

TONBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB

COMPETITION RULES 2022

GENERAL

Members entering competitions should be available to play on both days of the Finals' weekend, which is the first weekend in September. If a member is not available on these dates, he or she should not enter any competitions. Once competitions have started, should a member subsequently find that he or she is not available to play in a Finals' Competition, the member should withdraw immediately.

DRESS CODE FOR COMPETITORS AND MARKERS

The dress code for the rounds is a Club or white shirt with grey trousers, tailored shorts or skirt. Finals' Day dress code is a Club shirt with white trousers or skirt.

ROUND COMPLETION DATES

The final date for the completion of each round is clearly shown on the competition draw sheets. These dates will be strictly enforced by the Competition Secretary.

ARRANGEMENT OF GAMES

The first named competitor on the competition draw sheet (the Challenger) will be solely responsible for the arrangement of games prior to the final date for each round and must offer three dates at reasonable times, including one weekend.

If a player has not arrived within 15 minutes of the agreed start time then they and/or their team will be eliminated from the competition. (Triples Competition—see Rules 3 and 4).

In the event of either party withdrawing from the competition it is his / her responsibility to inform the Competition Secretary and his / her opponent(s).

ELIMINATION FROM COMPETITIONS

A Challenger will be eliminated from a competition if any game has not been completed by the final date for that round. If the Challenger has proved in advance to the Competition Secretary that his / her opponent has not co-operated in organising a game, then the Competition Secretary is empowered to eliminate the non-Challenger from the competition.

MARKERS

Members participating in Singles competitions are reminded that it is the Challenger's responsibility to appoint a marker. The marker must be a playing member of Tonbridge Bowling Club.

FINALS' WEEKEND

The competition finals will be played on the Finals Weekend. All competitors MUST be available for play on each of the two days of competition.

LAWS OF THE GAME

All games are to be played in accordance with Bowls England's Laws of the Game. Particular conditions relating to specific competitions are detailed in the following paragraphs.

DURATION OF GAMES

Singles Competitions—21 shots

(except the Two Wood and Florrie Purser).

Pairs Competitions—21 ends.

Triples Competitions—18 ends.

MIXED TWO WOOD

The preliminary rounds up to and including the semi-final will take place on a fixed date in late August. Play to 21 ends; play an extra end (or ends) if game is tied at 21 ends.

MEN'S HANDICAP

Handicap allowances are shown on the competition draw sheet. With the exception of players with a minus allowance, the handicap allowance should be entered on the scorecard at the start of the game; the game should then be played to 21 shots. Players with a minus allowance play to 21 shots PLUS their negative allowance, i.e. if the allowance is -5, the player must score 26 shots.

LADIES' FLORRIE PURSER

This is a four bowl competition and points are awarded to the four nearest bowls to the jack, i.e.

- Nearest bowl 4 points
- 2nd nearest bowl 3 points
- 3rd nearest bowl 2 points
- 4th nearest bowl 1 point

The maximum number of points possible on one end is ten. On the subsequent end the jack is cast by the person whose bowl was nearest the jack, regardless of the number of points scored on the previous end. The winner is the first person to reach 101 points unless both players have 100 points, in which case one more end is played and the winner of the match is the player whose bowl is nearest the jack regardless of how many points were scored on the final end.

MARRIED PAIRS / PARTNERS

The criterion for entry is that an unmarried couple is registered with the Club at the same address. For obvious reasons, no substitutes are allowed in the married pairs.

Only one visit to the head per end is permitted.

PAIRS / MIXED PAIRS

1. The Mixed Pairs competition shall run on a fixed date basis. All rounds are to be played on the dates published on the Entry Form and at the times specified on the competition draw sheet.
2. One substitute per team is allowed.
3. All proposed substitutes (who must not have played in any previous round of this competition) must be advised to, and agreed with, the Competition Secretary prior to any substitution being made.
4. Only one visit to the head per end is permitted.

TRIPLES

1. The Triples competition shall run on a fixed date basis. All rounds are to be played on the dates published on the Entry Form and at the times specified on the competition draw sheet.
2. Up to two substitutes, who have not played for any other team in the competition, will be allowed in the team.
3. In the event of a player not arriving to play at the date and time arranged and a substitute not being available, the game will be played as follows:-
 - i) The lead of the defaulting team, i.e. the team with only two players, shall play with four bowls and the skip with three.
 - ii) The lead and second player of the team with a full complement of players will play with two bowls each and the skip with three bowls.
 - iii) The defaulting team will have one quarter of its total score deducted.
4. In the event of two players from the same team not arriving within 15 minutes of the agreed start time, that team will be eliminated from the competition.
5. Only one visit to the head per end is permitted.