

# HOLLAND-ON-SEA BOWLS CLUB

## Rules for Club Competitions

### COMPETITIONS

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Please note it is a requirement that club uniform and stickers must be worn when playing in all club competitions. Please do not enter if you are unable to do so.

A novice bowler, in their first season of joining the club, must attend a training programme prior to entering any club competitions after which they may only enter singles competitions and the New Bowlers Award competition during that season.

All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as published by World Bowls unless otherwise stated in these club rules.

Please note these club rules may differ from THL, County or any other bowls competition rules

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLAYING KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS

All competition matches are to be played at Holland on Sea Bowls Club.

If 2 trial ends are allowed they may consist of up to 4 woods each per end however both parties by mutual agreement may choose not to take the trial ends or to make some other arrangement.

The topmost named player or team on the competition draw sheet is "The Challenger," the second player or team is "The Opponent."

It is advisable for both parties to arrange their matches as early as possible so that in the event of adverse weather or other unforeseeable circumstances there is still time left to arrange an alternative match before the closing date.

No extension of the closing date will be granted.

The Challenger is responsible for choosing and booking a rink for play and, in singles competitions, for providing a marker.

The marker selected for singles matches should be taken from the approved list of markers. If the chosen marker is not on the approved markers list the challenger should first ensure that the opponent is agreeable to the choice of marker. Failure to do so could result in the opponent claiming the game.

The Challenger is responsible for arranging a mutually acceptable date and time for the match to be played which must be prior to the closing date for that round

A Challenger and Opponent if already drawn may arrange to play the match prior to the start of the round.

The Challenger should contact the Opponent no later than one week after the start of the round with a suggestion of at least 3 different dates and times for the match to be played.

The Opponent should accept one of the suggested dates within 3 days of receipt from the Challenger or otherwise contact the challenger to mutually agree an alternative date.

The Opponent should advise the Challenger at the beginning of the round if they have holiday, work or other commitments that limit the time they will be available to play.

Both the Challenger and the Opponent are urged to make a considerable effort to organise their matches in good time, being sympathetic and fair towards the other person's own circumstances. **Common sense should prevail in all situations arising.**

If a Challenger has failed to offer the Opponent a reasonable choice of dates the Opponent should inform the competition secretary. This may result in the Challenger forfeiting the game and a walkover being awarded to the Opponent.

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If a match is cancelled due to adverse weather and it is not possible to arrange another date before the closing date, and neither the Challenger or Opponent wish to withdraw, the winner will be decided by the toss of a coin.

**If a match has to be abandoned due to adverse weather conditions, sickness or other reasons and 12 or more ends have already been completed that score will stand. If less than 12 ends have been completed the game must be continued at a later date and where possible this should be on the same rink as before.**

If, by the set closing date for a round, any match remains **un-completed** the Competition Secretary's decision is final based on the cases already put forward by both parties.

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## AVAILABILITY FOR PLAY

If any player or team is not ready to play their match within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time the opposing player or team may claim a walkover

If, during the course of the season, a player becomes aware that they will not be available to play on the Finals Weekend they should immediately withdraw from the competition. In singles competitions they should award their next opponent victory by a walk-over. In team competitions the team may appoint a substitute (see substitution rules below) or otherwise withdraw from the competition.

If during the course of the season a player becomes aware that they may not be able to meet all or any of their commitments to play matches by or at the designated time they should selectively withdraw from any remaining competitions to a level where they feel they can meet their commitments. In team competitions the team may appoint a substitute as a replacement for the remainder of the competition.

Where a player becomes temporarily unavailable for play during the season (e.g. due to holidays or illness) they should advise any opponents and team members that they are scheduled to play with or against as soon as possible and, if necessary arrange for a substitute and seek approval from the Competition Secretary. Failure to do so may lead to any matches affected being awarded to the opponents.

## SUBSTITUTES

Substitutes may only be used in team competitions and only with the agreement of the Competition Secretary whose approval should be obtained prior to every match where a substitute is required.

- a) A Substitute in any competition may not have previously played in that competition for any other team.
- b) A Substitute appointed will be replaced by the original team member after each stage in the competition
- c) A substitute is taken as replacing the original team member only for the one game that has been approved by the competition secretary. To be clear this rule will apply to all rounds including semi-finals and finals.
- d) If the original team member should withdraw permanently from the competition the substitute may then become a full member of the team and approval is no longer needed from the competition secretary
- e) A team must contain at least one member of the original team.
- e) A team may only appoint a substitute who would otherwise qualify for the competition.
- f) If a suitable substitute cannot be identified the team should withdraw from the competition.
- g) It is important to note that regardless of whether players or substitutes have played throughout the season, any recognition or prize money will only be awarded to the players or substitutes of that team who take part in the final.