

Ten League Rules

Poole Wheelers run various ten leagues throughout the summer months on Wednesday evenings. These are the new Ten League Rules that apply from the 2011 season onwards and the main purpose is to tighten up qualification rules and maximise the competition between riders of similar ability. The main changes are the introduction of a fourth league and a change to the criteria for the number of counting events.

Change History

Date	Details
6 th September 2010	Initial version to tighten up qualification rules.
2 nd September 2011	New rule 3e to ensure an even distribution of riders amongst the four divisions.
9 th April 2025	Change the allocation criteria for four main divisions and include extra competitions added in 2022 (changes highlighted in yellow)

1 Ten League Competitions

There are 11 separate Ten League competitions as follows

1a Premier Division – see League allocation below for further details.

1b First Division – see League allocation below for further details.

1c Second Division – see League allocation below for further details.

1d Third Division – see League allocation below for further details.

1e Junior – riders meeting rule 2d

1f Handicap Ten League – for all eligible riders and see separate Handicap Ten league Rules for further details.

1g Women's – any woman rider of any age

1h Road Bike Men's – All adult male riders riding a Road Bike

1i Road Bike Women's - All adult female riders riding a Road Bike

1j Road Bike Juniors – any junior rider riding a Road Bike.

1k Road Bike Veterans against VTTA Standards – All veterans riding a Road Bike

1l TT Bike Veterans against VTTA Standards – All veterans riding a TT Bike

2 Qualification to Compete in Season's Ten Leagues

2a Rider ridden and finished at least **five** evening tens in the previous season.

2b If rider doesn't meet rule 2a then they must have ridden and finished at least 10 ten mile time trials (either Poole Wheeler Club Events or Open South DC Events) in the previous three seasons.

2c If rider doesn't meet either rule 2a or 2b then they will be allocated to the relevant league after riding two evening tens in the current season. The first ride will not be eligible to score points.

2d Any rider who is less than 18 years old as at the 31st December of the previous year is automatically eligible for the Junior Ten League.

3 League Allocation

A rider is allocated to one of the four ability based divisions determined by their qualification criteria.

3a Riders qualifying by rule 2a are allocated to a division based on their highest rated evening ten ride in the previous season

Premier Division – a highest rating of **83.3** or more

First Division – a highest rating between **77.33** and **83.29**

Second Division – a highest rating between **71.34** and **77.32**

Third Division – highest rating less than **71.34**

This equates to the following times on the P459/10, currently used for evening tens.

	Premier	1st Division	2nd Division	3rd Division
Course	Time Range	Time Range	Time Range	Time Range
P459/10	quicker than 23:00	23:00 to 24:29	24:30 to 25:59	26:00 or slower

3b Riders qualifying by rule 2b are allocated to a division based on their highest rated ten mile time trial in any Poole Wheeler Club Event or Open South DC Events in the previous three seasons.

Premier Division – a highest rating of 83.3 or more

First Division – a highest rating between 77.33 and 83.29

Second Division – a highest rating between 71.34 and 77.32

Third Division – a highest rating less than 71.32

3c Riders qualifying by rule 2c are allocated to a division based on their highest rated time trial in any Poole Wheeler club event (excluding hill climbs) or Open South DC Events in the previous three seasons and current season and only after finishing second evening ten event in current season. However the month of the second qualifying event is also taken into account to allow for new riders as it is generally easier to achieve higher ratings as the season progresses.

League	April 2 nd Ride	May 2 nd Ride	June 2 nd Ride	After June 2 nd Ride
Premier	>77.3	> 79.3	> 81.3	> 83.3
First Division	71.32 to 77.29	73.32 to 79.29	75.32 to 81.29	77.32 to 83.29
Second Division	65.34 to 71.31	67.34 to 73.31	69.34 to 75.31	71.34 to 77.31
Third Division	< 65.34	< 67.34	< 69.34	< 71.34

3d In exceptional circumstances the Poole Wheeler's Committee reserve the right to promote a rider to a higher league during the season and to re-calculate all points scored for all riders in the effected leagues. An example of such exceptional circumstances would be a rider improving their personal best time by over 10 percent between two consecutive ten mile time trials e.g. a previous personal best improving from 25:00 to 22:30.

4 Points Scoring

4a Individual Event – the fastest rider in each league scores 40 points, the second fastest rider in each league scores 39 points, the third fastest rider scores 38 points and so on. A DNF ride scores 1 point.

4b Overall Total

A riders overall total is the sum of all the points scored in their highest scoring counting events. The criteria for the number of counting events is set out in rule 5 Number of Counting Events.

5 Number of Counting Events

The number of events counting to a rider's overall total is 50 percent of the all the evening tens in the season plus 1 rounded down. The number of tens is normally 14 or 15, but obviously bad weather can reduce this number.
e.g.

Total Events	Counting Events
10	6
11	6
12	7
13	7
14	8
15	8
16	9
17	9

6 Winner

The winner of each league is the rider scoring the greatest total of points from their counting events. In the event of a tie then the following criteria are used

- (i) The rider with the greatest number of first places.
- (ii) If still tied then the rider with the greatest number of first places where all riders involved in the tie raced against each other
- (iii) If still tied then the rider with the greatest number of victories where all riders involved in the tie raced and only those riders are included. So if another rider not involved in the tie finished first, but one of the riders involved in the tie was second then that would count as a victory.
- (iv) If still tied then the rider with the highest rated evening ten during the season.