

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

COMPETITION SECRETARIES:

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1. Any club member may enter Club Competitions, whether or not they hold a Season Ticket, provided that, in all other respects, they are eligible to represent Southbourne Bowling Club in the corresponding Bournemouth & District Bowling Associations competitions.
 2. In the event of a club member not holding a current Season Ticket the appropriate green fee must be paid **before** each round of each competition entered.
 3. All bowls must be stamped in accordance with Bowls England regulations and competitors must wear the correct dress in all competitions.
 4. The respective Competition Secretaries and one Men's or Ladies' Committee member will decide the draw and dates by which each round must be completed. No extensions of time will be allowed.
- 4(a) Any member who puts a partner or partners down as "ANO" (ie. Another person, name unknown) on a Competition entry form, will be charged for that entry and it will be their responsibility to collect the fee from their eventual chosen partner. The competition draw sheet will show "ANO" and it will be the responsibility of the member who registered "ANO" to find a partner or partners and notify the Competition Secretary before the first-round game is played. Failure to give notification will result in being eliminated from the competition. It is not the responsibility of the Competition Secretary to find someone.
5. Games not played within the prescribed period, except for mutually agreed walkovers, will be automatically cancelled, but the Competition Secretaries will consider a claim by any competitor to be declared the winner. The Competition Secretaries must be informed in writing of the grounds for any such claims.
 6. The respective Competition Secretaries and one Men's or Ladies' Committee member will make the draw for all club competitions. In handicap competitions (except singles) the Committee will sub-divide the draw as necessary into playing positions to ensure a fair distribution of playing strengths. All competition entries must be submitted by 15th April. The draw and results of matches will be displayed on notice boards. (Men - 'A' pavilion) (Ladies - changing room).
- Note** Only the Competition Secretaries will make entries of results or Amendments to competition sheets.
7. A team handicap (i.e. pairs, triples and fours) is the average handicap of its Members to the nearest whole number with halves rounded upwards.
 8. Singles competitions will be played to 21 shots (except those designated for 'sets' play) and play is to commence at the allocated handicaps and not the difference.
 9. The first named singles player, or the first named skip in teams, in the draw, is the

CHALLENGER and in each round must contact the opponent(s) to mutually agree a time and date to play. If the **CHALLENGER** has not contacted the opponent(s) within four days of the start of the round the opponent(s) shall assume the role of **CHALLENGER** and must make contact to mutually agree a time and date to play. If agreement cannot be reached, then the issue must be referred to the Competition Secretary.

All players are expected to make prompt and continued efforts to get games arranged.

10. The **CHALLENGER** is responsible for rink bookings. In singles the original challenger, i.e. the first named player is responsible for providing a marker. If this first named player fails to provide a marker, he is liable to disqualification.
11. Players in the first game of a competition are the 'team' for the duration of that competition. One, and the same, additional player may be used as a substitute. In handicap competitions the substitutes handicap shall not be a lower number than that of the player replaced. A walkover does not constitute a bye and the team as stated remains as the original.
12. A player may not be used as a substitute if he/she has been allocated a team in a competition - or has been eliminated from that competition.
13. A team handicap throughout a competition will be that established by the original team irrespective of any subsequent use of a substitute.
14. All handicaps will be retained throughout the current season as allocated by The Men's and Ladies' Committees.
15. Substitutes are not permitted in singles competitions.
16. A substitute can play in any position in all competitions.
17. The Competition Secretaries' decision shall be final, unless he/she wishes to Refer a matter to either the Men's or Ladies' Committee for guidance.
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