

CLUB COMPETITIONS RULES

1. All Competitions (see Appendix 1) shall be played under the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
2. The General Committee has the authority to change the format of any existing Club competition and/or introduce new competitions.
3. Mytchett will run Club competitions in Singles, Pairs and Triples (see Appendix) and all competitors must be a bowling member of the Club.
 - a. The competitions will be run Annually and the Cup/Trophy for each event will be held by the winner for ONE year
 - b. All competitions will be run at the discretion of the Competition Secretary.
 - c. Competition Entry Forms will be posted on the Club Notice Board prior to the Spring General Meeting.
 - d. The draws for all the competitions will take place in the clubhouse at a date set by the Competition Secretary.
 - e. The final round in each competition [except The Shurrock Trophy] will be played on Club Finals weekend. Rinks and markers will be allocated by the Competition Secretary. Competitors should hold these dates free and if unable to play on this weekend [or rounds] should concede as soon as possible to their opponent/s
 - f. Each entrant shall pay the necessary fee for each competition entered. The entry fee shall be determined by the General Committee.
4. Duties of Challengers and Opponents to be as follows:
 - a. The top name in each round shall be the challenger/s
 - b. In the first or preliminary rounds the Challenger shall contact their opponent at least 2 weeks prior to the closing date of that round.
 - c. In subsequent rounds, the Challenger must contact the opponent within 48 hours of the closing date of the previous round. The Opponent must respond within 48 hours.
 - d. In all rounds the Challenger must offer 3 dates on different days of the week.
 - e. In the event of the challenger failing to offer dates within the timescale, the opponent becomes the challenger and offers three dates
 - f. In the event of no date being agreed, the Competition Secretary to be informed. If then in his/her view the challenger has provided sufficient and reasonable dates/opportunities for the game to be played, then the opponent/s will be scratched from the competition. This decision will be final.
 - g. In the case of Singles the Challenger must arrange for a marker, who must be a bowling member of Mytchett B.C.
 - h. In the event a match is not played by the closing date of a round, either the winner shall be decided by the toss of a coin or both parties will be scratched from the competition.
 - i. Extensions to closing dates will only be granted under exceptional circumstances and the Competition Secretary's decision is final.
 - j. In inclement weather the Competition Secretary shall have the authority to extend the end date of a round.
5. Match play to be as follows:
 - a. Rinks will be drawn for all Club Competitions ahead of each session of play (see Appendix 2). It is the challenger/s responsibility to register their need for a rink by booking one rink which will then go into a draw ahead of each game.

- b. On the day of the match, no competitor shall play on the same rink prior to the commencement of such match, except where arranged by the Competition Secretary.
- c. Where a competitor arrives more than half an hour late after the arranged time for the start [or resumption] of a match the opponent can claim a walkover. Any cause beyond the competitor's ability to control to be taken into account.
- d. Two trial ends may be played at the start of each match.
- e. In the case of a tied match [except The Shurrock Trophy] an extra end shall be played to determine the result. The skips [marker] shall toss a coin and the winner has the right to determine who shall play first.
- f. Scorecards must be signed by the losing player [skip in case of Pairs or Triples] and placed in the box provided in the clubhouse
- g. Where a match has been started and has to be abandoned for any reason, the parties shall agree on a new date and time for the resumption of the match. It shall be restarted as though no interruption has taken place, except that two trial ends may be allowed
- h. Any dispute in the interpretation of these rules then the Competition Secretary's decision will be final.

APPENDIX 1

COMPETITIONS

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

A singles competition open to male bowling members within the Club, played to 21 shots.

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

A singles competition open to female bowling members within the Club, played to 21shots.

MENS PAIRS

A pairs competition open to male bowling members within the Club, played over 18 ends. Pairs will be drawn from the list of entrants. Substitutes for teams will be allowed, but will only be drawn from those on the original list of participants for this competition who have either been indicated as a substitute or should one of a Pair have to withdraw before they have played a game in the competition then the other player from that Pair becomes a substitute. How substitutes are entered into the competition will be decided by the Competition Secretary whose decision will be final. If no substitute is available, then the pair is eliminated.

LADIES PAIRS

A pairs competition open to female bowling members within the Club, played over 18 ends. Pairs will be drawn from the list of entrants. Substitutes for teams will be allowed, but will only be drawn from those on the original list of participants for this competition who have either been indicated as a substitute or should one of a Pair have to withdraw before they have played a game in the competition then the other player from that Pair becomes a substitute. How substitutes are entered into the competition will be decided by the Competition Secretary whose decision will be final. If no substitute is available, then the pair is eliminated.

CLUB HANDICAP

A singles competition open to all bowling members, played to 21 shots. Entrants to this competition will be awarded a "handicap" determined by the selection committee, of between 0 and 8 shots, which will be their opening score in each match played.

SECRETARY'S CUP

This Competition is open to all bowling members.

The Format of this competition is "Sets Play" with four bowls per player.

Each match will consist of two sets, with each set played over nine ends. The winner of each set will be the player with the most shots after nine ends. If the shot scores in a set are tied after nine ends, that set will be drawn ($\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$). The winner of the match is the player who wins both sets or wins one set and draws another.

If after the two sets the match is tied at two drawn sets or one set each, a best of three ends tie breaker will be played to determine the winner. The match is decided by the winner of each end and not by the total number of shots won.

SENIOR CITIZEN SHIELD

A singles competition open to all bowling members of the club aged 60 or over at the start of the bowling season, played to 21 shots.

ALPHA CUP

A singles competition open to all bowling members of the Club not on the honours board (as a competition winner) including any other outdoor bowling club. Played to 21 shots.

COUPLES CUP

A pairs competition open to all married or recognised couples (who must both be bowling members of the Club) played over 18 ends.

OPEN PAIRS

A pairs competition open to all bowling members of the Club, played over 18 ends. Pairs will be drawn from the list of entrants. Substitutes for teams will be allowed, but will only be drawn from those on the original list of participants for this competition who have either been indicated as a substitute or should one of a Pair have to withdraw before they have played a game in the competition then the other player from that Pair becomes a substitute. How substitutes are entered into the competition will be decided by the Competition Secretary whose decision will be final. If no substitute is available, then the pair is eliminated.

MIXED PAIRS

A pairs competition open to all bowling members of the Club, played over 18 ends. Each team must be of mixed gender and will be drawn from the list of entrants. Substitutes for teams will be allowed, but will only be drawn from those on the original list of participants for this competition who have either been indicated as a substitute or should one of a Pair have to withdraw before they have played a game in the competition then the other player from that Pair becomes a substitute. How substitutes are entered into the competition will be decided by the Competition Secretary whose decision will be final. If no substitute is available, then the pair is eliminated.

MIXED TRIPLES

A triples competition, open to all bowling members of the Club, which ideally should be played between 12 and 18 ends, but can be at the discretion of the Competition Secretary. Each team will be drawn at the beginning of Triples Day through to the finalists, who will then play 18 ends on Final's day.

Substitutes for teams will be allowed, but will only be drawn from those on the original list of participants for this competition as detailed above who have either been indicated as substitutes or from a Triple where one or more of the original partners has to withdraw before they have played a game in the competition then the other player(s) from that Triple becomes a substitute(s).

How substitutes are entered into the competition will be decided by the Competition Secretary whose decision will be final. If no substitute is available, then the Triple is eliminated.

THE SHURROCK TROPHY

This will be either a 'Two Wood Pairs' or 'Two Wood Triples' competition at the discretion of the Competition Secretary which will be dependent on the number of entrants, and will normally take place in September. Pairs or Triples will be drawn from the list of entrants up to a maximum of 36 players. The scoring system will operate on a league basis as follows: - 3 points for a win and 1 point for a drawn game. The games will normally be played on the nominated evening dates, but the dates maybe varied by agreement between the teams provided that all games are played prior to the declared end date of the competition. If no alternative date can be agreed upon then the team requesting the change has to concede the game. The league champions will be the Pair or Triple with the most points.

PERCY ELLIS TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to the male or female who progress the furthest in the singles competitions without winning a trophy.

APPENDIX 2

DRAWING OF RINKS

INTERNAL CLUB COMPETITIONS

As all Internal Club Competitions require one rink, a draw for the rink each game is played should be made from a minimum of two rinks, in accordance with the current Laws of the Sport (Law 3.1).

1. The draw for rinks for all Internal Club Competitions is to be made ahead of each session starting – players to undertake.
2. The Challenger still needs to book a slot/rink in the online Rink Calendar for an Internal Club Competition to ensure they register a rink is needed for their game - but they will not be guaranteed to play on a specific rink.
3. Rinks to be included for the draw of Internal Club Competitions:
 - The rink the Challenger has booked/registered.
 - Other rinks booked/registered for any other Internal Club Competition(s)
 - All other available rinks – see 5 below.
4. If a case arises where all the other rinks are already in use and only one is available for an Internal Club Competition, common sense requires that the only available rink be used in these circumstances.
5. Rinks **NOT** available for Internal Club Competitions' draws include rinks already booked for:
 - Club League games
 - Club Friendly games
 - External individual/Club competitions, eg National, County, District.
 - And Rink 5 from the car park to the houses unless agreed by all those playing in an Internal Club Competition or it is the only remaining rink available.

In all cases, common sense, honesty and fairness to prevail.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

1. Where either external individual/Club competitions require only one rink, as per the Laws of the Sport, then two rinks must be offered to the opponents. In these circumstances then the rink booked for the game along with at least one free rink should be offered.

2. A rink booked/registered for an Internal Club Competition cannot be included in the draw:
 - a. Unless agreed with the person who had booked/registered it.
 - b. Or 3 below
3. One would expect such cases to be exceptional but if the Green is full because of a number of matches starting simultaneously, draws can be done between the various External and Internal Club Competitions.
4. However, exceptionally a case may arise where all the other rinks “determined for play” are already in use and only one is available. Equity and common sense require that the only available rink be used and that should be applied in these circumstances (as per Bowls Surrey).

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