

INTERNAL COMPETITIONS

GENERAL RULES

Bowls England Rules apply, except where otherwise stated.
Any queries or problems during the Club Competitions should
Be referred to the Competition Secretary

1. (a) The first named player in each round shall be the challenger and will be responsible for the match arrangements. In a Singles match, the challenger will arrange the Marker.
(b) The Competition Fixture will state the date by which each round must be played; this date is also the start date for the next round. Within 48 hours of the start date, the challenger must offer the opponent three dates to play the match, one of which should be a Saturday or Sunday.
If the challenger is due to be away at the start of the next round, it is advisable for him/her to inform the people he/she may be playing, to play the match before the end date. Failure to play by the end date will result in forfeiture of the match.
(c) The opponent must accept one of the dates offered within 48 hours of receiving the challenge.
(d) The time of the start of the match to be mutually agreed, but a player is not compelled to accept a time earlier than 11am on a Saturday or Sunday, or before 6.00pm on Monday to Friday. If a player arrives more than 15 minutes after the agreed time, the opponent may claim the match.
2. (a) If the challenger has failed to make arrangements for the match within the time allowed (See Rule 1(b)), then he/she shall forfeit the role of challenger and the opponent becomes the challenger who will then have 48 hours to offer three dates on which the match can be played.
(b) Failure to play the match by the due date will result in BOTH competitors being eliminated from the competition.
3. (a) No alteration of an accepted date and time shall be made unless mutually agreed. Failing such agreement, the competitor requiring the alteration must concede the match.
(b) No extension of the closing date will be granted, unless the match cannot be played due to the green being unfit for play as decided by a Greens Committee or Executive Committee member, when a 48-hour extension will be allowed, providing a rink was booked on the Booking Sheet at least 24 hours before the green was deemed unfit for play.
4. In all competitions a substitute may be used for ANY reason, thus enabling the games to be played. The substitute CANNOT skip and must NOT have played in the same competition already. There CANNOT be a substitute for a singles competition. The substitute will be selected by the Competition Secretary and the Captain. The winning players in the Final will be declared the winners even if a Substitute was playing in the Final.

5. **RINK AVAILABILITY**

Before booking a rink on the Booking sheet, the competitors must ensure that a rink is available. One rink must be kept free for the Public and two rinks must be available for Roll-ups at 2.00pm.

A rink may only be booked where there is free space on the Booking sheet.

Rink Priority for Bookings :

1. County/National Competition
2. County/National Games

3. Portsmouth & District Competition
4. Portsmouth & District Matches
5. Gosport & Fareham Competition
6. Gosport & Fareham Matches
7. Club Competitions
8. Friendlies
9. Roll-ups

6. SCORE CARDS AND RESULTS

At the end of the match the signed scorecards are to be left in the box in the Clubhouse. The winning name(s) are to be entered on the competition list by the marker or losing players.

7. A Club official or other Club member may be called upon to act as an umpire in a dispute on the green.
8. In an unfinished game, where seven or more ends have been played, the score will serve as the result of the match. When less than seven ends have been played and the match abandoned, it shall be resumed at the score and end at which the match was terminated, as soon as possible.
9. Any Member who feels he/she has been unjustly treated under these Competition Rules may appeal in writing to the Executive Committee within 48 hours.

SPECIFIC RULES

Specific Rules for Singles Competitions

1. Opponents for the first round will be decided by draw.
2. In each round, the player to reach 21 shots will go forward to the next round unless otherwise specified below.
3. The competition will be played with each player bowling 4 woods unless otherwise specified below.
4. All singles matches require a Marker.
The Marker must be on the list of Club-Approved Markers maintained by the Coaches.
5. **Two-Wood Singles.** Each player has only 2 woods. Played to 21 shots or 21 ends whichever comes first. As a general rule when there are insufficient ends left in order for a player to win, play stops.

NB. Members wishing to become a Club-Approved Marker should watch the Clubhouse notice boards or contact the Coaches for details of how to do so.

Pairs Competitions

1. Two Ladies, two Gentlemen or one Lady and one Gentleman in the Mixed pairs, as decided by draw, will constitute a team.
2. First round opponents will be decided by draw.
3. Each player shall bowl 4 woods.
4. The game shall be played over **18** ends; the team with the most shots will go through to the next round.
5. In the event of a draw, an extra end will be played.
6. In the Mixed Pairs competition an excess of one gender entering the competition will involve play-offs to determine the final team composition.

Other Club Competitions

All other Club Competitions will be administered by the Competition Secretary, who will make any changes required if players drop out of the competition.