

WELLINGTON BOWLING CLUB OUTDOOR COMPETITION RULES

1. Competitions are open to fully paid-up outdoor members of Wellington Bowling Club only. There must be at least 8 competitors in a singles competition and 8 teams in a pairs' competition. Paid-up members can enter as many competitions that they are eligible for.
2. Entry into competitions is included in your annual outdoor membership fee which must be paid before 1st May in order to be allowed to enter club competitions.
3. The first named (top) player on the draw list, the challenger, is responsible for contacting the second named player, the opponent, as soon as possible, to arrange a mutually convenient date for their match. The challenger will also be responsible for providing a marker for singles matches. However, where the play-by date is imminent it is suggested the opponent contacts the challenger to try to arrange a convenient date to play the match.
4. **Rink draw**- A draw using playing cards for the rink should be made before the match is entered in the RINK BOOKING folder.
5. Club competitions DO NOT have priority over organised roll-ups or casual roll-ups which have started. Where a rink has not been booked competition players should respect members already on the green and choose an alternative rink to play on or draw for rinks not being used.
Club Night- Club Competition matches are NOT to take place on a Club Night after 6.00pm (usually Monday evening –see fixture list for alternative nights).
- Formal Roll-ups**- *Four* rinks have been reserved on Tuesday and Thursday morning for organized roll-up sessions. These rinks are not to be booked for club competition matches.
6. Failure to complete a match by the play by date will result in the challenger forfeiting the match; unless it can be proved that the fault lies with the opponent. The competition committee will consider each un-played match on a case by case basis. See, also, rule 10.
7. In the interest of fair play any Member playing Club Competitions must neither practice on, nor play more than one Competition match on the same rink on the same day.
8. **Scoreboards/scorecard**- Scoreboards should always be used and a scorecard indicating the competition being played must be kept for all matches. For singles games the marker will keep the scorecard and for all other matches, the SKIPS of each team will mark separate score cards, conferring with the other at regular intervals during the contest to verify accuracy. One of the scorecards should be signed by both of the skips upon completion of the match, and left in the box for the Competitions Committee who will then annotate the draw.
9. **Trial Ends**- All matches will commence after 2 trial ends of 2 woods by each player and the toss of a coin will decide who shall start.
10. *If a player succeeds through to a point where they know they cannot play their next match (holidays, illness, whatever) they must then concede to their next opponent who can then advance. If players have*

*what they consider to be exceptional circumstances they may appeal to the Competitions Committee via Henry Richbell or Eddie Dilley but this must be done one week before the match is due. **Nb. this rule has changed from 2018.***

11. **Leaving the green** – a player may leave the green at any time during a match for a call of nature, to get refreshments or to retrieve equipment/clothing left in the Clubhouse.

12. **Abandoned Matches** – Where a game has commenced and has to be abandoned due to adverse weather, poor light, etc., the teams shall: i. decide to replay the whole game at the earliest convenient date, or ii. agree that the result will stand provided: in a singles game, at least one player has twelve shots or more, except in the case of a Handicap Singles game, where at least one player has reached half their required score (rounded-up) plus one shot. In a pairs game (or two-wood singles), at least 11 ends should have been played.

13. **Dead Ends** – are where a jack is pushed off either side of the rink. The end shall not be counted or added to the scorecard, but will be replayed from the same direction.

14. **Tied Ends** – are where it cannot be decided which bowl is shot, i.e. where they are identical distances away from the jack. In this case the end is counted and added to the scorecard but no score is added for either side.

15. **Dress** – for all competitions for players will be greys, with white tops (or club shirts). Finals will be played in Whites. Markers are encouraged to dress in a similar fashion.

16. **Markers**- All entrants in the singles competitions are expected to act as “markers” for other matches. Though a common-sense approach is expected where new and inexperienced bowlers are involved.

17. **Substitutes** – No substitutes are allowed. If one player in a pair’s team becomes unavailable, that pair will forfeit the match.

18. Excepting all local conditions and amendments above, all games will be played in line with the Spirit and Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark 3.1). Players must be considerate with respect shown to other bowlers.

19. **New Bowlers Competition**- This competition is open to both men and ladies new to bowling who have been coached by the club and became members on or after *1st April 2017*.

20. **Marker in finals**- For the final of each singles competition a competent marker will be nominated by the competition committee.

The Outdoor Competitions Committee

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