

Bishop's Stortford Bowling Club Competition Rules

- 1) The Competitions shall be played under the normal laws of bowls as determined by the Management Committee.
- 2) The Men's and Women's Competitions Committees shall be appointed by the respective Captains to control the operation of competitions under the auspices of the Management Committee
- 3) Entries to all competitions must be made to the Competitions Committees by 1st May each year, or such other date as determined by the Management Committee
- 4) The entrance fee shall be determined by the Management Committee.
- 5) The competitions shall be confined to full playing paid up members of the Club.
- 6) The draw for the competitions shall be made by the Competitions Committees. The Competitions Committees shall determine the closing date for each round of the competitions.
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 - a) The player printed first on the draw sheet shall be the Challenger who shall offer his/her opponent two dates/times one of which should be accepted. No dates shall be offered to any competitor during the time he/she shall be on tour with Hertfordshire Bowls. Alternative dates must be offered if the opponent is involved in another Club Competition or a competition or match organised by Bowls England, Hertfordshire Bowls or any competition or match in which the Club is represented.
 - b) If no offer is made within 7 days of completion of the previous round, the Opponent must make every effort to contact the Challenger. Having agreed the date and time the Challenger shall choose and book a rink in the Club's Rink Reservation System.
 - c) If no such agreement is made, the relevant Competition Committee may use their discretion to set a new closing date.
 - d) If the competition is still outstanding immediately after the closing date it will be determined that the challenger has not made any arrangements to play the competition; so the opponent will be given a Bye into the next round.
Alternatively, if the opponent has not accepted any of the dates offered or arranged to play the competition by the closing date, it will be assumed that the opponent has not made arrangements to play the competition; then the challenger will be given a Bye into the next round..
- 8) The challenger shall arrange a marker for singles competitions
- 9) If a competitor arrives more than 30 minutes after the time fixed for the competition and in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, the other competitor may claim the game.
- 10) Any claim as to default must be forwarded in writing to the relevant Competition Committee within 24 hrs of the fault occurring.

- 11) Substitutes will be allowed in all competitions (except Singles) within the following limits:-
 - The players taking part in the first game shall constitute the team and should play together throughout the competition.
 - One additional-and the same player- may however be used as a substitute at any time after the first round of the competition provided he/she has not already played in the competition.
 - In the case of competitions which involve both male and female competitors the substitute may be either male or female provided that the team remains mixed.
 - All substitutes shall be agreed by the relevant Competitions Committee.
- 12) In the Singles Handicap the difference between the two handicap ratings is awarded as shots to the lower handicapped competitor at the start of the match. The winner of the match will then be the first competitor to achieve 21 shots.
- 13) The Two Wood Singles is played over 21 ends plus an extra end if required.
- 14) The Finals of the competitions shall be played on the dates and times appointed by the Management Committee.
- 15) For the Singles Aggregate Cup and the Devall Memorial Cup, these competitions shall be played on dates and times to be fixed by the Management Committee who shall determine the rules applicable to such competitions.
- 16) Entries to the Women's G Mason and the Men's Consolation Competitions are restricted to players who have not won a Singles or Pairs Competition in this or another club in the last four years.
- 17) No alterations shall be made to these Rules except at a Management Committee Meeting.

These Rules for Club Competitions were revised and agreed at a Management Committee on May 18th 2021