

Club Competitions “Local Rules”

Competition Overview:

1. Entries for all competitions will close on 30th April each year.
2. All competitions will be a random draw by the Competition Secretary and at least one committee member.
3. In the Championship Singles and Open Championship Pairs, the winners and runners up from last season's finals will be seeded at the opposite side of the draw to avoid meeting in the early rounds.
4. The minimum number of entries for each competition must not be less than the number required to have at least a final.
5. The handicaps for each player will be determined by a panel of no less than 6 members including the Men's and Women's Captain, Competition Secretary and three experienced bowlers selected by the committee. The average of each person's assessment will be the individual's handicap for that season.
6. Once the draw is completed and published, it cannot be changed, other than to replace a player in pairs matches with a substitute.
7. The Men's and Women's Championship Singles Finals will be played on the Sunday afternoon. All other competitions will be played at a time selected by the Competition Secretary.
8. In the event that finals are postponed due to bad weather, the reserve finals day will be used. If players are not available to play on the reserve finals day, then that match may be played on a date agreed by the players in the same season. If one player is unable to play in the same season, then the match will be awarded to the opponent. If both players are unable to play in the same season, then the result is void.

Competition Entry Rules:

1. Club Affiliation:

If you are a member of another club and you represent that club in ESLM, ESLL or other external competitions, then you cannot enter CBC internal competitions. The only exception is if you have entered National Competitions with players from other clubs which Bowls England have agreed to. If you decide to play for another club after internal competitions have started, then you must withdraw from any remaining rounds.

2. Finals Weekend:

- a. If you are aware that you will be unable to play on finals weekend at competition entry stage, do not enter any competition.
- b. If you become aware that you will not be able to play on finals weekend during the season you must withdraw from that competition immediately, except in pairs matches.
- c. In pairs matches, one substitute may be used throughout the rounds and can be introduced at anytime including the finals.
- d. If a substitute is used, the person must not have already entered the same competition. In drawn competitions such as 2 Wood Drawn Pairs and Aussie Pairs, a substitute player must not have a larger handicap than the substituted player.

3. Playing Rules:

- a. All rules for bowls competitions, can be found in the “World Bowls Laws of the Sport” in the “Competition Description and Rules” section of the CBC website.
- b. “Local Rules” which have been applied by the committee to cover club competitions can also be found in “Competition Description and Rules”.
- c. “World Bowls Laws of the Sport” apply to all competitions and matches unless a local rule has been applied by the committee.
- d. “Local Rules” may include such changes as, the number of ends to be played, eligible players, requirement for markers, or anything else the committee have introduced.

4 Arranging a Match:

- a. It is up to the challenger to arrange a match and find a marker.
- b. Unlike external competitions, the challenger may select the rink to be played on.
- c. Please arrange matches well in advance of the play by date, as missing a deadline may result in one or both players being eliminated from the competition.
- d. If a date to play on cannot be mutually agreed, the Competition Secretary will fix the date

and time. Failure to play on this date may result in disqualification of one or both players from the competition.

5. Markers:

You do not need to find a marker if both players agree that you can place the jack. If one player does not agree to this option then the challenger must find a marker. If you choose the option not to use a marker, then the person who won the last end places the jack and mat. This does not apply in finals, where markers must be used.

All disputes should be referred to the Competition Secretary, who's decision is final.