

BOWLAND BAT LEAGUE 2011-2012

The Bat League is a competition organised by Bowland Fellrunners but open to all. It is not based on performance and points are available to all who turn out and embrace the spirit of the League. The League's avowed intention is to promote and foster training together on fells, and socialising with fellow bats, during the dark nights of winter.

Rules 2011-2012

1. Regular runs will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays
2. Tuesday runs will be at Beacon Fell (Carwags)
3. Thursday run venues will be detailed on the Winter Planner
4. The Winter Planner will be sent out by email and will also be on the BFR website
5. The Planner will be subject to updates and changes from time to time
6. Updates and changes will be notified by email and/or on the Bowland Blog
7. Bat points will be awarded to all who turn up and train with other Bowlanders
8. A certain amount of "do your own thing" training will be allowed on Carwags nights, provided there is some interaction with other groups. (see also Rule 25)
9. Head starts will be allowed on Thursday runs, provided they are timed to allow the faster group to catch up at some point on the run
10. Alternative modes (skis, bikes) MAY be eligible on certain nights at the discretion of that night's bat group
11. Anyone who doesn't interact with the group or does not make themselves known to Bat Central (ie trains entirely independently) will not be eligible for points.
12. Tuesday runs will be worth 2 points
13. Thursday runs will be worth 3 points
14. It is the responsibility of each bat to make your presence known to Bat Central and thus get your points!
15. There will be a number of 'special' runs, which will be worth 4 points
16. The special runs may be on days other than Tues/Thurs - see the Planner.
17. The Golden Bat scheme will be operated on Thursdays only (the Tuesday groups are too un-cohesive for it to work well)
18. The Golden Baton will be awarded to the most deserving bat (using absolutely any criteria)
19. The Golden Bat will receive double points (ie. 6 or 8 depending on the run)
20. The (virtual) Golden Baton will be awarded at the first Thursday run by the Grand Bat
21. The subsequent Golden Batons will be awarded by the previous week's Golden Bat
22. If the Golden Bat cannot make the next run they may nominate another to award the Baton
23. If there is no nominee the Grand Bat shall bestow the honour
24. If there is no nominee and the Grand Bat is absent, the Baton will be awarded by Bat Central.
25. The Grand Bat shall not be eligible for the Golden Bat scheme
26. Completion of a Dark Realm Challenge (**see separate rules to follow**) will be worth 3 bonus points (but once only)
27. The Grand Bat will be the bat with most points at the end of the Winter
28. The Grand Bat Chick will be the female bat with most points at the end of the Winter if **different from 27 above**

