

# BISHOPTHORPE BOWLING CLUB

## COMPETITION RULES

Club competitions are open to any member whose annual subscription is fully paid by the closing date for entries to that competition. Details and entry lists will be posted on the notice board.

The first named person/team in the draw is responsible for arranging matches and, in the case of singles matches, for arranging a marker.

Pairs and Triples matches will comprise 18 ends, whilst all Singles matches are first to 21. Open Handicap Singles matches have no limit on the number of ends, but all other Singles matches have a maximum of 18 ends, unless there is a tie at 18 ends, in which case an additional end to be played. All matches are played "straight off", with no trial ends and no limitation on shots to be counted in the first two ends.

Matches must be stopped immediately if there is thunder or lightning and not resumed until at least 15 minutes have elapsed without thunder or lightning (See Thunderstorm Policy). Matches may also be paused if the players agree conditions are unplayable, e.g. extreme heat or rain. If a player feels unwell, they may at any time request that the game be suspended, to be completed at a mutually agreed time.

All matches should be played by the play-by-date or may be determined by the Competition Secretary if an un-played match is unduly holding up the competition. The decision of the Competition Secretary is final.

All finals will be played during the designated Finals Weekend at the end of the season. If you will not be available to play during that weekend you should not enter the competitions. If you subsequently become unavailable, you should immediately inform the Competition Secretary and not play any further competition matches.

In pairs/triples competitions, if an odd number enter or there is a gender imbalance, the 'spare' member(s) remaining after the draw will become nominated reserve(s) and can be appointed as substitute at any stage of the competition. Any other substitution may only be made if all eligible nominated reserves have been used up and the retiring player has not played any match in that competition and then only with the consent of the Competition Secretary. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Dress code for all club competition matches and one-day competitions is grey and white or the new club shirts.

When playing singles, whether you have won or lost, be sure to thank the marker. Remember that they have given up their own time to assist with your game.

NB. Some of the above rules are not applicable to the 2-Wood Open/Pairs competitions, which are usually played on a designated day during the season and for which the number of ends will be determined by the Competition Secretary.

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