

RULES AND REGULATIONS
RELATING TO COMPETITIONS IN GENERAL

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- 1) All competitions shall be staged on an annual basis and shall be played under Bowls England, ECBA and/or ECWBA rules as applicable.
- 2) Control of the competitions will be with the Club Competition Secretary, who will be elected at the A.G.M. each year.

N.B. The Ladies; competitions are controlled by the Ladies Committee up to and including the Semi-Finals.

No other competitions shall be played when Club "day" events are in progress.

- 3) A straight draw for all competitions shall be made in the presence of one Club Committee Member, one Non-Club Committee Member, and the Competition Secretary. The draw shall be so arranged and all odd number of players shall be eliminated by extra games played in a preliminary round before the first round, to ensure a straight elimination to the two finalists, without further byes or replays. The draw shall be displayed in the Clubroom, not later than 10th May.

- 4) All competitions shall be played on a knock-out basis and each round shall be completed by the date decided by the Competition Secretary. The first named competitor in each pairing shall be the challenger and be responsible for arranging the tie. Subsequent to the first round, in all competitions that are not completed in one day, the challenger shall within seven days of the start of each round or within seven days of a match involving a player where an "extension" had been granted in the previous round, offer his/her opponent two dates, one of which must be accepted within three days. Should the challenger fail to comply, the right to challenge will pass to the non-challenger. The challenger will be responsible for providing the marker.

In the event of illness, holidays, etc. or any difficulty that cannot be resolved by the players involved, the dispute should be referred to the Competition Secretary who will adjudicate accordingly. In the event of neither player making arrangements to play the tie and no application being made to the Competition Secretary for an "extension" due to unusual circumstances, both players will be eliminated

- 5) The onus of providing a marker in each round of a single-handed competition, shall be upon the Challenger, but may, by mutual agreement, be dispensed with. (except the Hutton Cup). The marker for the final of each single-handed competition will be nominated by the Club Committee, Ladies Committee or Competition Secretary.

- 6) Games postponed due to inclement weather/green being declared unfit for play, shall be played at a mutually agreed date, up to seven days after the round closing date. Games interrupted/abandoned due to inclement weather/green being declared unfit for play shall only be replayed if eleven shots or eleven ends have not been reached by one player (46 shots in the Hutton Cup) otherwise the game shall be resumed at a mutually agreed date, up to seven days after the round closing date.

In the event of a dispute the Competition Secretary shall be informed, and the matter will be decided by the Club Committee.

7) In the event of a match being started and any player being unable to continue, for any reason, he/she will retire and concede the game to the opponent(s).

8) The winning competitor in each round shall be responsible for entering his/her name on the Competition Sheet. In the event that the winner fails to do so, the tie may be given to the opponent.

9) The final of each competition shall be played on Club Finals Days provided that no player shall play three or more finals in any one day.
In the event of a player reaching three or more finals he/she may elect to play on Finals Days and this will be permitted or a date acceptable to both finalists should be arranged between themselves.. The Competition Secretary should be advised of this change of date.

10) The winner of each competition shall be presented with the Trophy, which shall be retained for one year, and shall be returned to the Competition Secretary on demand. The Club Committee shall allocate expenditure for the purpose of prizes to be awarded to the winners) and the losing finalist(s)

11) Any player who knows that he/she will be unable to play on Finals day, should not enter any competition other than the Hutchison Trophy, the Walker Shield, the Marion Fry, or the Mixed Triples, the playing rules for each of these competition being found in the following respective sections.

Revised Oct 2016 removal of words "the Mixed Pairs" from Para 11

RULES AND REGULATIONS
RELATING TO SPECIFIC COMPETITIONS

SINGLE HANDED CHAMPIONSHIP

Each game shall consist of 21 shots with four bowls to each player.

MENS TWO WOOD

Each game shall consist of 21 shots with two bowls to each player.

SINGLE HANDED HANDICAP

Each game shall consist of 21 shots with four bowls to each player.

The handicap for every member will be decided upon by the Competition Committee prior to the beginning of the season. Assessment will be based on the individual's current ability/competition success. The allocation of handicaps cannot be disputed. The handicap range will be between zero and ten. New bowlers will be allocated a zero handicap in their first year.

The net figure of the two players handicaps will, at the commencement of the game, be shown on the scoreboard and scorecard, e.g. a player with two against a player of six will receive four shots.

The game is won with the first player reaching 21 shots.

HUTTON CUP

Each game shall consist of 91 points with four bowls to each player. The score for each end shall be 4 points for the bowl nearest to the Jack, 3 points for the next nearest, 2 points for the next and 1 point for the fourth nearest irrespective to which player each bowl belongs. Both players shall be awarded 1/2 point when two bowls are deemed equi-distant from the Jack. The player with the bowl nearest to the Jack shall take the mat, and cast the Jack for the next end, irrespective of the score for the previous end. In the event of two bowls 'touching', or being equi-distant from the Jack, or the end being 'Made Dead', the person casting the Jack for that end shall also cast the Jack for the next end.

The winner is the first player to reach 91 points. If the players are tied in excess of 91 points, play will continue in the same way (all bowls to count) until one player has a higher score. **N.B. This Competition must have a marker**

JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP

Each game shall consist of 21 shots with four bowls to each player. The competition is only open to those players who have not won The Championship, The Ladies Championship, The Hutton Cup or the Junior Challenge Cup in any previous season.

MEN'S PAIRS

Each game shall consist of 21 ends. In the event of a tie an extra end must be played with the shots of this end to be included in the final score. The two players taking part in the first tie shall constitute the pair and normally play together throughout the competition. One additional - and the same - player may, however, be used as a substitute provided he has not already played in the competition. The substitute may Skip.

The pairings shall be decided by the Competition Secretary and at least one other Committee Member. Pairings will be made up of low and high/intermediate handicap players.

The selection cannot be disputed.

In the event of a player being unable to continue during a game that pair will retire and concede the game to their opponents.

Visiting the "head" **is** permitted.

MIXED PAIRS

Each game shall consist of 21 ends with four woods to be bowled by each player. In the event of a tie an extra end must be played with the shots of this end to be included in the final score. The two players, one male and one female, taking part in the first tie shall constitute the pair and normally play together throughout the competition. One additional – and the same – player may, however, be used as a substitute provided he or she has not already played in the competition. The substitute may skip.

In the event of a player being unable to continue during a game that pair will retire and concede the game to their opponents.

Visiting the head is permitted.

Amended March 2014

FELLOWSHIP CUP

The competition is open to all Club Members, and is an on-going mixed drive, played on Club Mornings throughout the season.

The Members attending the Club Morning will each draw a token to decide the teams, including the position to be played and the rink on which the game will be played - for that morning only.

Matches will consist of 15 ends. One player will keep the score, the card bearing all names will be returned to the organiser for calculation into the season's score for each player.

For each match played, 1 point will be given, plus 2 points for a win or 1 point for a draw. At the end of the season, the competition winner will be the player with the highest aggregate score. In the event of a tie then the higher number of attendances will be the deciding factor.

SENIORS CUP

This competition will be open to all Members aged 70 (on 1st. May) or over. Each game shall consist of 21 shots with four bowls to each player.

Amended March 2011

MIXED TRIPLES

The competition will be played on prescribed dates during the season, with the final being played on a date to be agreed between the playing finalists and before the end of the season.

Three bowls per player and each game will consist of 18 ends.

The three players taking part in the first game shall constitute the triple and normally play together throughout the competition. One additional player (of like handicap) may however be used as a substitute at any time provided he/she has not already played in the competition for another team.

In the event of a tie an extra end should be played.

Visiting the head is permitted.

The teams will be drawn by the Competition Secretary and a Committee Member and cannot be disputed.

In the event of a player being unable to continue during a game, that team will retire and concede to their opponents.

Amended March 2011

HUTCHISON TROPHY/WALKER SHIELD

These single handed competitions will be played concurrently on the same day and will be limited to a maximum of 32 entrants.

Play will be on a knock out basis each game comprising 6 ends played with 3 woods. In the event of a tie after 6 ends then an extra end will be played to establish a winner with a toss of a coin for choice of mat. There will be no trial ends and no visiting the head throughout the competition.

There will be a draw to establish the order of play for round 1 with the winning players in that round proceeding to play in the Hutchison Trophy Competition whilst the losers will proceed to play in the Walker Shield competition. In the event of an odd number of entrants the last name drawn will be given a bye and proceed to play in the Hutchison Trophy competition.

A second draw will take place to establish the order of play in each of these competitions. Again in the event of an odd number then the last name drawn will be given a bye and proceed to the next round. Depending upon the number of original entries it may be necessary to allow 'best losers' to proceed to the next round, to ensure that there are 8 players in the quarter final round (see chart). Best losers will be decided on a) shot difference, and if this is not the deciding factor, then b) ends won.

A third and final draw will take place to establish the order of play for the quarter finals, with winners proceeding to the semi-finals and finals.

A reserve day will be allocated, but it is hoped that this will not be used unless weather conditions deem it necessary

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