



Waterside Bowling Club

Internal Competition Information Guide

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Club Bowls Competitions - General Rules

1. 1.0 General Rules Coverage:

The rules detailed herein relate to ALL Club Competitions that qualify for Club Finals, including all Day Competitions.

All Waterside Bowling Club Competitions that result in a final over Finals Weekend follow Bowls England rules with the exceptions as noted in this document, specifically 100-Up Competitions and Handicap Competitions. Fun Days, Special Events and Singles and Pairs Leagues are organised as extra bowling activities and will be subject to specific rules outlined in separate notices.

i. 1.1 Competition Management:

The Competition Secretary in conjunction with Ladies Competition Secretary are responsible for the management of ALL Club Competitions and must be referred to in matters of disputes. The Competition Secretaries' decisions are final but, if necessary, will refer disputes to the Management Committee.

ii. 1.2 Challenges/Challenger:

The Challenger is the first named member outlined on the draw sheet and is responsible for issuing the challenge to their opponents. In team games the Skip is the responsible challenger.

The Challenger MUST offer three dates to their opponent, which must follow the rules outlined below. If the dates offered are unaccepted by the opponent then the Challenger may claim the game with reference to the Competition Secretary's approval.

If the initial Challenger cannot offer dates within the rules, the challenge passes to the Opponent, who must then offer two further dates. In the event of any disputes, the matter must be referred to the relevant Competition Secretary, who will make a decision after consultation with both parties.

- The 3 offered dates must include at least one week-day and a week-end date.
- The time for the commencement of these games shall be mutually agreed but no competitor shall be compelled to agree a starting time on weekdays earlier than 6.00 pm or later than 6.30 pm.
- No challenge dates should coincide with any external fixed date competitions or leagues.
- First Offered dates must be a minimum of 7 days prior to the published Challenge by Date.
- The Challenger shall make all necessary arrangements for the game, book a rink online and arrange a marker for singles competitions.
- The scorecard must be signed and placed in the box in the changing room, which the Competition Secretary will check and remove.

- The winners of any round should update the draw sheet, putting themselves through to the next round and check their next opponent.

iii. 1.3 Dress Code:

ALL Club Competitions are to be played in Club Shirts and Navy-Blue Trousers. This is important in that it shows respect to the benefactor who donated the Trophy and its importance in the club calendar.

iv. 1.4 Unable To Complete Match:

1.4.1 Inclement Weather:

In the event of a match not being able to be completed due to inclement weather, and where this makes it impossible to re-arrange a fixture before the completion date, the aggregate score, in uncompleted matches in which 12 ends or more have been played, shall stand as the result unless otherwise specified. If the score is a tie, the result shall be decided by the toss of a coin. Matches not started and matches in which less than twelve ends have been completed shall be decided by the toss of a coin, or by mutual agreement. If no agreement can be reached, then the situation must be reported to the Competition Secretary who will make a decision.

1.4.2 Other Situations:

Any issue or situation which results in the game not being played or the outcome of the game is in dispute then this must be referred to the Competition Secretary immediately.

v. 1.5 Substitutions:

A substitution may be used within the following rules for Club Competitions where a Final is played over Finals Weekend. These rules may be applied to Day Competitions at the discretion of the Competition Secretary.

- A substitute may not be used in Singles.
- Only one substitute may be used in Pairs or Triples.
- In Fours (Rinks), a maximum of two are permitted.
- The substitute/s may not play as Skip.
- The substitute/s must not have played in a previous round of the same competition.
- The substitute must be a full member of the Club.
- If a substitute is required during a game, the rules found in the current 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls' apply.
- If a player/team/side fails to appear and be ready to play within **30 minutes** after the mutually agreed time, the opponent may claim a 'walk over' after discussing the matter with the Competition Secretary.
- If a player/team/side is onsite but is not ready to play within **15 minutes** after the mutually agreed time for the tie, the opponent/s may claim a 'walk over' after discussing the matter with the Competition Secretary.

2.0 Club Competitions:

Singles, Two-Wood Singles, Handicap Singles
Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Aussie Pairs
Triples, Fours
100 Up (Pete Cox (Men) & Rayment Trophy (Ladies))
Brian Mainwaring Trophy

2.1 Competitions Formats:

2.1.1 Singles:

Championships	- 4 Woods - 21 Shots (Men's & Ladies)
Green Medal	- 4 Woods - 21 Shots (Men)** (Refer 2.1.8a)
2 Wood Singles	- 2 Woods - 21 Ends (Men)
Asquith	- 2 Woods - 21 Ends (Ladies)
Pete Cox Trophy	- 4 Woods - 100 up (Men)** (Refer: 2.1.8b)
Rayment Cup	- 4 Woods - 100 up (Ladies)** (Refer: 2.1.8b)
Anne Bedford (Handicap)	- 4 Woods - 21 Shots (Ladies)
Jamieson	- 4 Woods - 21 Shots (Ladies)** (Refer 2.1.8c)
Brian Mainwaring Trophy	- 4 Woods – 3 Sets (Mixed)** (Refer 2.1.8d)

2.1.2 Mixed Singles:

Chas & George	- 4 Woods - 21 Shots** (Refer: 2.1.8e)
Frank Winterburn	- 2 Woods - 21 Ends

2.1.3 Pairs:

Men's Drawn Pairs	- 4 Woods - 18 Ends
Ladies Drawn Pairs	- 4 Woods - 18 Ends
Ballard Open Aussie Pairs	- 4 Woods – 18 Ends** (Refer: 2.1.8f)
Jackson Ladies 2 Wood Pairs	- 2 Woods – 18 Ends

2.1.4 Mixed Pairs:

Mixed Pairs	- 4 Woods - 18 Ends
Mitchell Trophy (Drawn Pairs)	- 4 Woods - 18 Ends

2.1.5 Triples:

Men's Triples	- 3 Woods - 18 Ends
Ladies Triples	- 3 Woods - 18 Ends
Mixed Triples	- 2 Woods - 21 Ends

2.1.6 Fours

(Currently No Waterside Competition).

2.1.7 Day Competitions:

John Gilbert/Dave Baker	(Men)	- Dependant on Entries - (Teams Seeded)
John Forrest	(Men)	- Dependant on Entries - (Teams Seeded)
Roger Downes	(Mixed)	- Dependant on Entries - (Teams Seeded)

Goodall Cup (Mixed) - Dependant on Entries - **(Teams Seeded)**
2 G'S (Mixed) - Dependant on Entries - **(Teams Seeded)**

2.1.8a Green Medal Rules:

Only open to Male members who have yet to win this competition

2.1.8b Special Rules for 100 up (4 Woods) *(Pete Cox & Rayment*

Competitions):

Each game shall consist of 4 bowls each player. Each player will bowl all there four woods in rotation as for standard singles game. The bowl closest to the Jack scores 4 points, next bowl closest scores 3 points, next 2 points, next 1 point. Touchers in the ditch are included in scoring.

If the marker cannot determine shot for any of the 4 separate scores then that score is not included in the total points awarded for that end only.

Ex: If the marker cannot determine between the two second scoring bowls (3 points) then the 3 points are not included in the score for the end. Only 7 points will be awarded for the end. This rule applies to all the four scoring shots within the end.

If at the end stage of the game both players reach or pass 100 points in the same end then the winner is the player who has shot, irrespective of the number of points reached.

2.1.8c Jamieson Salver

Only open to Ladies who failed to reach a singles final in the previous year.

2.1.8d Brian Mainwaring Trophy Rules:

The Brian Mainwaring Trophy is an open singles competition open to all Management Committee and Sub-Committee Members. It is a FREE to enter competition.

The competition is a 4 wood singles knockout game played over three sets with the first player to reach 7 points to win the set. The game is the best of three sets.

The final will take place over Finals Weekend and will follow the set format but will be the best of 5 (Five) sets.

2.1.8e Chas & George Singles

Only open to Male Members who have NOT won a singles competition (Excluding Brian Mainwaring Trophy).

2.1.8f Ballard Open Aussie Pairs

The Ballard Open Aussie Pairs is an open pairs competition following the traditional 2-4-2 format where Player 1 bowls their 2 woods, then Player 2 bowls all 4 of their woods followed by Player 1 bowling their remaining 2 woods. Scores are as if playing a normal pairs game.