

The Writtle Bowling Club

Internal Competition Rules

The format of the Club's internal competitions and entrance fees shall be decided by the Committee. The internal competition rules will apply to the following: -

Geoffrey King Cup; Handicap Singles; Junior Championship; Ladies Championship; Longman Mixed Pairs; Men's Championship; Pairs (random draw); Pudda Miller Cup; and the Ted Ball Two Wood Trophy.

Please do not enter the competitions if you are not available for finals weekend (as stated in the handbook).

1. Competitors must be members of The Writtle Bowling Club.
2. The challenger (the name that appears first in the draw) must arrange a date and time for the match with the opposition giving at least 3 days' notice. Dates shall be offered within 3 days of the 'play by' date of the previous round. Failing this, the opponent becomes the challenger.
3. Three dates shall be offered, preferably in different weeks and on different days (including one weekend). The time for commencing a match shall be mutually agreed, but no player or team will be compelled to accept a time earlier than 6pm Monday-Friday or 3pm on Saturdays or Sundays.
4. All matches to be completed by the 'play by' dates (stated in The Writtle Bowling Club handbook and on Bowlr). Under no circumstances will extensions be granted. If a match is rained off, the match must still be completed by the 'play by' date. If competitors are not available to play, they will forfeit match and the opposition will automatically go through.
5. Competitors not on the green ready to play within 30 minutes of the agreed start time will forfeit the game, unless there are exceptional circumstances and the opposition is willing to play at a later time or date.
6. Match abandonment due to inclement weather or other exceptional circumstances: if less than 12 ends have been played, the match to be replayed; if 12 or more ends have been played, the remaining ends to be played (on the same rink if possible) by the 'play by' date.
7. Singles matches will be the first person to reach 21 shots. The challenger to organise a competent marker for singles matches. Pairs matches will

consist of 21 ends: if required, an extra deciding end to be played. The competitor(s) who wins the toss of a coin will determine who has the mat in the deciding end.

8. Two trial ends may be played as agreed by the competitors, including how many bowls to be played.
9. The dress code will be in accordance with The Writtle Bowling Club Rule Book and Byelaws, except finals weekend when the dress code is whites.
10. In relation to pairs, the competitors taking part in the first match shall constitute the team. Only one substitute for a team will be allowed: any member of the Club may act as a substitute providing that person has not already played in or been entered to play in that particular competition and only acts for one particular team. For the random pairs, the substitute will be drawn from the reserve list (if there is one) or the Competition Secretary will ask a Club Member of similar handicap who has not entered this competition. The substitute may play in any position.
11. In relation to the Longman Mixed Pairs, the team may choose their substitute. The substitute player should be of a similar handicap to the unavailable player and is able to play in any position.
12. The result shall be entered online and the scorecard placed in the Competition Secretary's pigeon hole. Scorecards must detail the competition and names of the competitors.
13. If any disagreement should arise, a complaint shall be made to the Competition Secretary within 2 days of the event. This complaint shall be placed before the Committee for a ruling: any decision by the Committee will be final.

Bowls England rules apply in all other respects.