



# Leicestershire Ladies Rounders League

# League Handbook 2025

Constitution & League Rules



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*Founded in 1978 by Mrs C. Bishop & Mrs M. Deacy*

## Committee Members - 2025 Season

**President** Kate Ludden

**Vice Presidents** Sylvia West Ann Barwell Julie Bishop Kate Halfpenny

- **Chairperson:** Kate Halfpenny
- **League Secretary:** Amy Burton
- **Treasurer:** Kate Turnbull
- **Fixtures Secretary:** Helen Blencoe
- **Registration Secretary:** Amy Burton
- **Social Secretary:** Linda Blake
- **Co-opted Member:** Megan Rose
- **Co-opted Member:** Nicole Main

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## **2024 Season Honours**

### **League**

Winners	Kingsway
Runners Up	Longslade
Highest Ind. Scorer	Megan Rose (APR)
Player's Player	Clare Hammond (TT)
Most Sporting Team	Brookside Rounders

### **Knockout Cup**

Winners	Kingsway
Runners Up	APR

### **The Jayne Grimsley Trophy**

Audrey Preston – for dedication to the Sport

### **The Jude White Memorial Trophy**

Amy Burton (APR)

# CONSTITUTION

## 1. Name

The league will be called Leicestershire Ladies Rounders League.

## 2. Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the league will be:

Organise and run local league, cup and knockout competitions.

To offer coaching and umpiring opportunities to improve the quality of play within the league.

To promote the league within the local community by selecting and training a squad of players to represent the League at competitions and representative matches promoted by other organisations.

To ensure a duty of care to all members of the league.

To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone.

## 3. Membership

Membership of the league is open to any female team that is interested in promoting, coaching, volunteering or participating in rounders, regardless of age (must be school year 8 or older for H&S reasons), disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the league will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the league has adopted. Ensuring the good name of the league is not brought into disrepute by the conduct of any of its members or spectators.

The Committee may expel a team or individual team member from the League for conduct inconsistent with the aims and objectives of the League as written in this Constitution or the Local or National Rules but the team has the right to appeal to the Committee within seven days of the incident happening.

Formal complaint must be made in writing to the Secretary. Physical violence on the pitch could lead to expulsion.

All members will provide a home pitch within reasonable travelling distance of all teams and have access to the basic equipment as set out in the R.E. rules.

Members will pay membership fees, as determined at the Annual General Meeting.

## 4. Committee

The affairs of the league shall be conducted by a Committee which shall consist of the Chair, Treasurer, Fixtures secretary, League & Registration Secretary who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. All committee members must be members of the league.

The term of office shall be for two years, and members shall be eligible for re-election.

If the post of any officer or ordinary committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Annual General Meeting.

The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the league.

The Committee will have powers to co-opt up to four additional members to the Committee. Co-opted members remain on the Committee for up to one season though they may be re-drafted by the next Committee.

The Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the league rules/regulations/constitution. The Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.

The quorum required for business to be agreed at a committee meeting will be a minimum of three non-related non cohabiting members of the committee.

## 5. Finances

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the league.

An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

The League Membership fees shall be decided at the AGM with all teams paying before or at the AGM (where required).

## **6. Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meetings**

The league shall hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) prior to the first game of the season and it will consist of:

Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.

Receive reports from the Chairperson and Secretary.

Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts.

Receive a report from those responsible for certifying the Club's accounts.

Elect the officers on the committee.

Agree the membership fees for the following year.

Consider any proposed changes to the Constitution.

Deal with other relevant business.

Notice of the AGM will be given by the Chairperson or another member of the committee with at least 28 days' notice to be given to all members.

Proposed changes to the constitution shall be sent to the Chairman prior to the AGM, who shall circulate them at least 7 days before an AGM.

All members have the right to vote at the AGM.

The quorum for AGMs will be four teams or their representatives in order to conduct a General meeting.

The Chairperson of the League shall hold a deliberative as well as a casting vote at general and committee meetings.

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary.

The committee shall also have the power to call an EGM and make a decision by a simple majority of the committee members.

## **7. Amendments to the constitution**

Any alteration or addition to this constitution shall be voted on at the AGM or an EGM, and notice of alteration of the Constitution must be submitted in writing/email one calendar month prior to the AGM.

There must be a majority exceeding two thirds of the votes cast to carry any alterations.

## **8. Safeguarding**

The league will adopt the Rounder's England safeguarding policies for both adults and children. These can be found on the Rounders England website. Links to these policies can be found on the LLRL web site. All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse relating to the welfare of children, young people and members of the league should be recorded and reported in a timely manner to Rounders England.

## **9. Dissolution**

A resolution to dissolve the league can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership. In the event of dissolution, all debts should be cleared with any league funds. Any assets of the league that remain following this will be donated to a Leicester based charity. Upon completion of such transfer the League shall be dissolved.

## **10. Declaration**

Leicestershire Ladies Rounders League hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

# LOCAL LEAGUE RULES

1.
  - a) Affiliation of LLRL existing teams to be made at the AGM. New teams may be accepted later at the discretion of the Committee.
  - b) Player registration – a player will be deemed registered upon completion of the online google registration form which will be received by the Registrations Secretary.
  - c) Minimum of 6 players per team to be registered by the end of April in each year.
  - d) A new player must complete a valid registration form prior to the start of the game in which she intends to play.
  - e) New teams or clubs must pay a once only retainer fee by 31st March. The single retainer fee covers clubs with more than one team.
  - f) The retainer fee will be returned in full to the club/team should the club/team leave the League at the end of the season with no outstanding debts.
2. A club/team seeking membership with LLRL and Rounders England must pay, on application, the retainer and relevant insurance/membership fee. If the application is refused, all monies will be refunded. Bank transfers to the league account is preferred.
3. The Committee has the right to refuse an application for the registration of a player should that player have a debt to an affiliated club/team or the LLRL.
4. No player may play for an affiliated team in a League or Cup match unless she has registered as a player for that team with the LLRL. A player once registered for an affiliated team shall remain a player of that team until such time as a transfer form is completed and accepted by the Registration Secretary. The player can play for the new team on the date authorised by the Registration Secretary. The date will be seven days after the date the Registration Secretary receives the correct transfer form. A player may not transfer after having played 50% of the matches for the team with which she was first registered. If a team plays an unregistered or ineligible player, the game is automatically forfeited and the offending team to be further penalised the points for an additional game. A fine may also be imposed. The winning team will be deemed to have won the match 10 - 0 in one innings. If a match is conceded it should be considered as over one innings. A player who is affiliated to a club with 2 or more teams, and is registered to the lower teams can only play for the higher team a maximum of 3 times. On the 3rd time of playing that player will become registered to the higher team. Once a player has played for one team in a cup game they will be cup tied.
5. It is recommended that pregnant players do not play or umpire. Player registration is suspended at the end of their 16th week of pregnancy for their own safety.
6. The appointment of a new team secretary or captain and changes of address and or telephone numbers/email addresses of existing team officials must be sent in writing by post or email immediately to the League Secretary.
7.
  - a) The home team must provide a pitch which must be marked out in accordance with the RE rule book plus there should be an unobstructed area of 20 metres behind the baseline. Also forward from the right hand front corner of the batting square a clear area extending a minimum

of 50 metre radius. All pitches must have clearly visible lines, be free of all obstructions, have the grass cut to a short length suitable for playing rounders and have no void areas. The home team is responsible for the state of the pitch. The umpires must ensure that the pitch is safe and they have the right to call off the match. Rearrangement of the fixture should then follow procedure as per Rule 10b.

b) A venue change for a match may be made under exceptional circumstances. The Fixtures Secretary should be informed. If a venue change is agreed it is the Responsibility of the home team captain to inform as early as possible both umpires, and the opposing team captain or secretary. Failure to comply must be sent in writing to the Committee by whichever party affected and a fine may be imposed.

8. The home team must provide: (approved equipment only).
- a) 4 plastic covered posts and 4 rubber bases with safety caps.
  - b) 2 spare plastic covered posts to be shown to the umpires before the match starts
  - c) 4 white leather balls of the same type. A fluorescent ball (where available) can be used during the game at the discretion of the umpires.
  - d) 4 bats minimum
  - e) a prepared score sheet.
- The away team must provide: (approved equipment only).
- a) 4 bats minimum
  - b) A prepared score sheet.
- Note: if the weather is wet, four balls will be used, once for each batting session.

9. The start and finish of the season should be as stated by the Fixtures Secretary.

10. a) Once the deadline has passed for response to the provisional fixtures, rearrangements of matches will only be allowed in very exceptional circumstances and then only with the permission of the Fixture Secretary. In all cases it is the responsibility of BOTH teams to communicate with the Fixture Secretary. Otherwise, all fixtures must be played as per the handbook.
- b) A match may be postponed due to extreme weather conditions on the day of the fixture. This must be agreed by the two captains after consulting the local weather forecast for that evening. The decision to postpone must be made before 5.00pm on the evening in question and it is the home team's responsibility to inform the fixtures secretary of that decision. If a match is postponed due to bad weather, the teams should agree a new date. Notification of the rearranged date must be sent by both teams in writing or by email to the Fixtures Secretary by no later than the second Thursday after the original date of the fixture.
11. If the weather conditions deteriorate during either team's first innings of the game, and the umpires abandon the match, the whole fixture shall be played in accordance with Rule 10. When the umpires abandon either team's second innings due to bad weather, the first innings scores shall stand. The home team captain must inform the Fixture Secretary. Teams do not have to field the same players for rearranged matches or second innings. The replay shall be in accordance with Rule 10.
12. All matches (League and Cup competitions) must start at 7.00pm prompt in April, May, June and July. In August the matches must start at 6.30pm prompt. Players and umpires are required to be

on the pitch 10 minutes before the official start of the game. Prepared score sheets, names, league registration details, player order number, and match number (refer to fixture list), on both sides must be handed to the umpires 5 minutes prior to the official start time. Teams must give 15 minutes grace for the late arrival of umpires. Umpires must report in writing to the Committee any default. The home captain shall toss a coin and the winner shall decide which team bats or fields first. In the event of team representatives not being available to spin up at the required time, the opposing team shall have choice of innings.

13. The League shall operate 36 ball innings, with a team deemed the winners once they have superseded the oppositions score. The remainder of the balls does not require playing.
14. A five minute break is the maximum allowed between innings.
15. A team with less than 6 players on the field at the official start time will be deemed to be conceding the match. The defaulting team will have the 3 match points awarded to their opposition and 3 match points deducted from their pre match league points total. A fine may also be imposed. The winning team shall be deemed to have won the fixture by a score of 10-0. The Fixture Secretary must be informed of the cancellation of a fixture by BOTH teams via post or scanned and attached in an email.
- 15a. Wild Card Rules
  - A Wild Card player must be a league registered player.
  - Each team will hold unlimited Wild Cards at the start of the Season.
  - A Wild Card player cannot play against their own registered team.
  - A Wild Card player cannot be used in any cup game.
  - A Wild Card player cannot be listed as no. 10 on the scoresheet, they can only be used if the hosting team cannot field 9 players.
  - The Wild Card player's captain must be notified when a player has been used.
  - The Wild card players must be denoted by a 'WP' on the scoresheet.
16. On the field of play each team player must be clearly numbered from 1 – 9. Six substitutes (Nos 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) are allowed to play in accordance with Rounders England rules. The players must bat in number order. The numbers must be clearly visible from the normal umpiring positions and the umpire will call the players to bat by number or name. Players arriving late may join in the game, after prior consultation with the umpires, at any dead ball situation provided their names are on the score sheet at the start of the match.
17. Any dispute must be settled by the umpires before the next ball is bowled. Only the team captain may appeal to the umpires. The umpires' decision is final. A team is responsible for its spectators and harassment of umpires, swearing, and verbal abuse by players and/or spectators will not be tolerated and formal warning will be given to the team captain by the umpires. If the offence continues, the umpires will award a 1/2 penalty rounder to the opposing team. The throwing of a bat may be deemed as unsporting behaviour and could result in the player being sent off. The umpires must report to the committee the sending off of a player in writing within 7 days to the Committee.



18. Any player sent off will serve an automatic 2 match suspension, including cup matches. The 2 match suspension is immediate and is the minimum that can be imposed. Umpires must inform the league of the offence in writing immediately. After consideration of the facts the Committee reserve the right to impose further action up to a life ban. Any previous disciplinary action shall be taken into account. Any suspended player must ensure that their ban has been completed before playing again. Any player or team may check with the Fixture Secretary about the status of any player.
19. Players Player of the Year – At the end of each match the captain shall mark on the score sheet the outstanding player from the opposing team. This shall be denoted by an (\*) next to the players name. Failure to mark the score sheet accordingly will result in a fine. Teams should also mark the score sheets accordingly if they feel no player warrants the award. The last league score sheet is to include your vote for the Most Sporting Team and the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award of your own team.
  - (a) The HOME team must send the result of the completed fixture to the Website Manager (angie.budge@btinternet.com 07595 943087) by text or email within 24 hours of the match. Failure to do so may result in a fine.
  - (b) All result sheets must be received by the Fixtures Secretary within 48 hours of the match being played by sending a photograph of both sides of the scoresheet via WhatsApp - failure to do so may result in a fine. Any team/ captain/secretary who wishes to make a report on any dispute in a match must make a note on the bottom of the score sheet and a letter giving full details of the dispute must be received by the Committee within 14 days of the date of the match.
20. Points are awarded 3 for a win, 1 for a draw, 0 for a loss. If teams are tied on points at the end of the season, final league positions will be determined by the results between those two teams. If it is still equal, the number of innings played between those teams will be considered. If it is still a tie, then the team with the fewest number of rounders conceded will win.
21. The highest individual scorer will be the player from each division that obtains the highest rounders aggregate at the end of the season .The rounders aggregate will be rounders scored divided by innings played. A player must have participated in a minimum of 8 innings. At the end of each season each team will nominate one of their own team for the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award.
22. The minimum number of teams in each division is five and the maximum number of teams in each division is ten. The two teams finishing at the bottom of their respective division may be relegated to a lower division and the two teams at the top of their respective division may be promoted to the immediate higher division. Should a new team register with the League that considers its members to be of a higher standard than the lowest division, they must request that the Committee considers their position within the League.
23. Each team must provide one qualified or competent Umpire. To be deemed competent an Umpire must have two years playing experience at a senior level and be conversant with the current Rounders England rule book, or to have attended a recognised RE umpire course. Teams will receive a formal warning on the first occasion they are found to use an ineligible umpire. For any subsequent occasions, they will have 3 points deducted and incur a fine of £15. The Umpire

shall be paid £15 - even if the game is called off. Should an umpire fail to arrive then a player from the team responsible must umpire the game or the team will forfeit the match and points.

24. A cup knockout competition will be held if confirmed by the Committee. Affiliated teams are invited to participate in this competition. Separate cup rules are printed later in the handbook.
25. At least two registered players per team must attend the AGM or similar meetings. Failure to do so may result in a fine. Failure to reply to league correspondence within 14 days may result in a fine.
26. The Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not governed by these rules.
27. Appeals Procedure. Any player being sent off and/or banned by the LLRL may make an appeal. Appeals to be judged by a meeting chaired by a Committee Member and to include representatives from any other teams drawn from the league.
28. All matches to be played to RE rules and all equipment to comply with RE standards.

DESCRIPTION	FEE DATE DUE/ NOTES
Team Affiliation Fee	£45.00
Player Registration Fee (min 10 players)	N/A for 2025 season
Rounders England Membership	£5 - £30 (type dependant)
<i>This includes Insurance Cover</i>	
Registration of minimum 6 players	End of April
New team/club retainer (once only)	£20.00
Umpires match fee	£15.00 each
Fixture Secretary receives score sheet	48 hours (WhatsApp)
Presentation Night Tickets	To be confirmed

## DESCRIPTION FINES

Unregistered or ineligible player	£10.00
<i>This includes both League &amp; RE</i>	
Unregistered change of match venue and non-compliance with procedure	£10.00
Harassment of umpires, swearing, verbal abuse by players or spectators	1/2 rounder
Late results to Fixtures Secretary	£5.00
Incorrectly filled in score sheet	£5.00
Failure to text or email web site manager with the result within 24 hours	£5.00
Failure to mark Players Player box	£5.00
Failure to attend AGM	£5.00
Failure to reply to league Correspondence within 14 days	£5.00
Team has less than 6 players at the official start time	£10.00

# TEAM DIRECTORY 2025

## Club Captain

## Club Secretary

**APR:** School Lane Playing Fields, School Lane, Birstall LE4 4EA

Amy Burton

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**Brookside Rounders Club:** Memorial Park, Necton Street, Syston, LE7 1HF

Bethany Pallatt

Emma Donnelly

*Food is provided free of charge after each match at the Syston Brookside Club, LE7 1GG*

**Huncote Bees:** Huncote Sports & Social, Enderby Lane, Thurlaston, Leics. LE9 7TF

Kim Spencer

Trina Spencer

**Kingston:** School Lane Playing Fields, School Lane, Birstall LE4 4EA

Helen Blencoe

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**Longslade:** School Lane Playing Fields, School Lane, Birstall LE4 4EA

Roni Tinsley

Angie Budge

**Thompsons Tornadoes:** Ullesthorpe Playing Fields, Ashby Road, Ullesthorpe, LE17 5DN

Clare Hammond

Sarah-Anne Thompson/Sarah Milnes

**Wigston Diamonds:** Blaby Road Park, South Wigston, LE18 4PA

Ellie-Mae Spring

Niamh Pigott

# Cup Rules

Handicap: Teams shall begin all matches with the following rounders: -

Kingston/Longslade – 0

APR/Huncote – 0.5

Tornadoes/Brookside/Wigston – 1

Cup 1 - Brookside v Kingston – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Cup 2 - Longslade v Huncote – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Cup 3 - Thompson Tornadoes v Wigston Diamonds – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

*APR have received a Bye through to 2<sup>nd</sup> round*

Semi 1 - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Semi 2 - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Cup Final - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 (to be held at Huncote Sports & Social Club)

Teams must provide their own umpires for all rounds, except for the final. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification from the cup.

Each game shall consist of two innings of 30 good balls.

In the event of a tie, another 9 balls shall be played and post points\* will be counted in this innings.

**Please remember you cannot use a Wild Card in the Cup Competition**

**30 good balls must be bowled in each innings unless the whole team is out.**

**There will be a change of bowler after 15 good balls in each innings.**

**No one bowler may bowl more than 15 good balls in each innings**

\*POST POINT - post point is awarded when a player reaches third post without being put out. All games must be finalised on the given night.

Cup Highest Loser: Tie breaking procedures:

1. Lowest rounders difference
2. Most rounders scored
3. Fewest rounders conceded
4. Drawn out of a hat

## CUP FIXTURES

Cup 1	30/06/25	Brookside	V	Kingstone
Cup 2	01/07/25	Longslade	V	Huncote
Cup 3	02/07/25	TT	V	Wigston
Semi 1	31/07/25	Winner Cup 3	V	Winner Cup 2
Semi 2	31/07/25	APR	V	Winner Cup 1
FINAL	21/08/25	Winner Semi 1	V	Winner Semi 2

# 2025 LEAGUE FIXTURES

## 2025 SEASON HANDICAPS:

-	KINGSWAY/LONGSLADE	0
-	APR/HUNCOTE	1
-	TT/BROOKSIDE/WIGSTON	2

1	Tues 6/5	Longslade	v	Huncote	C1	Mon 30/6	Brookside	v	Kingston
2	Wed 7/5	Kingston	v	Brookside	C2	Tues 1/7	Longslade	v	Huncote
3	Wed 7/5	Diamonds	v	TT	C3	Wed 2/7	TT	v	Diamonds
4	Mon 12/5	Huncote	v	Kingston	25	Mon 7/7	TT	v	Brookside
5	Tues 13/5	Brookside	v	TT	26	Tues 8/7	Kingston	v	Huncote
6	Wed 14/5	APR	v	Diamonds	27	Wed 9/7	Diamonds	v	APR
7	Mon 19/5	TT	v	APR	28	Mon 14/7	Huncote	v	Brookside
8	Tues 20/5	Brookside	v	Huncote	29	Tues 15/7	Longslade	v	Diamonds
9	Wed 21/5	Diamonds	v	Longslade	30	Wed 16/7	APR	v	TT
10	Tues 27/5	Longslade	v	TT	31	Mon 21/7	TT	v	Longslade
11	Wed 28/5	Diamonds	v	Brookside	32	Tues 22/7	Brookside	v	Diamonds
12	Wed 28/5	Kingston	v	APR	33	Wed 23/7	APR	v	Kingston
13	Mon 2/6	Brookside	v	APR	34	Mon 28/7	Huncote	v	Diamonds
14	Tues 3/6	Longslade	v	Kingston	35	Tues 29/7	Kingston	v	Longslade
15	Wed 4/6	Diamonds	v	Huncote	36	Wed 30/7	APR	v	Brookside
16	Mon 9/6	Huncote	v	APR	CS1	Thur 31/7	Winner C3	v	Winner C2
17	Tues 10/6	Kingston	v	TT	CS2	Thur 31/7	APR	v	Winner C1
18	Wed 11/6	Brookside	v	Longslade	37	Mon 4/8	TT	v	Kingston
19	Mon 16/6	Huncote	v	TT	38	Tues 5/8	Longslade	v	Brookside
20	Tues 17/6	Kingston	v	Diamonds	39	Wed 6/8	APR	v	Huncote
21	Wed 18/6	APR	v	Longslade	40	Mon 11/8	TT	v	Huncote
22	Mon 23/6	TT	v	Diamonds	41	Tues 12/8	Longslade	v	APR
23	Mon 23/6	Huncote	v	Longslade	42	Wed 13/8	Diamonds	v	Kingston
24	Tues 24/6	Brookside	v	Kingston	CF	Thur 21/8	Winner CS1	v	Winner CS2