



St Thomas Bowling Club

Club Competition Rules

1. These rules apply to all club competitions which come under the control of the Competition Controller.
2. The club shall run the following bowls competitions
 - a) Championship (first to 21 shots)
 - b) Handicap (as nominated)
 - c) Two Woods (first to 21 shots) Ladies 21 ends (Bowls Devon Year Book)
 - d) Junior (first to 21 shots)
 - e) Over 60's (first to 21 ends)
 - f) Ricky Parr Trophy
 - g) Men's Drawn Pairs
3. It is the responsibility of the challenger (first named) to offer his opponent three dates. If these dates are unsuitable then every effort must be made between the two competitors to come to a satisfactory arrangement. Both players must contact each other to make arrangements.
4. The challenger chooses the rink and colour for the competition. There will be no dice throwing by the challenger.
5. It is the responsibility of the challenger to provide a marker for the competition, prior to the date of the game. If a marker has not been arranged, the opponent has the right to refuse to play the game, and in certain circumstances the game may be forfeited at the discretion of the Competition Controller. Any competent person can mark the competition as long as both parties are in agreement'. Any objection to the choice of marker shall be referred to the Competition Controller who will make the final decision.
6. If a competitor fails to appear ready to play within 15 minutes of the agreed time, the opponent may claim a walkover. (Bowls Devon Rule 6.4)
7. Competition must be played by the closing date set by the Competition Controller. Failure to play by such date shall result in the disqualification of both players. The Competition Controller shall have sole authority and discretion to grant an extension of the time beyond the specified closing date if satisfied that the circumstances warrant such an extension.
8. No player in the competition shall play on the same rink on the day of said competition, under penalty of disqualification (Bowls England Rule)
9. During competitions a score board shall be used and the score displayed thereon, at the edge of the rink in use. It is the sole responsibility of the marker to record and display scores
10. Any dispute on the match rink must be settled by the marker, whose decision will be final.
11. The decision of postponement or abandonment of play caused by any reason (bad weather, ill health etc.) shall rest with the marker.
12. All fees (as set by AGM) must be paid to the Competition Controller, on entry to any competition, and there will be no refunds.
13. If a member has any complaint about these rules he must write to the Management Secretary within seven days. In all other respects the law of the game as formulated by the International bowling Board (Bowls England version) shall apply.