**RULES 2025-26**

**NB. EMILY PALMER WILL BE ENTERING THE SCORES. PLEASE SEND A CLEAR PHOTO OF THE SCORESHEET TO HER ON 07375114568 BY WHATSAPP OR TEXT NO LATER THAN THE THURSDAY AFTER THE MATCH. THERE WILL BE NO POSTBOX ON STATION ROAD.**

1. Teams shall consist of five playing members. Failure to produce the required number of players results in the loss of relevant points (but see Rules 8 and 9 below).

2. Each player shall have nine dominoes.

3. The drop shall be mutually decided and alternate between players even in the case of a draw. The winner shall be the first player to win three hands; they will then be awarded one point. *The winner should mark the sheet. Only the captains can alter a score on the sheet. Each alteration should be initialled by the two captains.*

4. If an incorrect domino is played the opposing player may claim that game after the domino is played but before the following domino is played. If the incorrect domino is not noticed at the relevant time the game shall proceed.

   N.B. A domino is considered played when it has been placed on the board and the player is no longer touching it.

5. The result sheets must be signed by the captains of both teams to be accepted as a valid result. It must also contain the relevant information.

6. The responsibility of informing the Secretary lies with the home team. Ten points shall be deducted for results sheets not in the Secretary's possession by 8:00 pm Thursday following the game, or within five days of any rearranged fixtures.

7. Games shall commence at 8:00 pm providing no prior arrangements have been agreed upon. Barring accidents or acts of God, if a team does not show up the other team shall claim all 25 points. If a team is unable to play for any reason except those stated above, one hour's notice must be given to the opposition and Secretary.

8. A player may play for more than one team.

9. If a team is a player short and doesn't wish to rearrange the match one player may play twice. The player to play twice should be decided by all team members drawing dominoes against one put up, as at the start of a game, and the nearest to the put-up domino plays twice. If necessary, keep turning until there is a clear 'winner'.

10. Where possible rearranged fixtures should be replayed within one month of the original fixture but must be played before last fixtures. *When rearranging a fixture, you must inform Phil Hargreaves on 07929000119 and Emily Palmer on 07375114568 by call, text or Whatsapp message*.

11. Any player who knocks when they could have played a domino will forfeit the hand.

12. Any official complaints of teams being late to be dealt with by Chairman and Committee.

13. Any team failing to fulfil fixtures with five players twice will have to apply for re-election the following season.

14. One member from each team should attend the AGM to enter the team for the following season.