

COMPETITION RULES

1. All competitions are open to Full and Life members who are eligible under Rule 17 of the Club Constitution.
2. Men's & Ladies Championships to be played under Bowls England rules, all other competitions to be played under Bowls England rules but will also incorporate a Club 're-spotting of the Jack rule' as detailed later in these rules.

All rinks for play shall be drawn and Law 12 (3) shall be applied in all circumstances. Dress code is greys or red trousers and official club shirts except for Finals which is whites and official club shirts. Red trousers are allowed for Finals.

ALL the Main Pairs competitions listed below will be played over 18 ends with three woods per player.

Competitions:

Title	Format	Eligibility
MEN'S		
(a) Championship	Singles – 21 shots	Men – open to all
(b) Handicap	Singles – 21 shots (see Rule 5)	Men – open to all
(c) Eadie Cup	Singles – 21 shots	Men – open to all except for previous winners of (a), (b), (c) or (m)
(d) Pairs	Pairs – 18 ends (see Rule 6)	Men – open to all. Drawn format (see rule (6) below)
(e) Bennett Cup	Singles – 21 shots	Men – aged 65 or over at the start of the season. Drawn format.
(f) Over 65 Pairs	Pairs – 18 ends (see Rule 6)	Men – aged 65 or over at the start of the season. Drawn format.
LADIES		
(g) Championship	Singles – 21 shots	Ladies – open to all
(h) Handicap	Singles – 21 shots (see Rule 5)	Ladies – open to all
(i) Frampton Cup	Singles – 21 shots	Ladies – open to all except for previous winners of (g), (h), (i) or (m))
(j) Pairs	Pairs – 18 ends (see Rule 6)	Ladies – open to all. Drawn format (see rule (6) below)
(k) Gwen Ward Trophy	Singles – 21 shots	Ladies – aged 65 or over at the start of the season. Drawn format.

COMBINED

(m) Cooke Trophy	Singles – 21 shots	Open to all
(n) Mixed Pairs	Pairs – 18 ends (see Rule 6)	Open to all. Drawn format.
(o) Partners Pairs	Pairs – 18 ends (see Rules 6 & 7)	Open to married couples and co-habiting partners.
(p) Officers Singles	Singles – 21 shots	Open only to Officers of the Club (see Rule 8)
(q) Wightman Cup	Disciplines	Open to new bowlers who joined in current and preceding two seasons.
(r) Minor League	Singles, arranged in leagues and then a knockout.	Open only to losers in the first round of any club singles competition and to new members who joined the club from 2019 (excludes previous winners of club singles competitions).

ADDITIONAL (Any Combinations)

(s) Fixed Jack	See Rule 13	Open to all. Played on one day to final. Drawn format.
(t) Brazier Cup Australian Pairs	Self-arranged Pairs	Open to all. Played as round-robin league to last eight then knockout
(u) Barlow-Redford	Triples	Open to all. Played on one-day to final. Drawn Teams format.
(v) Evening Triples League	Triples (see Rule 4)	Open to all. Drawn teams format.
(w) Lewis Cup Two Wood Pairs	Self-arranged Pairs	Open to all. Played on one day to final
(x) Two Wood Singles	21 ends	Open to all. Played on one day to final. Drawn format.

4. The Competitions Committee (comprising the Competitions Secretary, the Ladies Captain and the Men's Captain) will draw all competitions except the Evening Triples League, which will be the responsibility of the two Vice-Captains.

5. Handicaps will be set by the Competitions Committee prior to the draw taking place and these will range from scratch to +8. As a game of singles is the first to 21 shots, the starting handicaps will be rounded down so that the player with the lower handicap plays off scratch, e.g. players with handicaps of +2 and +8 will start from scratch and +6 respectively and players with handicaps of +6 and +8 will start at scratch and +2. Two players with the same handicap will both start at scratch. There will be no changes, by mutual consent or otherwise.

6. In Pairs competitions 3 (d), (f), (j) and (n) the players will decide who plays lead and skip, but the order decided upon for the first match may be changed for subsequent matches. These are drawn competitions but a member is allowed to partner another family member of age 14 or under. In all pairs competitions (excluding Partners Pairs) substitutes are allowed, but must be drawn by the Competitions Secretary from the list of members wishing to play as substitutes. In the event of there being no names available on the substitutes list, then a player, not already in the competition, may be asked to substitute, with the agreement of the Competitions Secretary. Substitutes may play in either position and will become permanent members of the team after two rounds have been played by them.

7. In the Partners Pairs competition, 3(o), the man will skip ends 1 -9 and the lady will skip ends 9-18 plus any extra deciding ends if these are necessary.

8. For the purposes of the Officers Singles, 3(p), those eligible to enter are any member of the main Management Committee and the following Non-Executive members: Men's Match Secretary, Ladies Match Secretary, Club Competitions Secretary, Men's Vice-Captain, Ladies Vice-Captain, Men's Mid-week Captain, and Press Officer.

9. In all competitions the first named is the Challenger and will arrange the match and offer the opponent three dates, one of which must be accepted by the opponent. The time for commencement shall be mutually agreed but no opponent shall be compelled to accept a time earlier than 6.00 pm on a weekday. If the Challenger has not arranged the match by the due date, he or she shall forfeit the match. If the opponent does not accept one of the dates offered, he or she shall forfeit the match. In the event of a dispute the Competition Committee shall be the arbiters and their decision shall be final.

In singles competitions the Challenger shall organize the provision of a marker up to and including the semi-final round. The loser's in each round to be asked to mark the following round whenever possible. The marker for the final will be nominated by the Competitions Secretary.

Specific rule for all Club Knock-out competitions, with the exception of the Men's & Ladies Championships.....'in the event of an end being killed, the Jack to be re-spotted on the 2 metre mark.

Each round is to be played by the date shown on the Competition draw sheets

NO EXTENSION TO THE PLAY BY DATES WILL BE ALLOWED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVENTING THE TIE FROM BEING PLAYED.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL AN EXTENSION OF MORE THAN ONE WEEK BE GRANTED.

In the event of illness an extension will only be granted at the discretion of the Competitions Secretary.

10. In the event of a match being abandoned owing to extreme weather conditions, and the inability to arrange a resumption of the match within a week, the score in the match will stand as the result, provided a minimum of six ends have been played. Uncompleted ends shall be

regarded as “dead”. When less than six ends have been played and a resumption of the match cannot be arranged within a week, the result of the match will be decided by the toss of a coin. In all resumed matches (i.e. resumed on another day) trial ends will be permitted but the match must be resumed on the same rink and at the same score as when it was abandoned.

11. The winner of each match shall enter their name in the appropriate place on the competition sheet. The loser should sign the scorecard, enter the time the match was finished and the card must be placed in the box by the Diary.

12. The Fixed Jack competition will be played with alternate ends having a minimum length jack and a maximum length jack. The mat must be placed at the two-metre mark at all times. If the jack is displaced it shall be returned to its spot, or as near as possible, by the marker. The winner must score 70 points in the rounds up to the semi-final and 90 points in the semi-final. The final shall be 21 ends.

13. All disputes are to be referred to the Competitions Secretary, whose decision shall be final.

For Barlow-Redford, Fixed Jack, Two-Wood Pairs and the Brazier Cup Australian Pairs the relevant rules will be displayed at the times of the competitions.

Unusual incidents, not provided for in these rules, can occur. It is the view of the Competition Committee that players will act with true sportsmanship and, in the absence of a specific rule, that common sense will prevail to arrive at a happy solution.

Winners and runners-up will be given the option of choosing a glass or a voucher as their prize.

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