

NORTHAMPTON LADIES

TRIPLES LEAGUE

RULES 2026

2 RINKS OF TRIPLES

16 ENDS – 6.30 pm START

NO TRIAL ENDS

To be played on Fridays or brought forward on another day with the agreement of both clubs. If a game is cancelled on the day because of severe weather conditions (rain is NOT severe weather), i.e., the green is waterlogged/closed, the game must be rearranged as soon as possible, and the League Secretary must be informed.

Venue – this can be changed, i.e. home and away fixtures to be reversed on agreement of both captains. Request not necessary, but venue must be clearly indicated on scorecards. If the game is to be played at a later date, the LEAGUE SECRETARY must be informed.

Dress – Grey Trousers (or club colour Trousers) Club Shirt (preferably)

No Green Fees

2 points for the overall winning total shots, 1 point for tied total shots, 1 point for each winning triple, 0.5 point for each tied triple. Maximum 4 points.

FINAL TABLE

Highest points win

Tied on points: number of matches won

Tied on Wins: number of Winning Rinks

Tied on Winning Rinks: Highest Shot Difference

Arrangement of postponed or suspended games

In the event of a game being abandoned due to inclement weather, and 10 ends on each rink having been played, this constitutes a game. In the event of 10 ends not having been played, the game must be rearranged and played as soon as possible.

*If a game is postponed for any other reason, the game should be rearranged within 14 days to an agreeable date to both parties. The league secretary is to be advised of the date agreed. In any event, the postponed game **MUST** be played by the 13th game of the season. If the game is not played by the 13th week, then the team that is the injured party will be awarded 6 points.

A club in default of fulfilling a fixture forfeits the game, and 8 points and 6 shots are awarded to their opponents.

In the event of a team being one player short

- a) MISSING PLAYER EN ROUTE - That triple should delay the start of the game for a reasonable period (15 minutes), then commence playing. The late arrival to join the play as soon as possible and play lead or two.

- b) MISSING PLAYER NOT EXPECTED – Lead plays against opposing lead – the number two plays all three bowls (one after the other – then skip plays against opposing skip. The team winning the end still gets the jack and plays first. This could result in four consecutive bowls being played by the team, not missing a player. The same number of ends is played, and shots and points are calculated as per the existing rules.

Skips may visit the head on the final end.

Entrance fee £10 per team. Paid at AGM

Selection of playing rinks for each triples game will be drawn at random by both captains before the start of the game, although home teams may select which rinks to play on. The opposing captain will pair up the face-down cards and nominate the rink numbers. Captains toss for the Jack. The result applies to both rinks.

Any disputes - the captains must settle.

All players must be fully paid-up members of the affiliated club they represent. Bowls England rules to apply.

Results may be submitted by the winning team (if a draw, the Home team to submit the result) online using “Match Result Submission Form” on the website within 24 hrs of play. Website: <https://ladies.northantstripleleague.co.uk/league-administration/>

PASSWORD: nltl456 or

All copies of scorecards to be emailed to maggieedwards21@btinternet.com after the game or photographed and WhatsApp to Maggie 07746293036

The presentation of the trophy at the end of the season should be hosted by clubs in alphabetical rotation from year to year. *2026 – Roade*

I strongly advise that a copy of these rules be displayed on your club's notice board so that they can be referred to for all your games.

A donation to charity will be given each year. The charity will be chosen by the host club each year, and the amount will be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

Enjoy your season!

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