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## **GENERAL COMPETITION RULES**

### **1. ELIGIBILITY**

The Competitions shall be confined to such clubs as have joined the Association and have paid their subscriptions for the current year. No restriction shall be placed upon any members playing in more than one Competition, but they shall only submit their names once for each Competition, and shall not enter for more than one Club in County Competitions, Competition entries together with relevant competition fees to be submitted to the County Association by the 1<sup>st</sup> October each Year.

- (a) Entries shall show the contact name of the players in each team, the name of that the player will appear in the handbook. The address and telephone number of the handbook entrant shall also be required. Anyone who has made an entry into a competition may not be part of another nominated team, in the same competition. A player nominated to play in a singles competition cannot be replaced.
- (b) There shall be no transfer of competition entries from one club to another, after the competition entry closing date. There shall be no exceptions.
- (c) When a substitute first plays the score card must be marked "Substitute" against his name and the scorecard sent to the relevant Area Secretary/Competition Secretary.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO EACH OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ALL ROUNDS.**

#### **(i) SINGLES**

- (a) Each game shall consist of 21 shots, 4 bowls each player

#### **(ii) PAIRS**

- (a) Each game shall consist of 21 ends, 4 bowls each player, the leads to play their 4 bowls before the skips. In the event of a tie an extra end must be played, the points of this end to count in the final score.
- (b) Each pair must consist of two men, who must be playing members of the same club.
- (c) The two players taking part in the first game shall be the nominated pair and should normally play together throughout the competition. One additional-and the same-player may be used as a substitute in subsequent rounds provided he has not already played in the competition. If a substitute is used the scorecard bearing his name must be posted to the relevant Area Secretary.
- (d) If a substitute cannot be found and the game cannot be played by the Competition Secretaries fixed date the match will be conceded to your opponent, there will be no exceptions.

#### **(iii) TRIPLES**

- (a) Each game shall consist of 18 ends, 3 bowls per player. In the event of a tie an extra end must be played, the points of this end to count in the final score.
- (b) Each Triple shall consist of three men, who must be playing members of the same club
- (c) The three players taking part in the first game shall be the nominated triple and should normally play together throughout the competition. One additional-and the same-player may be used as a substitute in subsequent rounds provided he has not already played in the competition. If a substitute is used the scorecard bearing his name must be posted to the relevant Area Secretary.

- (d) If a substitute cannot be found and the game cannot be played by the Competition Secretaries fixed date the match will be conceded to your opponent, there will be no exceptions.

(iv) **FOURS**

- (a) Each game shall consist of 21 ends, 2 bowls per player. In the event of a tie an extra end must be played, the points of this end to count in the final score.
- (b) Each Four shall consist of four men, who must be playing members of the same club.
- (c) The four players taking part in the first game shall be the nominated four and should normally play together throughout the competition. One additional-and the same-player may be used as a substitute in subsequent rounds provided he has not already played in the competition. If a substitute is used the scorecard bearing his name must be posted to the relevant Area Secretary.
- (d) If a substitute cannot be found and the game cannot be played by the Competition Secretaries fixed date the match will be conceded to your opponent, there will be no exceptions.

**2. CONDITIONS**

- (a) The competitions shall be played under the World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Edition, and shall be under the management of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Leicestershire Bowling Association. Hereafter to be called the F & GPC.  
(Attention is directed to the conditions governing the several individual competitions)
- (b) All competitors must wear grey flannels and whites above the waist unless otherwise stated. Coloured shirts registered with the LBA may be worn in any or all rounds providing all players are dressed similarly and the permission of the challengers club has been obtained
- (c) **WINNERS CARDS** from **THE FIRST GAME PLAYED** of **ALL COMPETITIONS**, duly signed by both parties shall be forwarded by post following the competition round to the Area Secretary or the appropriate Officer and shall be retained by the LBA until the competition is completed. The onus of making such returns shall lie with the winner and only score cards complying with this rule shall be valid. Failing to comply could result in the expulsion of the players or clubs concerned.
- (d) All results to be telephoned/emailed to the relevant Area secretary by 10pm on the same day as the match was played.

**3 QUESTIONS AND DISPUTES**

- (a) The F & GPC of the Leicester Bowling Association, shall determine all questions and disputes that may arise and which do not come within the scope of the Umpires duties.
- (a) Appeals shall be made within 30 minutes of the playing of a tie.  
.A clear statement in writing of the point at issue, together with the evidence, if such exists shall be communicated to the Competition Secretary within 24 hours. If reinstatement of a defeated applicant is desired, on receipt of notice the disputant must appear before the Emergency Committee.

**4. COUNTY REGISTERED APPROVED COLOURED SHIRTS**

- (a) Coloured shirts can only be worn if the whole of the team/side are wearing the same coloured shirts, should one person fail to have a coloured shirt, then the whole team/side will revert back to white shirts and ties. This also applies to all National & County Competitions.
- (b) Further all players should arrive at a venue in club blazers, greys, white shirt with a club tie, and change into the same for any after match hospitality.

**5. DISTRICTS**

- (a) The entrants shall be grouped in Divisions on geographical or such other convenient line as may be determined by the F & GPC, who shall appoint Area Secretaries for the purpose of the Competition.
- (b) Any complaints as to the fitness or otherwise of the green for County Competitions play, shall be made to the County Secretary who in conjunction with the Green Maintenance County Administrator shall make the necessary arrangements for inspection of such green and decide as to such fitness for Competition play.

**6. DRAW CHALLENGER AND OPPONENT**

- (a) Each Competition shall be drawn afresh, the first out being termed the **CHALLENGER** and the second the **OPPONENT**.

- (b) Where the greens of the Challenger do not conform with Rule 5(b), the Challenger will arrange for the Competitions to be played on a neutral green in the area.

## 7. ROUNDS, PERIODS OF

- (a) The dates on which the various rounds of the competitions are to be played shall be fixed by the F & GPC and printed in the handbook. **BY AGREEMENT, TIES MAY BE PLAYED BEFORE THE SET DATE**
- (i) **IN THE FOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS ALL TIES PRIOR TO THE QUARTER FINAL**
- (ii) **IN ALL OTHER COMPETITIONS ALL TIES PRIOR TO THOSE SCHEDULED FOR A SPECIFIC FINALS DAY.**
- (b) In the event of a green-keeper refusing to allow a competition to be played owing to the green being unfit the competitors must contact the Area Secretary forthwith for his decision regarding an alternative date.
- (c) In competitions leading to National Finals the fixed start time shall be deemed to be 6.30pm unless mutually agreed earlier
- (d) If a party arrives more than half an hour after the time fixed for the tie, the other party may claim a walk-over. Such claim to be made to the Hon Competition Secretary within 3 hours of the time fixed for the tie.
- (e) For all rounds other than the quarter final, semi final and final, a draw for available rinks shall be made on the day, and prior to the start of the game, by the two team captains or their representative (players in the case of singles play). It shall be expected that at least two rinks be made available for the draw, however by agreement any rink can be played on without the draw being made.
- (f) Nominated greens, decided by the F&GPC may be used from the Quarter-Finals onwards of each competition.
- (g) Any Competitor or Club being in more than one final shall have the privilege of playing on a different date National Championships to have priority. All competitors in games from the Quarter Finals onwards must wear whites. All finalists in National Competitions must wear white shoes. Where clubs have coloured shirts registered with the LBA they may be worn on any or all rounds providing all players are dressed in club registered shirts and the permission of the host club has been obtained
- (h) Any player who qualifies and plays in the National Championships are to represent Leicestershire and will wear the County Shirt duly provided, notwithstanding the dress code printed in the National Championship programme.
- (j) In all Competitions the National Championships to have priority.
- (j) The two skips shall be judges of all disputed points and when they agree their decision shall be final – if they cannot agree, the point shall be decided by an Umpire.
- (k) In the event of rain stopping a competition match, the match must be continued on the same green, rink and settings unless otherwise mutually agreed upon at the time of abandoning
- (l) The result of each tie shall be telephoned/emailed, by 10.00pm latest on the day of the tie, to the nominated recipient (normally the Area Secretary) by the winners who will then be advised of the opponent and venue for the next round tie.
- (m) Only score cards signed by both parties will be accepted.
- (n) When no Umpire is present the onus of checking the date stamp on bowls rests with the player or players concerned.
- (o) All National and County Competitions must be played on outdoor greens.

## **SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES**

### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

- A. The competition shall be controlled by the F & GPC
- B. The decision of the committee shall be final and binding.
- C. The competition shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the County Association and only one side per club will be allowed to enter.
- D. The draw and fixed dates for the competition shall be made by the Competition Secretary.
- E. The County Club Championship to be played as 2 Teams of four Home and 2 Teams of Four Away, except for the final. Four rinks to be set out on each green and a draw made for the two to be played on an extra end to be played and recorded on the score card. The game to be decided on the result after 21 ends, if a draw an extra end will be played by all 4 teams if still a draw another extra end will be played by all 4 teams until there is a winner.
- F. A change of players is permitted provided that no player shall play in more than one club side in the competition in the same season.
- G. In the event of the Umpire and/or Greenkeeper deciding that no play, or no further play, is possible, matches, in which the number of ends played equals or exceeds 48 will be deemed to have been completed and the scores will stand. In matches where the total number of ends is less than 48, the tie will be declared void and the game will be replayed at a later date.  
When a game is stopped by the Umpire and/or Greenkeeper, play will cease on all rinks simultaneously. Ends commenced but not completed shall be declared dead.
- H. The winning team in each tie must:
  - (a) Telephone/Email the result on the day of the tie to the number indicated on the result card
  - (b) Ensure that the result cards duly signed by both skips are sent by post to the name and address on the result card.
- K. For all rounds other than the final, a draw for available rinks shall be made on the day, and prior to the start of the game, by the two captains or their representative. It shall be expected that at least four rinks be made available for the draw, however, by agreement any two rinks can be played on without the draw being made.

## JUBILEE UNBADGED COMPETITION

- A The Competition shall be controlled by the F & GPC.
- B The decision of the committee shall be final and binding.
- C The competition shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the County Association, and only one side per club will be allowed to enter.
- D The draw and fixed dates for the competition shall be made by the Competition Secretary.
- E A Club entry shall constitute one side of two teams, 4 players in each team, who have **NOT BEEN AWARDED A COUNTY BADGE FROM ANY COUNTY** “outdoor flat green bowling” **ASSOCIATION** but any player who was eligible and has played in an Unbadged Side during a season, can continue to play in the Competition throughout the season regardless of his gaining a full County badge
- F A change of players is permitted provided that no player shall play in more than one club side in the competition in the same season.
- G The result of a tie will be determined by the aggregate of the two teams. In the event of the scores being level at 21 ends, an extra end or ends shall be played simultaneously until a decision is reached.
- H In the event of the Umpire and/or Greenkeeper deciding that no play, or no further play, is possible, matches, in which the number of ends played equals or exceeds 24 will be deemed to have been completed and the scores will stand. In matches where the total number of ends is less than 24, the tie will be declared void and the game will be replayed at a later date.  
When a game is stopped by the Umpire and/or Greenkeeper, play will cease on all rinks simultaneously. Ends commenced but not completed shall be declared dead.
- I The winning side in each tie must:
  - (a) Telephone/Email the result on the day of the tie to the number indicated on the result card
  - (b) Ensure that the result cards duly signed by both skips are sent by post to the name and address on the result card.
- J For all rounds other than the semi final and final, a draw for available rinks shall be made on the day, and prior to the start of the game, by the two captains or their representative. It shall be expected that at least four rinks be made available for the draw, however, by agreement any two rinks can be played on without the draw being made.

## TWO WOOD TRIPLE COMPETITION RULES

- A The competition shall be controlled by the F & GPC.
- B The decision of the committee shall be final and binding.
- C The competition shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the County Association.
- D The draw and fixed dates for the competition shall be made by the Competition Secretary.  
The first named team in each Tie shall be the challengers and are responsible for all match arrangements.  
The round must be played on the dates stated in the handbook for that round, however your attention is drawn to General Competition Rule 6a
- E No alteration of an accepted date shall be made unless mutually agreed upon. Failing such agreement, the player desiring the alteration must play on the accepted date or give his opponent a “Walk Over”
- F The time for commencing a game shall be mutually agreed, but no team shall be compelled to accept a time earlier than 6.15pm on Mondays to Fridays. If a team arrives more than 30 minutes after the agreed time, their opponents may claim a “Walk Over”
- G A team shall consist of three players who shall each have two Bowls each
- H In the event of no decision being reached in the match owing to exceptional weather conditions, the match must be replayed in its entirety within 7 days of the original competition date on the same green, rink and settings, the Competition Secretary to be notified of the revised date. Failure to reach agreement on a revised date will mean that the result of the match will be decided by the Competition Secretary by the toss of a coin.
- I The winning team in each tie must:
- (a) Telephone/Email the result by 10:00pm latest on the day of the tie to the number indicated on the result card.
  - (b) Ensure that the result cards duly signed by both skips are sent by post to the name and address on the result card.
- J A game shall be decided by the score after 21 ends. In the event of a tie at the completion of 21 ends, an extra end or ends shall be played until a decision is reached.
- K The three players taking part in the first game shall constitute the Original Team and they should normally play together throughout the competition  
A substitute player in a team is permitted, provided that no player shall play in more than one club team in the competition in the same season, if a substitute is used the scorecard bearing his name must be posted to the relevant Area Secretary.
- L If a substitute cannot be found and the game cannot be played by the Competition Secretaries fixed date the match will be conceded to your opponent, there will be no exceptions.
- M The final will be played on a date and a venue determined by the Committee
- N For all rounds other than the final, a draw for an available rink shall be made on the day, and prior to the start of the game, by the two skips. It shall be expected that at least two rinks be made available for the draw, however by agreement any rink can be played on without the draw being made
- O Dress code your attention is drawn to General Competition Rules 4 (a) and (b)

## CLUB SECRETARIES SINGLES RULES

- A The competition shall be controlled by the F & GPC.
- B The decision of the committee shall be final and binding.
- C The competition shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the LBA. Entries shall be by club name only. Only the club secretary in office on the date of the first scheduled tie is eligible to play and having once played may not be substituted.
- D The draw and fixed dates for the competition shall be made by the Competition Secretary. The first named team in each Tie shall be the challengers and are responsible for all match arrangements. The round must be played on the dates stated in the handbook for that round, however your attention is drawn to General Competition Rule 6a.
- E No alteration of an accepted date shall be made unless mutually agreed upon. Failing such agreement, the player desiring the alteration must play on the accepted date or give his opponent a “Walk Over”
- F The time for commencing a game shall be mutually agreed, but no player shall be compelled to accept a time earlier than 6.15pm on Mondays to Fridays. If a player arrives more than 30 minutes after the agreed time, their opponents may claim a “Walk Over”
- G The Format for the competition will be “21 shots”, Four Bowl Singles. The winner will be decided by the first player to reach 21 shots. Competitors will toss a coin for the choice of mat at the start.
- H In the event of no decision being reached in the match owing to exceptional weather conditions, the match must be replayed in its entirety within 7 days of the original competition date on the same green, rink and settings, the Competition Secretary to be notified of the revised date. Failure to reach agreement on a revised date will mean that the result of the match will be decided by the Competition Secretary by the toss of a coin.
- I The winning player in each tie must:
  - (a) Telephone/Email the result by 10:00pm latest on the day of the tie to the number indicated on the result card.
  - (b) Ensure that the result cards duly signed by both skips are sent by post to the name and address on the result card.
- J The final will be played on a date and a venue determined by the Committee.
- K For all rounds other than the final, a draw for an available rink shall be made on the day, and prior to the start of the game, by the two players. It shall be expected that at least two rinks be made available for the draw, however by agreement any rink can be played on without the draw being made.
- L Dress code your attention is drawn to General Competition Rules 4 (a) and (b)

## CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

- A The competition shall be controlled by the F & GPC.
- B The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding.
- C The competition shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the County Association and will comprise of the 4 Bowls Club Singles Champion of the previous year, and nominated by his club. No other person shall be nominated and no substitutes or runners up are permitted.
- D The draw and fixed dates for the competition shall be made by the Competition Secretary. The first named player in each Tie shall be the challenger and is responsible for all match arrangements. The tie must be played on the date stated in the handbook for that round. Your attention is drawn to General Competition Rules 6a
- E No alteration of an accepted date shall be made unless mutually agreed upon. Failing such agreement, the player desiring the alteration must play on the accepted date or give his opponent a "Walk Over".
- F The time for commencing a game shall be mutually agreed, but no player shall be compelled to accept a time earlier than 6.15pm on Mondays to Fridays. If a player arrives more than 30 minutes after the agreed time, for the tie his opponents may claim a "Walk Over".
- G The Format for the competition will be "21 shots", Four Bowl Singles. The winner will be decided by the first player to reach 21 shots. Competitors will toss a coin for the choice of mat at the start.
- H In the event of no decision being reached in the match owing to exceptional weather conditions, the match must be replayed in its entirety within 7 days of the original competition date on the same green, rink and settings, the Competition Secretary to be notified of the revised date. Failure to reach agreement on a revised date will mean that the result of the match will be decided by the Competition Secretary by the toss of a coin.
- I The winning player in each tie must:
  - (a) Telephone/Email the result, by 10.00pm latest, on the day of the tie to the number indicated on the result card and
  - (b) Ensure that the result cards duly signed by both skips are sent by post to the name and address on the result card.
- J The semi final and final will be played on a date and a venue determined by the Committee.
- K For all rounds other than the semi final and final, a draw for an available rink shall be made on the day, and prior to the start of the game, by the two players. It shall be expected that at least two rinks be made available for the draw, however by agreement any rink can be played on without the draw being made.
- L Dress code your attention is drawn to General Competition Rules 4 (a) and (b)

## UNDER 25s COMPETITION RULES

- A The competition shall be controlled by the F & GPC
- B The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding.
- C The competition shall be open to players who have not reached their 25th birthday on the 1st April in the year of the Competition and are Members of a club affiliated to the County Association.
- D The draw and fixed dates for the competition shall be made by the Competition Secretary. The first named player in each Tie shall be the challenger and is responsible for all match arrangements. The tie must be played on the date stated in the handbook for that round. Your attention is drawn to General Competition Rules 6
- E No alteration of an accepted date shall be made unless mutually agreed upon. Failing such agreement, the player desiring the alteration must play on the accepted date or give his opponent a "Walk Over".
- F The time for commencing a game shall be mutually agreed, but no player shall be compelled to accept a time earlier than 6.15pm on Mondays to Fridays. If a player arrives more than 30 minutes after the agreed time, for the tie his opponents may claim a "Walk Over".
- G The Format for the competition will be "21 shots", Four Bowl Singles. The winner will be decided by the first player to reach 21 shots. Competitors will toss a coin for the choice of mat at the start. The jack when hit into the ditch within the rink width will remain in play, in all other circumstances if the jack goes out of bounds, the end will be replayed.
- H In the event of no decision being reached in the match owing to exceptional weather conditions, the match must be replayed in its entirety within 7 days of the original competition date on the same green, rink and settings, the Competition Secretary to be notified of the revised date. Failure to reach agreement on a revised date will mean that the result of the match will be decided by the Competition Secretary by the toss of a coin
- I The winning player in each tie must:
  - (a) Telephone/Email the result, by 10.00pm latest, on the day of the tie to the number indicated on the result card and
  - (b) Ensure that the result cards duly signed by both skips are sent by post to the name and address on the result card.
- J The final will be played on a date and a venue determined by the Committee.
- K For all rounds other than the final, a draw for an available rink shall be made on the day, and prior to the start of the game, by the two players. It shall be expected that at least two rinks be made available for the draw, however by agreement any rink can be played on without the draw being made.
- L The winner & Runner up qualifies to play in the Bowls England National Championships.
- M Dress code your attention is drawn to General Competition Rules 4 (a) and (b)

## **GREENWOOD CUP COMPETITION**

- A The competition shall be controlled by the F & GPC
- B The decision of the Committee in each circumstance shall be final and binding.
- C The competition shall be open to male and female members of the same club or sections of the same club who shall be affiliated to their respective Associations.
- D Club entry fees which shall be fixed by the F & GPC, and shall be donated to the Leicestershire and Rutland Institute for the Blind, after deduction of expenses.
- E The draw and fixed date for the competition shall be made by the Competition Secretary.
- F A club may enter any number of sides, each side to consist of 4 teams of 4 players. Teams may be male and/or female. (See rule c).
- G The draw will involve each individual team of each side playing on neutral greens against different opponents.
- H The game will be played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Edition, for fours, plus one extra end. In the event of a tied result the scores of the extra ends shall determine the result, If still tied the number of ends won shall decide.
- I Games to commence at 2.30 pm.
- J Club secretaries to make out club score cards for all their rinks and ensure that the name of the club appears on each score card.
- K All clubs whose greens are used, should appoint an official to act as an Umpire and who will collect all the score cards at the end of each game and send them immediately by first class post to the Competition Secretary.
- L Rinks to be drawn by the club official.
- M Green fees and teas will be charged by the clubs and paid for by the players.
- N Games to be played in whites or club registered shirts may be worn, (providing all players wear club registered shirts)

**MIXED PAIRS COMPETITION RULES**

- A The competition shall be controlled by the F & GPC.
- B The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding
- C The competition shall be open to all Female members of clubs affiliated to the Leicestershire Ladies County Bowling Association and Male members of clubs affiliated to the Leicestershire Bowling Association.
- D The draw and fixed dates for the competition shall be made by the Competition Secretary. The first named team in each Tie shall be the challenger and is responsible for all match arrangements. The tie must be played on the date stated in the handbook for that round. Your attention is drawn to General Competition Rules 6a.
- E No alteration of an accepted date shall be made unless mutually agreed upon. Failing such agreement, the player desiring the alteration must play on the accepted date or give his opponent a "Walk Over"
- F The time for commencing a game shall be mutually agreed, but no player shall be compelled to accept a time earlier than 6.15pm on Mondays to Fridays. If a player arrives more than 30 minutes after the agreed time, for the tie his opponents may claim a "Walk Over"
- G A team shall consist of 1 Female and 1 Male. Either player may skip. Players need not be members of the same club. Each game shall be 21 ends, 4 bowls each player, the lead playing his/her four bowls before the skip. A named player entering a team competition cannot be a member or substitute of any other team in the same year.
- H In the event of no decision being reached in the match owing to exceptional weather conditions, the match must be replayed in its entirety within 7 days of the original competition date on the same green, rink and settings, the Competition Secretary to be notified of the revised date. Failure to reach agreement on a revised date will mean that the result of the match will be decided by the Competition Secretary by the toss of a coin
- I The winning team in each tie must:
- (a) Telephone the result on the day of the tie, by 10.30pm latest, to the number indicated on the result card
  - (b) Ensure that the result cards duly signed by both skips are sent first class post to the name and address on the result card
- J A game shall be decided by the score after 21 ends. In the event of a tie at the completion of 21 ends, an extra end or ends shall be played until a decision is reached
- K The two players taking part in the first game shall constitute the Original Team and they should normally play together throughout the competition. One and the same male and/or one and the same female player may be used as a substitute, at any time, providing that they have not already played in the competition, and they are a full member of a club affiliated to the L.L.C.B.A and the L.B.A, they may play in either position. One member of the original pair must play in each tie. If a substitute is used the scorecard bearing his/her name must be posted to the relevant Area Secretary
- L If a substitute cannot be found and the game cannot be played by the Competition Secretaries fixed date the match will be conceded to your opponent, there will be no exceptions.
- M The final will be played on a date and a venue determined by the Committee.
- N For all rounds other than the final, a draw for an available rink shall be made on the day, and prior to the start of the game, by the two skips. It shall be expected that at least four rinks be made available for the draw, however by agreement any rink can be played on without the draw being made
- O Dress code your attention is drawn to General Competition Rules 4 (a) and (b)