2026/27 Club Competition format and rules

These notes set out the format for each of the competitions organised by the club this year. Should there be any queries with these formats please contact the Competitions Secretary **John King**.

Singles

- **Ladies Singles Championship**
- **Men's Singles Championship**
- **Open Handicap Singles** (the rules and handicaps are set out on a separate sheet)
- **Keith Spear/Pat Sharp Trophy**

The above competitions are **4 bowl** singles competitions with the winner of each match being the first to **21 shots**.

- **Novices Singles**

The above competition is a **4 bowl** singles competition played with the winner the first to reach **21 shots or played over 18 ends** whichever comes first. If 18 ends are played the winner is the player scoring the most shots. Should the scores be tied at 18 ends, one extra end shall be played with the winner of that end determined the winner.

- **Open Singles**

The above competition is a **4 bowl** singles competition played using a **sets** format. This comprises 2 sets of 9 ends. The player scoring the most shots in each set shall be determined the winner of that set. Should the score be tied in any set that set is halved. The winner of the match is determined by which player has won the most sets. Should the sets score be 1-1, then a 3 end tie-break will determine the match winner, with 1 point scored for winning each end. At the commencement of the tie-break the players shall toss a coin. The winner of the toss has choice of either keeping or giving away the jack on ends 1 and 3 of the tie-break. The loser of the toss has the choice of keeping or giving away the jack on end 2 of the tie-break. (This is the format used on the televised World Championship event)

- **2 Bowl Singles**
- **Over 60s 2 Bowl Singles**

The above competitions are 2 bowl singles competitions played over 21 ends with the winner of each match scoring the most shots. Should the scores be tied at 21 ends, one extra end shall be played with the winner of that end determined the winner.

Markers

It is expected that the first named person (the challenger) for each match shall be responsible for supplying a marker. There is a list of members who have volunteered their services to mark next to this notice should you be struggling to find a marker.

Pairs

- **Ladies pairs**
- **Men's pairs**
- **Mixed pairs**

The above competitions are **4 bowl** pairs competitions played over **18 ends** with the winner of each match scoring the most shots. Should the scores be tied at 18 ends, one extra end shall be played with the winner of that end being the match winner.

- **Drawn Pairs**

The above competition is a **2 bowl** pairs competitions played over **18 ends** or 2 hours whichever happens first, with the winner of each match scoring the most shots.

In the event of a dead end, the jack is re-spotted on the nearest spot to the left or right of the "T". Skips cannot visit the head. In the final, the game will be 18 ends and any dead ends will be replayed, the skips can visit the head only immediately before their last wood and there will be no time limit. As this is a "drawn" competition any substitute must be arranged through the competition committee. Should the scores be tied at 18 ends, one extra end shall be played with the winner of that end being the match winner.

- **Aussie Pairs**

The above competition is a **4 bowl** pairs competitions played over **14 ends** with the winner of each match scoring the most shots. Should the scores be tied at 14 ends, one extra end shall be played with the winner of that end determined the match winner. As we now operate an Aussie Pairs League it is expected that entrants are aware of the playing format- if not please just ask!

Triples

- **Drawn mixed triples**

The above competition is a **3 bowl** triples competition played over **18 ends** with the winner of each match scoring the most shots. Should the scores be tied at 18 ends, one extra end shall be played with the winner of that end determined the winner. As this is a "drawn" competition any substitute must be arranged through the competition committee.
Please note if there are insufficient entries from both genders to make this competition fully mixed, to permit the maximum number of teams to play the 'mixed' criteria will be waived.
This competition is to be held on fixed dates.

Fours

- **Drawn mixed fours**

The above competition is a **2 bowl** fours competition played over **18 ends** with the winner of each match scoring the most shots. Should the scores be tied at 18 ends, one extra end shall be played with the winner of that end determined the winner. As this is a "drawn" competition any substitute must be arranged through the competition committee.
Please note if there are insufficient entries from both genders to make this competition fully mixed, to permit the maximum number of teams to play the 'mixed' criteria will be waived.
This competition is to be held on fixed dates.

Guidance for arranging matches

It is expected that the first named person or team (the challenger) for each match shall be responsible for arranging the match.

Challenger shall, no later than the 'Challenge By' date and within 7 days of the previous round offer three (3) dates to there opponent, none of which shall be the completion date or shall they be within the same week. At least one date should be a Saturday or Sunday and one a mid-week after 6pm.

The Opponent must, within four (4) days of receiving the challenge, either accept one of the dates or negotiate an alternative date with the Challenger.

If a challenge has not been received by the end of the 7th day after the end of the previous round, the second named person/team shall become the Challenger, assuming all responsibilities and privileges of the challenger.

The new Challenger must act immediately to agree a date on which to play the tie. Failure to agree a date shall result in the tie being awarded to the current Challenger. If no challenge is made then both competitors/teams shall be eliminated.

If the Challenger is aware, for any reason, that the challenge cannot be made within the specified time, then the Competition Secretary must be advised Immediately

Any difficulty in agreeing a date, or claims for the game, must be reported to the Competition Secretary before the completion date of the round.

Failure to adhere to these procedures will result in disqualification of either or both competitors/ teams. Matches must be completed by the completion date of that round, unless agreed otherwise with the Competition Secretary prior to the completion date of the round.

Please remember that arrangements should be made with good club spirit in mind. The Competition Secretary does not want to see walkovers claimed or conceded due to issues in arranging matches.