold Coast League shall be comprised of the lawn bowling clubs of MacKenzie Park and Oxnard. Each club shall select a Club Representative. The Representative, or his/her delegate, of the host club for the first league match of the season becomes the Gold Coast League Secretary for the season. Guidelines for the role of League Secretary are attached to these by-laws. The two Club Representatives will comprise a Protest Committee that will rule on any protests presented by the League Secretary. The League Secretary or both Representatives may call a meeting of the Representatives at any time upon request.
2. The League Secretary must provide any suggested changes to these By-Laws to each Club Representative for review. One month will be allowed for both Representatives to discuss the changes with their teams and respond to the League Secretary. To be incorporated in the By-Laws, both Club Representatives must approve changes.
3. After completion of a season's play the League Secretary shall call an annual meeting of both Club Representatives, or review the season with each Representative by phone or e-mail. Within a month, an annual report shall be sent to both Club Representatives along with an updated copy of the By-Laws if any changes have been made.

II. PLAY

1. Many aspects of the Gold Coast League matches cannot be codified in these By-Laws, but rather must be decided each season in response to circumstances. The current methodology of scheduling and playing the matches is attached to these By-Laws.
2. If a League game cannot be played as scheduled, it will be the responsibility of both Club Representatives to schedule a later playing date.
3. If one or more members of a team fail to show up to bowl at the scheduled time of play, play will be delayed a maximum of thirty (30) minutes, during which time substitution(s) may take place. A delay in excess of thirty (30) minutes will cause the game to be forfeited.
4. At the conclusion of each day of League play, the League Secretary will collect the scorecards. The results will indicate the games won, lost, or tied. The League Secretary shall forward the current League standings after each match to both Representatives.
5. The League championship will be determined on the basis of the total points won during the season. Each win will earn two points and a tie one point. In the event both clubs have the same number of points, the championship shall be decided by having a playoff on a green determined by a coin-toss. Each club will field four triples teams who will each bowl one 14-end game. The winner will be decided by total plus-points. If, after 14 ends there still is a tie (zero plus points) additional ends will be played until one club has achieved plus points.
6. Play shall be in accordance with USLBA Laws Of The Sport (Rules). If, during the course of a scheduled game, an infraction of these By-Laws, or the USLBA Rules is alleged to have occurred, and the matter cannot be immediately resolved between the two Club Representatives, play will be continued and completed for the day. A protest to include all the facts surrounding the cause of protest will be submitted to the League Secretary, who will call a meeting of the Protest Committee.

III. THE PLAYERS

1. Gold Coast League bowlers must be members of the club they represent which is considered their "Home Club" for that season. Bowlers with membership in both clubs may choose which club to play for, but once they have bowled in League competition, they may not play for the other club in the Gold Coast League for the rest of that season.
2. Substitutions are allowed in accordance with USLBA Rules with one exception. A maximum of two substitutes are allowed to a constituted team, although a substitute may not skip. The following notes are intended to provide a basis for interpreting USLBA Rules, and to provide for Gold Coast League requirements as the controlling body.
3. The Home Club may provide substitutes for the Away Club, but in all cases substitutes must belong to the Home Club.
4. Constituted Teams. Names of the team members must be placed on the scorecards and announced to the opposing Team Captain at the beginning of a day's play. Even if a substitute is being used in the first game, the name of the player being substituted for must be the name on the scorecard. Once the first bowl of the first game of the competition is rolled the teams are constituted (practice bowls do not count). Players must retain their positions throughout a game, but may change positions between games, or during a game if a skip requires a substitute.
5. A member of a Constituted Team may not substitute on another team.
6. If substitutes cannot be found to complete a team, the game must be forfeited. If the game being forfeited is the first game of the day, any member of the forfeiting team who meets the qualifications may play as a substitute.
7. A substitute may not skip. The substitute may play any other position, but a member of the Constituted Team must skip. If the skip returns, the substitute leaves, and other members of the team revert to their regular positions
8. A regular player for whom a substitute is used may return to his/her position at any time after an end is completed.
9. A substitute may substitute on more than one team, but not in the same game. (This is a local rule; it does not conflict with USLBA Rules that are moot on this topic).

IV. FEES AND AWARDS

1. Each club shall pay an entry fee (currently \$60.00 per club) as agreed by both Club Representatives, to be held by the League Secretary for later disbursement. Funds to pay League expenses shall not exceed \$25.00 for the year, and will be deducted from the entry fees. After expenses, the remainder of the entry fees will be paid 100% to the League champion.
2. The League champion will become the custodian of the Gold Coast League Trophy until the end of the following season, and also is the Gold Coast League representative to the Waterbury All-League Tournament. If the League champion declines to participate, its Club Representative shall notify the League Secretary, who will notify the second place club, which then becomes the Gold Coast League Representative. In this case, the winning club is to give the difference between the first place prize amount, and the entry fee for the Waterbury All-League Championship, whichever is smaller, to the second place team. The League champion will be responsible for engraving the name of the current year's champion on the Gold Coast League Trophy.
3. If the Gold Coast League champion wins the Waterbury All-League Championship, that team will receive and hold the Waterbury Trophy at their home club until the end of the following Gold Coast League season. They will then pass it and also the Gold Coast League Trophy, on to the new Gold Cost League champion, which will compete in the new Waterbury All-League tournament.

GOLD COAST LEAGUE BY-LAWS ATTACHMENT

1. Many aspects of the Gold Coast League matches cannot be codified in the League By-Laws, but rather arise each season in response to the current circumstances. This section describes the current methodology of scheduling and playing the matches. And is subject to changes as agreed upon by the Club Representatives.
2. The Gold Coast League season begins in early April and ends in late July. During this period eight matches are played, rotating to play at the two clubs on Wednesdays at both clubs. Matches are scheduled to play every other week with a three-week gap, to work around the Southwest Open.
3. The League Secretary shall prepare a new schedule for each upcoming season, using this schedule as a basic template but rotating the home club that opens the season. The schedule should be developed in January of the New Year so it can be coordinated with other planned events at the individual clubs.
4. Each match is comprised of four triples teams from each club playing two 14-end games, with play beginning at 9:30 a.m.
5. Dead ends are replayed.
6. The home Club Representative selects the rinks for play and provides the scorecards.
7. The 2011 Gold Coast League Schedule is attached.