

2025/26 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 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.

- 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 **15 ends** with the winner of each match scoring the most shots. Should the scores be tied at 15 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 there were insufficient entries from both genders to make this competition fully mixed. To permit the maximum number of teams to play the committee have waived the 'mixed' criteria for this year. This competition is to be held on fixed dates. 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 there were insufficient entries from both genders to make this competition fully mixed. To permit the maximum number of teams to play the committee have waived the ‘mixed’ criteria for this year. 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. The challenger should offer at least 2 dates. Ideally matches should be arranged at least 1 week before the play by date, although the Committee are appreciative that might not always be easy. Please remember that arrangements should be made with good club spirit in mind. The Committee do not want to see walkovers claimed or conceded due to issues in arranging matches.