

## YBA Top Club Competition

### Rules and Playing Arrangements

The YBA Top Club Championship is a mixed inter-club competition, open to all YBA affiliated clubs. Clubs may have an unlimited number of team entries. All players will be members of the same club and play their County Competitions from that club. If a club enters more than one team, players can only play for the team that they represent in the first match. They may not play for any other team.

The YBA Top Club Championship shall consist of five disciplines:

- Four wood singles (21 shots – male or female)\*
- Two wood singles (21 ends – male or female)\*
- Four wood mixed pairs (18 ends – one male/one female)
- Three wood mixed triples (18 ends – one male/two females or one female/two males)
- Mixed two wood fours (18 ends – two male/two female)

\*Team entries in the singles disciplines must be either a man in the **two singles with a lady in the four wood**, or a **lady in the two wood singles with a man in the four wood**. Each team must have one lady and one man in each of the two singles disciplines. This means that a lady and a man may compete against each other in either of the singles disciplines.

Any team unable to field the correct number of players and mixed genders for all disciplines of this competition will result in a walkover for their opponents.

One point will be awarded for each discipline won and 0.5 points will be awarded for a draw.

If the points are tied at the end of the game the aggregate shot score from all five disciplines shall decide the game.

If the aggregate scores are still the same the result of the four wood singles will decide the match.

Results of each match will be forwarded to the Helen Walker ([helen.walker0607@gmail.com](mailto:helen.walker0607@gmail.com)) within 24 hours of the conclusion of the event, along with the names of **all** match competitors.

The draw for the YBA Top Club Championship will be an open draw with matches up to and including the quarter-finals being played on the green of the home club (the Challenger) on the YBA stated fixed dates which will be published after the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Matches taking place on a week day shall not start before 6:30pm, unless by mutual agreement. Matches taking place at the weekend or on a bank holiday shall not start earlier than 10.30am.

If rink fees are payable these will be paid for by the Challenger, unless it is a neutral venue when the fees will be shared evenly between the teams.

The Challenger is responsible for providing either an umpire (or competent person to act as an umpire) and markers for the singles matches.

Each game will start with a toss of the coin to establish the control of the jack for the first end.

Where mileage exceeds 160miles round trip, club post code to club post code, matches will be played on a neutral green midway between the clubs. Any disputes will be resolved by the YBA Top Club organisers (Helen Walker/Andy Humphreys).

Dress code will be greys and club shirts until the semi-finals and final, where white will be worn below the waist. The semi- final and finals will be played at a single location on a fixed date as directed by the YBA Top Club organisers.

All entries into the YBA Top Club will be made direct to Helen Walker, as detailed on the entry form, by noon 30<sup>th</sup> April.