

Nuthall Bowls Club

COMPETITION RULES

1 DEFINITIONS

The Competition Rules (known as the 'Rules') shall apply to those competitions managed by the Nuthall Bowls Club. Each entrant/competitor shall be bound by these Rules and by the English Bowling Federation Laws of the Game (known as the 'Laws'). Alteration or amendment of these Rules may only be made by the Bowls committee.

2 OBJECT

The object of these Rules is to provide guidance to competitors by establishing a framework whereby the competitions may be promoted and successfully completed within the spirit of the game of bowls.

3 COMPETITION FORMATS

There will be two competitions each year: -

The CLUB SINGLES COMPETITION - being an open four wood singles competition, 21 shots up.

The CLUB PAIRS COMPETITION - being an open four wood pairs competition played over 18 ends.

The 'home' competitor will be responsible for providing the Marker. (singles) In all rounds of all competitions trial ends shall be played, unless both competitors agree to the contrary. The 'home' competitor shall be the first competitor drawn.

All rounds up to the Finals will be played on club greens according to the draw.

4 MANAGEMENT OF COMPETITIONS

The competitions shall be managed by the Club Committee who will nominate Competition Secretaries for each competition, from within the Committee, to receive results from competition rounds and to advise competitors of their next opponents. Any dispute arising during the course of the competitions must be referred to the relevant Competition Secretary within 72 hours of the dispute arising. A dispute not resolved by the Competition Secretary may be determined by the Club Secretary, whose decision will be final. Transgressors of these Rules may be referred to the Committee who will have the power to impose penalties.

5 ENTRY TO COMPETITIONS

Any person who pays membership to the club is entitled to enter these competitions and will be automatically entered into the draws, unless they specifically request otherwise. No extra cost will be incurred by the members.

6 ORGANISATION OF ROUNDS AND NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

All competitions will be on a knock-out basis to be played in rounds as determined by the Committee.

Where two entrants with a bye in the first round are drawn against each other in the second round, they MUST USE THE FIRST ROUND PLAY-ON DATE FOR THE SECOND ROUND MATCH. If by mutual agreement and the consent of the Competition Secretary games may be played at a date earlier than the play-on date. In the case of inclement weather on either of these fixed dates then the games must be played before the next round is due to be played.

All other rounds must be completed by the appropriate play-before date, which must be strictly observed.

The 'home' competitor will be responsible for contacting their opponent as soon as the round is open, (the day after the previous round has closed, apart from the first round, or earlier if the opponents are known) and in any case within 72 hours, when at least three dates shall be offered. The dates shall not all be in the same week (the week to commence on Sunday for these purposes) and shall not be on consecutive dates. The opponent will accept one of the dates offered within 72 hours. The dates offered must be during mid-week daytime or evenings and/or daytime or evenings at weekends.

If the "away" competitor has not been contacted within the 72 hours, they should immediately contact the Competition Secretary. The Competition Secretary will then contact the "home" competitor and give them a further 48 hours to make contact. If no contact is made within this time, the "away" competitor will be awarded the match.

The winner of the round will be responsible for notifying the Competition Secretary of the result, (no contact should be made after 10pm) and shall provide the Competition Secretary with fully completed rink score cards, which must include the names of all competitors, within 72 hours of playing the match. Failure by either the 'home' or the 'away' competitor to notify the result by the close of the round may result in the disqualification of both competitors.

The semi-finals of each competition will be played on the fixed Finals Day with a reserve date available to be used in case of inclement weather. Clubs and individuals should only enter the competitions if they are available to play on both the finals day and reserve date. If during the course of the competitions circumstances change and a club or individual gets to the quarter final stage they should withdraw if they are unavailable for the Finals Day and reserve date.

Substitutions will be allowed for all competitions, with the exception of the singles. The substitute must not have played previously in the same competition for any other entrant. The playing of a substitute must be identified to both the opponents and the Competition Secretary.

9 DEFINITION OF WINNER AND DECIDING A TIE

The winner of a match shall be the competitor having the highest shot total aggregated over all rinks (with the exception of the singles competition which will be 21 shots up). In the event of a tie after the prescribed number of ends an extra end will be played on all rinks, and if necessary repeated to determine the victor. The captains, in the case of team competitions, or otherwise the skips shall toss a coin for the choice of jack on the extra end(s) which will be played from where the last end ceased.

10 POSTPONEMENT, AND ABANDONMENT

a) Should the start of a match not be possible on account of adverse weather

conditions, an unfit green or other unforeseen circumstances, after waiting 45 minutes from the commencing time originally agreed, the 'home' competitor may elect to postpone the match to another date. In these circumstances the 'home' competitor shall offer new dates in the same manner as detailed in Rule 6.

b) In the event of a match being abandoned owing to adverse weather conditions, an unfit green or other unforeseen circumstances, the match shall be replayed in its entirety unless the minimum ends (see below) have been completed. If this score is a tie, then the match shall be replayed. In these circumstances the 'home' competitor shall offer new dates in the same manner as detailed in Rule 6.

Pairs (18 ends) minimum ends = 11

Singles (1st to 21) If not completed due to inclement weather – match to be replayed.

c) In the event that a competitor, or team, is unable to fulfil an agreed match, a minimum of 48 hours notice of postponement must be given. The competitor requiring the postponement must accept one of at least three new dates provided by the opponent in the manner detailed in Rule 6.

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For the purpose of this Rule, adverse weather conditions shall mean those where play is either impossible and/or where damage may be caused to the green. The number of ends to be played in a competition shall not be reduced for any other reason than expressed in this Rule.

11 FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE AGREED TIME

For any player failing to appear at the time fixed for the start of play a maximum waiting period of 15 minutes shall be allowed, upon the expiry of which: -

- i) A singles match shall be awarded to the player present.
- ii) If a relevant substitute for a pairs match is not fielded, the match shall be awarded to the pair present.

Any missing player arriving after the match has commenced will not be allowed to take part in the match nor will the match be recommenced. For the purpose of this rule, trial ends do not constitute part of the match.

12 PLAYER INJURED OR FALLING ILL DURING A MATCH

In the event that a player is injured or falls ill during a match, a substitute may be fielded.

13 DRESS

In all rounds of all competitions players must wear the correct dress which will be “greys” or “club colours”