

CLUB COMPETITION RULES

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IMPORTANT: These are the Competition Rules amended to take into account the current COVID-19 rules. Please DO READ THESE RULES as they are vital to your safety and the safety of others.

Players – Summary of Recommended Actions

Bowls England recommends that all players follow the guidance below.

In advance

Do not go to the club if you are experiencing any coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or any cold or flu-like symptoms, in particular a cough or a high temperature. Use the NHS 111 website or helpline and seek advice. For your own protection, follow the advice about self- isolation if you are, or are living with, someone in one of the vulnerable groups

Dress appropriately before you get to the club to avoid the need to change clothes – change shoes immediately before and after your game

Travel to the green on your own or with members of your own household only – do not offer a lift to, or accept a lift from, anyone outside your household. Do not arrive more than 10 minutes before your allocated booking time.

Personal care

Avoid using toilets at the club wherever possible and clean anything you have touched after use

Take any food or drink you might need with you

Wash or sanitise your hands and sanitise any equipment (including bowls, jacks and mats) you use before and after you play – do not assume that the person before you has sanitised the equipment thoroughly

Sanitise padlocks, keys and door handles before and after use MATCH

SIGNING UP:

A completed Competition Entry Form must be submitted by the date shown on the Sign Up Form. (Forms will be available at the Club Membership evening, by contacting the Competition Secretary or can be input via the Club Website).

If a competition is cancelled through an insufficient number of entries the entry fee will be refunded.

SCHEDULE OF MATCHES TO BE PLAYED:

A draw will be carried out by the Competition Committee to determine the matches to be played and when they must be played by (i.e. the 'Due Date'). A detailed schedule of the matches will be

posted on the Club website and sent via e-mail where possible and later, when Covid-19 rules permit, in the Club House.

PLEASE NOTE - ALL MATCHES MUST BE PLAYED BY THE DUE DATE.

ARRANGING AND BOOKING MATCHES:

The player's name shown 'on top', or in capitals, for each match in the schedule will be referred to as the CHALLENGER and the bottom name will be their opponent.

CHALLENGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Challenger must contact their opponent for each match to agree a date and time to play the match. The date and time must be agreed no later than the 15th day of the month the match needs to be played (i.e. if the match needs to be played by the 31st July, the date and time for the match must be agreed by 15th July).

Players should avoid arranging Club Competition matches on the same day as Friendly matches (if applicable later in the season and as shown in the Fixtures Book) in case they are required to play.

If the Challenger is unable to agree a match date by the 15th of the month then the Competition Secretary must be informed immediately by either the Challenger or their Opponent. The Competition Secretary will then contact the players and try to mediate a match date to be played prior to the due date. If the Competition Secretary is unable to agree a date with the players then the Competition Secretary will decide who is going to be given a BYE. The Competition Secretary's decision will be FINAL.

After checking the Rink availability in the Club Rink Diary', held by the Competition Secretary, the date and time of each match will be agreed with the Competition Secretary and noted by the Competition Secretary in the Rink Book. Club Competition matches can be played on any day (excluding Thursday 1730-2000). The Green opening times are 1pm Tuesday and Friday and 12 noon on other days. If you wish to make an exception to those hours then contact the Green Keeper who will know what maintenance activities are taking place on the Green. Contact details for the Green Keeper are in the Fixtures Book and in the Club House.

Due to the COVID-19 Rules no markers will be used in the 2020 season. The Challenger will take a score card and mark this during the match, agreeing the shots recorded as the match progresses. Once the match is completed the results will be agreed and the card placed in the Competition box on the rear wall of the clubhouse close to the kitchen area. Only the challenger should touch the card during and after the match

ARRIVING LATE FOR A MATCH:

If a player does not arrive within thirty (30) minutes of the agreed starting time the match will be awarded to their opponent.

SUBSTITUTES:

No Substitutes are permitted in Singles matches.

MATCH DAYS:

Players will toss for the jack and the winner may keep the mat or give it to their opponent. Once that is decided only the player using the mat for the first end should handle the mat during play.

The Challenger will keep the scorecard unless otherwise agreed between the players on match day. Only one scorecard will be used.

COMPLETION:

If a match is tied at the end of a full match then players will toss for the jack and an extra end will be played. Players will toss for the jack.

Both players must agree scorecard is correct at the end of the match. If there is a discrepancy with the score and the players cannot agree a solution then this must be referred to the Competition Secretary. Agreed scorecards should be placed in the competitions box in the Club House and the Challenger should contact the Competition Secretary via phone or e-mail or phone as soon as possible after the match.

MATCH SUSPENSION:

If a match is suspended for any reason e.g. bad weather the players may jointly decide to accept the scores as they stand with the highest scorer declared the winner or agree to complete the match at a later date providing the date selected is before the due date. If no agreement is reached between the players then the Competition Secretary must be informed immediately. The Competition Secretary will agree a solution with players.

DRESS CODE:

Matches up to the Finals will be played in greys. The Finals matches are all to be played in whites.

MARKERS:

Due To COVID-19 Rules there will be no markers.

FINALS:

Finals for all Competitions must be played between 1 August 2020 and 15 September 2020. Final date for each competition will be agreed with the Competition Secretary and the Competition Secretary will inform all members of the date and time so that any that wish (COVID-19 Rules permitting) may come along to watch.

Any breach of the Competition Rules may result in disqualification from the competition.

SECTION 2: CLUB COMPETITION SPECIFIC RULES

COVID-19 Specific Guidelines:

The following guidelines must be followed for all matches

Equipment

To minimise the risk of infection, only essential items (as below) should be utilised during any session:

- Mat
- Bowls
- Jack
- Rink markers
- Gloves
- Scorecards (these should be retained by one person only if required)
- Bowling arm/lifter (for use by one person only if required)

To minimise the risk of infection, any other equipment is not deemed essential equipment at this time and should not be utilised. This includes:

- Scoreboards
- Bowls pushers
- Ditch markers
- 2m distance sticks
- Chalk

Ladies Singles: available to all lady full members

Matches to be played with 4 woods and the winner is the first player to 21 shots. It is the responsibility of the Challenger to keep the scorecard as per rules above.

Men's Singles: available to all male full members

Matches to be played with 4 woods and the winner is the first player to 21 shots. It is the responsibility of the Challenger to keep the scorecard as per rules above.

Mixed Minor Singles: available to all full members with less than 3 years bowls experience - indoor and outdoor.

Matches to be played with 4 woods and the winner is the first player to 21 shots. It is the responsibility of the Challenger to keep the scorecard as per rules above.

100up: available to all full members

Matches to be played with 4 woods. 10 points are available for each end and for nearest 4 woods to the jack. The closest to the jack scoring 4, next closest 3, next 2 and next 1 points. Winner is the first player to reach 100 points. It is the responsibility of the Challenger to keep a scorecard as per rules above.

Veterans: available to all full members aged 70 and over

Matches will be played with 3 woods each. Matches will be played over 15 ends in the heats and 18 ends in the Final. The winner will be the player with the most shots. It is the responsibility of the Challenger to keep the scorecard as per the rules above.

John Young Trophy: available to all full members that have not been previous Club Singles Champions

Matches to be played with 4 woods and the winner is the first player to 21 shots. It is the responsibility of the Challenger to keep the scorecard as per the rules above.

Handicap Singles: available to all full members

Handicaps will be set by the Competition Committee. Stronger players will have lower handicaps. The player with the higher handicap will start the match with the number of shots difference between his/her handicap and his/her opponent., e.g. if one has a handicap of 3 and the opponent 1 then the player with three will start the match with 2 shots. The winner will be the first player to 21 shots. It is the responsibility of the Challenger to keep a scorecard as per the rules above.

2 Woods Cup: available to all full members

The players will each have 2 woods and the winners will be those with the highest shots after 15 ends except the Final which will be played over 18 ends. The runners up in the first round of the Cup will take part in the 2 Woods Plate.

2 Woods Plate: played by runners up of first round of 2 Woods Cup

The matches will again be over 15 ends (18 for the Final) and the winner the player with the most shots.

Pairs: Due to Covid-19 rules no pairs matches will take place in 2020 season.

Mixed Triples: Due to Covid-19 rules no triples matches will take place in 2020 season.

Club League: This one off 2020 Competition is available to all full members.

The Competition will be Club League and all entrants will play against each other during the course of the season. At the end the player with the most wins will be crowned Club League Champion. In the event of a tie the player with the greatest shot difference will win, again if there is still a tie then the player with the most shots will be the winner. In the event that a match cannot place as a player pulls out of a match or the competition then the opponent or opponents will receive one point and 10 shots.

Matches will be singles, four woods and the winner of each match will be the first to 21 shots. The match data and results will be managed by the Competition Secretary.

There will be no DUE DATES as in other Competitions but all matches must be completed by 15 September 2020.

A plan for the matches will be set up by the Competition Secretary and will be in rounds (this is the same as e.g. weeks in football league) - however they do not need to be rigidly adhered to e.g. if a Challenger is unable to arrange match in one round they can try to arrange their match for the next round but players must complete all rounds by 15 September 2020.

Margaret Kett Trophy: this Competition will not take place in 2020 due to fewer competition winners being available as there are no pairs or triples winners. Just for the 2020 season the Margaret Kett Trophy will be awarded to winner of the Club League.