

CLUB COMPETITION RULES

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IMPORTANT: Do not enter any competition if you are unavailable to play on Finals Weekend, the date of which is shown in the Fixtures Book.

SIGNING UP :

A completed Competition Entry Form must be submitted by the date shown on the Sign Up Form. (Forms will be available to full members at the Club Membership evening, by contacting the Competition Secretary or can be downloaded from 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 in the Club House.

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

ARRANGING AND BOOKING MATCHES:

Other than the Two-Woods and Mixed Triples competitions, which are played on fixed dates (as shown in the Fixtures Book), the player's name shown 'on top' 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 League matches (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 Green availability in the Club Rink Diary (stored in/on the small cupboard to the left of the front door as you enter the Club House) the date and time of each match must be entered in the diary. Club Competition matches can be played on any day (including Thursday) except when tournaments are being played or the green is closed, as indicated in the Fixtures Book. The Green opening times are 1pm Thursdays 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.

The Challenger must arrange for a marker if required (See Competition Rules Section 2).

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. Details of the rules for substitutes in Pairs and Triples will be found under the relevant competition specific rules.

Rinks will be drawn on match day and will be drawn from all rinks available. The draw will be made when both players or skips are present. Players will toss for the jack and the winner may keep the mat or give it their opponent(s).

MATCH 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 and the winner may keep the mat or give it to their opponent(s).

Both players (in singles matches) or skips (in pairs and triples) must agree scorecard(s) are correct before signing the score cards at the end of the match. If there is a discrepancy with the score and the players/skips 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.

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 Day and Margaret Kett Trophy Day matches are all to be played in whites.

In all Singles matches for the heats it is the responsibility of the Challenger to find a Marker if required.

A document is available on the club website detailing the Duties of a Marker.

FINALS:

The order of play and markers for the finals will be arranged by the Competition Secretary and displayed on the competition board no later than 1 September.

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

SECTION 2: CLUB COMPETITION SPECIFIC RULES

Ladies Singles:

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 arrange a Marker if required.

Men's Singles:

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 arrange a Marker.

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 arrange a Marker if required.

100 Up: 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 arrange a Marker.

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 arrange a Marker.

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 arrange a Marker.

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 arrange a Marker.

2 Woods Cup: available to all full members

All the rounds of matches - except the Final - will take place on the date shown in the Fixture Book. 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 of the Cup will take part in the 2 Woods Plate which - other than the Final - will take place on the same day.

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

The matches for the Plate (except the Final) will be held on the same date as the 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: available to all full members

Pairings will be drawn by the Competition Committee. Matches will be played with 4 woods and the winners the pair with the highest shots after 18 ends. Skips will be responsible for keeping score cards. The scorecards are to be signed off by both skips after each match.

Substitutes: One substitute is permitted but any team playing in the semi-final must - if they win - field the same team for the Final. The team must find their own substitute and this must be a full member and player not previously having taken part in this Pairs competition. The Competition Secretary must be made aware immediately of any substitution. Failure to follow this rule may result in disqualification.

Mixed Triples : available to all full members

Teams will be drawn by the Competition Committee. The first and second round matches will be played on the date shown in the Fixture Book. Matches will be played with 3 woods and the winners are the team with the highest shots after 18 ends. The skips will be responsible for keeping the scores. The scorecards must be signed by both skips at the end of the match.

Substitutes: One substitute is permitted but any team playing in the semi-final must - if they win - field the same team for the Final. The team must find their own substitute and this must be a full member and player not previously having taken part in this Triples competition. The Competition Secretary must be made aware immediately of any substitution. Failure to follow this rule may result in disqualification.

Margaret Kett Trophy (aka Champion of Champions)

This competition will take place on the Saturday following the Finals and is available to all Finals Singles winners and the Finals winners of the Mixed Pairs and Mixed Triples.

The draw will be carried out by the Competition Committee on the day. All the rounds will take place on the day. The matches will be singles and will be played with 4 woods. The preliminary rounds will be over twelve (12) ends and the winners the player with the highest shots. The final will take place on the same day and the match winner the first player to 21 shots.