



# SPRING PARK SHIRLEY BOWLING CLUB

## COMPETITION RULES

1. The Laws of the game as adopted by Bowls England shall be observed in all matters to which the said Laws relate, and a copy shall be available in the Clubhouse at all times.
2. Rinks shall be available for competition play from 3.30pm Monday to Friday and from 10.00am at weekends and Bank Holidays. Rink availability will be subject to the requirements of SPSBC. Rink reservations must be recorded in a book kept for that purpose in the Clubhouse. A maximum of four rinks will be available for competition use. Preference will be given to County, B.C.B.A. and Club Competitions in that order.
3. Club Competitions will be open to all Members, subject to eligibility, provided that they have paid membership and competition entry fees.
4. An Entry Form for Club Competitions shall be supplied to all Playing Members prior to the start of the season, and returned to the Club Treasurer, together with the appropriate fees, by the date fixed by the Club Committee.
5. The draw for Club Competitions will be made by the Competition Sub-Committee, and the result of such draws shall be displayed in the Clubhouse.  
The dates by which various rounds MUST be completed shall be indicated on the Draw Sheets. The Competition Sub-Committee shall ensure that all rounds are played by the dates indicated on the Competition Sheets, except in special circumstances detailed in Rule 7.  
If a game has not been played by the due date and special circumstances do not apply, the Competition Sub-Committee will determine who is the guilty player or players and will delete one or both from the Competition. The decision of the Competition Sub-Committee shall be final.
6. Any player or team knowingly unable to play on the dates designated as "Finals Days" must withdraw at the quarter-final stage.



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7. The first named player or team drawn to play each other will be regarded as the “Challenger”. As soon as practicable and not less than seven days before the due date for completing the round, the Challenger shall contact the opponent and agree a date to play the game. If, at seven days before the closing date of the round, the Challenger has not made contact the opponent must contact the Challenger. If the game cannot be arranged at this stage, the Competition Sub-Committee must be informed.

**Should either party know that they will be unable to play for a period for any reason, thereby restricting the number of usable dates, they must inform their opponent as soon as the draw sheets are published.**

A previously agreed date may be re-arranged by mutual consent within the limit set for the round to be played. The Competition Sub-Committee will consider an extension if:

- a. The green was unfit for play on the date arranged.
- b. A competitor was obliged to play a County or Borough competition on a previously arranged date and no other date was available before the closing date.
- c. A rink had to be re-allocated to accommodate a County or Borough game and arrangement before closing date was not possible.
- d. Other exceptional circumstance are as deemed by the Competition Sub-Committee.

**ANY EXTENSION GRANTED WILL NOT EXCEED THE CLOSING DATE BEYOND TEN DAYS.**

8. The Challenger in all singles games must arrange for a Marker. Substitutes may be used in pairs competitions subject to the approval of the Competition Sub-Committee. A team may use one substitute during a competition provided that they have not already played in the competition and have a similar handicap to the player they are replacing.
9. A game which has not started within 30 minutes of the fixed time because a player or players is not ready to start will be forfeited by the player or team in default. When arranging games, players must consider the length of playing time required, especially for pairs, and the closing time of the green.
10. Members are asked to clear the rink of all equipment if it is not to be used again and to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.
11. Any dispute not covered by the above Rules must be presented in writing to the Club Secretary.