



# Mill Bowling Club Competitions Rules - 2026

## General Rules

1. All competitions shall be played under World Bowls' Laws of the Sport of Bowls and Domestic Regulations for Bowls England unless otherwise stated.
2. All rounds will have fixed closing dates and these must be adhered to. Both players must make every effort to play the match by the stated deadline.
3. The challenger (the player listed on top in each match) is responsible for arranging the match and they should offer dates to the opponent. The challenger should choose the rink and must book the date and time in the rink diary. They are also responsible for arranging a marker.
4. All entrants should be prepared to act as a marker if requested. Non-competing members may also be prepared to mark, however, their goodwill in doing so should not be taken advantage of.
5. Players toss for the mat. The completed scorecard should be signed by both players/skips and delivered to the Competition Secretary.
6. If there are extenuating circumstances that prevent the deadline being met, then the Competition Secretary must be informed before the round deadline.
7. If a player decides to concede a match, then they should inform their opponent, and both players should inform the Competition Secretary before the round deadline. If a player withdraws from the Pairs, then the Competition Secretary may permit them to be replaced by a player with a similar handicap.
8. Failure to meet the deadline or to inform the Competition Secretary before the deadline may lead to both players/pairs being scratched from that competition.
9. It is expected that finalists will make themselves available for play on both days of the finals weekend.
10. Any dispute should be recorded on the scorecard and a written statement of the issue delivered to the Competition Secretary within 24 hours of the match. A final decision will be made by the Competition Secretary or a Competition Sub-Committee.



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## ***Club Championship – The Guv'nors Cup***

Singles, 4 woods, played to 21 shots.

## ***Club Handicap – Celebration Cup***

Singles, 4 woods, played to 21 shots

The handicap differential is added to the lower handicap player at the start.

## ***Stan Dale***

Singles, 4 woods, play two sets of nine ends. If it is a tie at one set all then a best-of-three ends tiebreak set will be played.

Toss for the mat. Winner of the toss has the mat for the first set, and the opponent has the mat at start of the second set (regardless of who gets the shot on the last end of first set.)

If a player reaches a score that cannot be beaten by the opponent in the remaining ends of the set, then the set is completed, and the remaining ends should not be played. Play is continuous between the first and second sets and between second set and tiebreak; there should be no changing of ends.

*Tiebreak rules:*

*toss a coin at the start of the tiebreak; the winner of the toss can choose to have the mat or they can give the mat to their opponent;*

*on the second end the loser of the toss has the choice of having the mat or giving it away;*

*if a deciding end is needed then the winner of the tiebreak toss has the choice of keeping the mat or giving it away;*

*only the shot wood counts and the winner of the tiebreak set is the first to win two ends, 2-0 or 2-1.*

## ***John Puttock Trophy***

Singles, 3 woods, played to 18 ends. If the score is tied then an extra end is played, toss for the mat.

## ***E. Wilson Trophy – Two Woods***

Singles, 2 woods, played to 21 shots.



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## **Charles Rose Bowl – 75 Shots**

Singles, 4 woods, played to 75 points.

Points are awarded for the nearest four bowls to the jack. 4 points for the shot, 3 points for the second, 2 points for the third and 1 point for the fourth nearest.

In the event of two bowls being measured as equidistant from the jack then both bowls score the same points.

*(If the shot bowls are equidistant then points would be 4,4,2,1; if the second bowls are equidistant then points would be 4,3,3,1; if the third bowls are equidistant then points would be 4,3,2,2; if the fourth bowls are equidistant then the points would be 4,3,2,1,1.)*

At the conclusion of the end the points are added up and the total for each player is added to their score. Winner is first to 75 points (or more).

If both players reach 75 points (or more) on the same end, then the player with the highest score is the winner.

If there is a tie when both players reach the same total of 75 (or more) on the same end, then a sudden-death extra end is played. Toss for the mat, there are no points on this end, the player holding shot wins.

## **George W Gibson Trophy**

Pairs, 4 woods each, played to 18 ends.

Seeded handicap, drawn pairs comprising a higher handicap player and a lower handicap player. Combined handicap differential is added to lower handicap pair at the start.

If the score is tied then an extra end is played, toss for the mat.

## **Novices - Scott Tankard**

Singles, 4 woods, played to 21 shots.

Open to members who have not previously won a singles competition either internally or externally.

## **Ron Burch Memorial Shield**

Singles, 4 woods, 6 ends (straight off). League format with knock-out final stages. Precise format is dependent on number of entries.