

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. All games to be played under the W.B. (World Bowls) Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Edition except for local conditions Nos. 2 to 13. All composition bowls (*ie* not Lignum Vitae) must bear a legible stamp on them (I.B.B./B.I.B.C/W.B.B. or W.B.) dated 1985 or later. Lignum Vitae bowls must bear a legible current stamp.
2. Players, Umpires and Markers shall wear smooth-soled and heel-less footwear as approved by W.B. whilst playing on the greens or acting as Umpires or Markers (W.B. Appendix A.2). Smart Dress please—**no jeans or T-Shirts**. White above/Grey below — the waist preferable. Shorts if worn must be Bowls England Approved. Wets if required should preferably be white. **Finals to be played in Whites below the waist**, although the Committee would prefer all Whites.
3. Bowls England, County (Registered), Club (Registered) & Bowls Manufactured Trousers(or equivalent)/Shirts/Headwear - These may be worn at all times.
4. Singles – 21 shots, two trial ends, a maximum time of 2 hours 10 mins for rounds prior to the semi-finals of the tournament proper, unless BOTH players are within three shots of winning then the game will be played to a finish.
5. Pairs - 21 ends, two trial ends, three hours allowed in rounds prior to the semi-finals.
6. Triples – 18 ends, two trial ends, 2 hours 50 mins allowed in rounds prior to the semi-finals.
7. A warning will be given 15 minutes prior to the scheduled close of each round in all competitions. At the start of each round 15 minutes only will be allowed to avoid disqualification. The scheduled rinks and times as shown in the programme will be enforced as far as possible and any variation will be entirely at the discretion of the Committee. **Please allow adequate time for locating PARKING SPACES if driving to venue.**
8. Opening Play - Players/Teams winning the toss may give the mat/jack away at the start of the game (WB 5.2.2) and when an extra end is required. In all other ends, the winner of the previous end should place the mat & then deliver the jack & first bowl. (WB 5.4)
9. Replacement in the Singles – between the date of the draw and prior to **10/08/16** any Singles entrant unable to compete may be replaced from the waiting list held by the Competition Secretary ONLY on payment of full entrance fee by **10/08/16**. Any entrant withdrawing from the Tournament cannot name their replacement.
10. Replacement of Teams (Pairs/Triples) – between the date of the draw and prior to **10/08/16** any Full Team (Pairs/Triples) entrant unable to compete may be replaced from the waiting list held by the Competition Secretary ONLY on payment of full entrance fee by **10/08/16**. Any entrant withdrawing from the Tournament cannot name their replacement.
11. **SUBSTITUTES. No substitute may play without the express permission of the Committee** at least 30 mins prior to the substitute playing. The names on the first score card of the Pairs and Triples shall be deemed to be the ORIGINAL TEAM after which one only and the same substitute will be allowed, who must not have played in that competition. Responsibility for finding a substitute rests with the competitors. A substitute cannot skip.
12. The Pairs must be played as drawn unless reasonable grounds are submitted to the Committee for substitution of one player at least 30 mins before the commencement of the first round in which they are able to play. No named Pairs player can scratch and join another Pairs
13. The named entrant to the Triples will be allowed to nominate their other players 30 mins before the commencement of the game in which they are to play. Players having entered and failed to complete their Triples will be permitted on notifying the Committee to give their

opponents as drawn a walk-over and to join another Triple.

14. There will be an umpire in charge of each green. They will be responsible for the management of the green. They will direct their attention to any infringement of the laws and conditions and expedite the progress of games should undue time be wasted. An Umpire whose decision in all cases shall be final will be available during all matches. The duties of the Markers appointed for the Singles shall be as defined in W.B. Law 42. In all other games, prior to commencement, each player should examine their opponents' bowls. Any irregularity shall be reported to the Umpire.

15. Bowls England **SLOW PLAY Rules** (*Page 16*) will be enforced for all Rounds except Finals.

16. The Committee shall determine the order and time of play of all competitions. The Committee reserves the right to modify the programme arrangements (e.g. as the rinks, timing and duration of play) if the planned sequence is disturbed by external circumstances such as inclement weather.

17. Finals scheduled for any day other than Saturday may be moved to Saturday if both competitors/teams agree & it is in the interest of the Tournament's existence.

18. Any bowler or team that is aware at the beginning of a round that they will not be available to play in the next round shall concede that round before the penultimate end or point.

19. Score cards must be signed by players and the Marker in the Singles competition and both skips in Pairs and Triples. All cards must be returned to the issuing officer at the conclusion of the game as soon as possible so that cards for subsequent rounds may be prepared without delay. The marking of score cards by anyone other than a Marker in Singles (WB 42.3.1) or Skip in Pairs/Triples (WB 40.1.7) is prohibited (unless WB 40.1.9 is observed). All matches must be played using the jack issued by the Tournament Control Officer. **THIS JACK MUST BE RETURNED WITH THE COMPLETED SCORE CARDS.** Score cards will be refused if **NOT FULLY COMPLETED** (full team names and signature). Score cards will be refused unless accompanied by the jack

20. The Committee, or such members as may be present, shall be the sole judge whether any green is playable. It shall have the power to transfer semi-finals or finals to indoor greens if necessary. In extreme weather conditions (*eg* thunderstorms) the Committee, in consultation with the Umpire, may suspend/postpone play until safe to continue.

21. The trophies remain the property of the Tournament Committee but may be held by the winners for the term of one year. The trophies will be insured by the Tournament Committee but the winners will be required to keep the trophies under the conditions covered by the Insurance Policy. All trophies must be signed for and **FULL CONTACT DETAILS MUST BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO THE TROPHIES BEING TAKEN AWAY BY THE COMPETITORS.**

22. The Committee shall have full power to give decisions on any point not provided for in the W.B. Laws of the Sport of Bowls. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without being called upon to give a reason.

23. Mobile telephones must be turned off or on 'silent' ring/msg tone on or adjacent to the greens.

24. The term "Committee" shall mean the Tournament Control Committee.

ONLOOKERS: Persons not engaged in the game are requested to preserve an attitude of strict neutrality.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Will competitors please watch noticeboards for any alterations regarding times and rinks