

WORCESTERSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

ALL COUNTY COMPETITIONS

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. The Competitions shall be confined to playing members of Clubs affiliated to the Worcestershire Bowls Association whose subscriptions have been paid for the current year. They shall be played under the rules of the Bowls England and under the management and control of the Executive Council or Competition who shall determine all questions or disputes that may arise and that do not come within the scope of the Umpire's duties, as here in after defined. The decision of the Council shall be final and binding. (All Bowls must bear the current World Bowls Stamp).

Eligibility to enter WBA Competitions as follows]:- Entrants and/or Team Players must be affiliated to Worcestershire Bowling Association.

Entrants and/or Team Players who are also affiliated to other Counties and intend to play in that Counties Competitions, will not be allowed to play in any Worcestershire Bowling association Competitions.

2. A player shall not represent more than one Club in any one year in all County Competitions.
3. All entries accompanied by entrance fees, should be returned as directed on the entry forms on or before The Annual General Meeting. Where required the names of all Competitors must be entered on the entry form. If receipts are required a stamped addressed envelope must accompany entry forms.
4. The draw will be published and issued to Club Secretaries which shall be deemed sufficient notice to Competitors.
5. The Rounds in all Competitions are played on fixed dates and must be completed by the date mentioned in respective draws. By mutual arrangement ties may be played before the Final Date. Failure to play a tie on or before the date fixed will involve the scratching of one or both competitors as the appropriate Committee may determine.
6. All individual Competitions, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Junior Pairs, Veteran Pairs, Reg Russell Triples, Senior Fours, Mixed Fours to be 18 Ends. Pairs, 4 Bowls per player, Triples, 3 Bowls per player, Fours, 2 Bowls per player. Singles, 21 Shots, 4 Bowls.

Ladies Double Rink – 18 ends, 2 Rinks, Ladies Benevolent Triples and Ladies Over 60's Pairs, please see separate rules that have been adopted. Vernon Turner Cup – 18 Ends, 4 Rinks, a Rink should be drawn prior to the game to play an extra end if required.

7. The first named in all Competitions in each tie up to and including the Quarter-Finals shall be deemed the challenger.

The challenger may play his/her game on a neutral green if :-

- (a) His/her Green has been declared unfit.
- (b) If there is an over capacity of ties on the Green.
- (c) If he/she so wishes.

All changes of venue must be by mutual consent and the Challenger must cover the costs of his/her opponent.

The County Competition Secretary must be informed of any changes of venue.

The Rinks to be used, under any circumstances, will be drawn from at least 2 Rinks from those available at the time of arrival of All the players at the Club where the ties are to be played.

It would be appreciated if Clubs could consider giving precedence to National and County Competitions.

8. All County Competitions shall be played within the Worcestershire boundaries, except where an affiliated entrant from outside the County is drawn at "Home" they are allowed to play at a Green of their choice (if that Green is available) within the Worcestershire boundaries, or outside the County if both parties agree. Matches MUST be played on a Green and on Rinks approved by the County Association and chosen by the Challenger who will make all match arrangements. If Green Fees are payable at that venue they will be shared by both Participants/ Teams.
9. The Semi-Finals and Finals of all County Competitions shall be played on a neutral Green appointed by the Association.
10. To assure a neutral venue for the Men's and Ladies County Finals.

That if a Player or Team qualifies to play in a Ladies County Final on their Home green then they should play on the Green and date of the Men's County Finals and if a Player or Team qualifies to play in the Men's

County Finals on their own Green then they should play on the Green and date of the Ladies Finals.

11. The 2 Bowl Singles to be played on a day down to a Winner as organised by the WBA Competition Secretary.
12. Finals of the Ladies Club Double Rink Competitions and Men's Champion of Champions, Veteran Pairs, Reg Russell Triples, Mixed Fours and Vernon Turner Cup to be played on a date set by the association. Every endeavour will be made to publish these dates in advance.
13. The Ladies Benevolent Triples and Ladies Over 60's Pairs to be played over 2 days to a conclusion as organised by the Competition Secretary.
14. To play the 2nd County Finals and Semi-Finals in Greys, Club Shirts, the internal County Competitions, Champion of Champions, Veteran Pairs, Reg Russell Triples, Mixed Fours and Vernon Turner Cup.
15. The Vernon Turner Cup will normally be played on the President's Green but if the President's Club reaches the Final an alternative Green will be organised by the Competition Secretary.
16. No alteration of the Finals Dates will be considered for any Competition.
17. Rounds in each Competition must be completed by the specified dates.
18. The Winner of each tie shall forward the Score Card, initialled by the loser, to the Competition secretary immediately after each game. Failure to comply with this action, may result in forfeiture of the tie.
19. In County Competition Games each competitor shall examine his/her opponents Bowls before the commencement of the games.
20. In Single Handed Competitions, Umpires to be mutually agreed upon, shall determine such points as may arise in the course play, and the application of the Bowls England rules thereto. Their respective decisions shall be Final in the absence of an Umpire.
21. The two skips shall be the judges of all disputed points. In case of disagreement, the point shall be decided by an Umpire previously appointed or by a neutral person agreed.
22. An Umpire shall have the power to decide if the Green is fit for play, in consultation with the Green Keeper, and if unfit to postpone the game.
23. Weather Affected Games, Should play be suspended due to inclement weather, the game should re-commence, at the point at which it is suspended, the next possible day available to all participants, on the same Rink, where possible (Please inform the Competition Secretary). An end not completed shall be null and void. (This rule differs from that of

the Bowls England National Competitions, which are run on a different basis).

A list of Winners will be put on the WBA Website as soon as is possible.

Competitors Names, Telephone Numbers and email Addresses are on the WBA Website to aid Challengers in fixing up their matches.

County Champions and Runners-Up are earnestly requested to make every endeavour to take part in the National Championships.

All trophies must be returned to the County Competition Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Finals day.

All players must obey the latest version of the Sport of Bowls.

For further information on County Competitions please view Essential Information for Competitors under Useful Guides.

Also for Ladies Internal Competitions please view Ladies In House Competitions Document under Competitions.

N.B. Dress Code

Competitors shall be suitably dressed i.e.

Early Rounds: Grey Trousers, Shorts manufactured for the Sport of Bowls, Club or White Shirt, Regulation footwear, White or Coloured.

Semi-Finals and Finals: White Trousers or White Shorts with Club Shirt or White Shirt, Regulation Footwear, White or Coloured.

If approved Club Shirts are worn all players must wear the same design shirt.

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