

Windsor & Eton Bowling Club

COMPETITION RULES

1. A competitor is only permitted to enter club competitions as an eligible playing member.
2. A competitor in a team competition is not permitted to be in another team in the same competition.
3. Substitutes are permitted if eligible as competitors, however if a competitor has entered the same competition they cannot play in another team in the same competition, irrespective of whether they played in the original competition match.
4. Only a player who has already acted as a substitute in a game may play for that team as a substitute in any subsequent game but cannot act as a substitute for any other team in the same competition.
5. Substitutes are allowed in team games and may play in any position. One substitute for pairs and one or two for triples.
6. Substitutes for DRAWN competitions will be sourced via the competition secretary with the aid of the relevant captain. If several people express an interest in being the substitute, then the replacement will be drawn.
7. Handicaps are allocated in the following format: the committee will determine the annual handicap scores on a range of 0 [experienced] to 10 [novice]. The difference between the two handicap scores will be entered on both the scoreboard and scorecard (given as a head start) prior to the commencement of the game and does not constitute an end.
8. In the event of a tie the skips will toss up for the mat, an extra end(s) shall be played to determine the winner(s).

PLAYING ARRANGMENTS

1. The players in a SINGLES match shall each play four bowls and the first to score 21 shots is the winner.
2. The players in 2 WOOD SINGLES match shall each play two bowls over 21 ends.
3. The players in a PAIRS team shall each play four bowls over 21 ends.
4. The players in a TRIPLES team shall each play three bowls over 18 ends.
5. The players in a DRAWN AUSTRALIAN PAIRS team shall each play four bowls over 16 ends.
6. The players in a 2 WOOD MIXED PAIRS team shall each play two bowls over 21 ends.
7. The players in the DAVID PHARE TROPHY shall each play four woods over two sets of nine ends. The winner of the last end in set one retains the mat for the second set. In the event of a tie, they will play up to a further three ends, with a coin toss for the mat on the first end of the tie break. The winner is deciding by ends won, not shots won.
8. The players in a CONDLATION CUP game shall play four bowls and the first to score 21 shots is the winner. The competitor may not have previously won any county or club singles competition.
9. The player whose name appears first in a draw is designated the challenger. A vacant rink will be chosen by the challenger and entered in the rink book. In SINGLES matches it is also the responsibility of the challenger to provide a marker.
10. It falls to the challenger, not later than 10 days before the closing date of the match to make an offer to the opponent, affording them the choice of three dates for the playing of the match. One such date must be a Saturday or Sunday.
 - a) All matches shall be at a mutually agreed time.

- b) Within three days of the receipt of days given, the opponent is bound to accept one of the dates or concedes the match. There is no exception to this rule.
11. A player or players unable to commence a match within 30 minutes of the mutually agreed time shall forfeit the match.
 12. If a match is in progress and due to very bad weather or the rink becomes unplayable or it is considered unsafe to continue (lightning etc) and has to be abandoned, if the match has completed at minimum of 10 ends the result at the time will stand. If ten ends have not been completed, then the match will be rearranged and start again from scratch. If the match is abandoned on the last day of that round of the competition, then the game must be played within 24 hours, or all players will forfeit the match.
 13. In the event of inclement weather, play will be determined by Green Ranger whose decision will be final and referred to the competition secretary.
 14. An opponent who finds that, because of a club representative game, they are unable to accept any of the dates offered by the challenger, they may apply to the competition secretary to arrange an alternative date and the decision of the competition secretary in the event of any dispute shall be final.
 15. All competition result cards must be placed in the box provided and duly signed. Pieces of paper or verbal results are not accepted. In the case of a walkover the player/skip will complete a playing card and place it in the results box with both players/skips having signed it.
 16. The competition result sheets will only be updated by the competition secretary.
 17. Any disputes should be referred to the competition secretary whose decision will be final.