

INTERNAL COMPETITIONS
GENERAL RULES

CLOSING TIME/DATE FOR ENTRIES- by 4pm Monday 25th MAY

All competitions with the exception of those marked '# ' are open to members who have joined the club prior to the closing date for entries.

Entries to be emailed to Competition Secretary stating **competition and, for "nominated" pairs/triples competitions, their team member names.**

Ladies 2 wood singles Men's 2 wood singles	21 ends Winners should be willing to represent the Club in the Gloucestershire Champion of Champions competition in the following year.
Ladies 4 wood singles Men's 4 wood singles	4 woods, first to 21 shots. Winners should be willing to represent the Club in the Gloucestershire Champion of Champions competition in the following year.
Ladies nominated pairs Men's nominated pairs Mixed nominated pairs Open drawn pairs	3 woods, 18 ends
Ladies nominated triples Men's nominated triples	3 woods, 15 ends
Presidents Shield	3 woods, 15 ends. Open competition, anyone who has not won a 2, 3 or 4 wood competition at this or any other club
Novice cup '#'	Details to follow. Open competition. Anyone who started to play bowls on or after 1st April 2024 and has not won a 2,3 or 4 wood singles competition at any club '#' entry via rink diary during the season
Open drawn fours '#'	2 woods. Details to follow '#' entry via rink diary during the season

Match arrangements

It is the responsibility of all competitors to check the draw displayed in the office and to make arrangements regarding date and time of match, with the opposition.

Competition Secretary to be informed of any difficulty in making contact with opponents or agreeing date and time.

First player / team in draw is responsible for booking rink. In singles matches, first player named in draw is responsible to ensure a marker is available for the match. If there is no marker, the match should be rearranged.

The dress code for all rounds, including the finals, is club shirts plus navy blue trousers.

During the match

A coin toss decides who has possession of the mat on first end. The winner can elect that their opponent has the mat first.

Trial ends are permitted

Movement of players are restricted to those outlined by World Bowls 'Laws of the sport of bowls' Appendix A (A 4.1 to A 4.4) unless notice given by Competition Secretary.

If scores are tied after the required ends have been played, one extra end will be played. A coin toss will decide who has possession of the mat (as above).

Only one completed and signed scorecard is required to be handed in.

Completed score cards, containing the names of all those who played, to be signed by both players/skips and the winner is to put the card in the wallet provided on the office competitions notice board. Winner is to then update the draw table.

Team Composition, Substitutes and Withdrawals

Other than in singles matches, players taking part in the first match shall be the team composition and shall normally play together throughout that competition.

Other than in singles matches, substitution is permitted provided the substitution is made before the match has started.

Only one, and the same player, may be used as a substitute at subsequent matches and may play in any position. They shall not have already played for another team nor can they subsequently play for another team in the same competition.

Competition Secretary to be informed if any player / team has to withdraw from a competition and the reason for this. In all but the initial round, the player / team that were beaten in the previous round by the player / team withdrawing may be asked to replace the player / team withdrawing.

Stoppages or Postponements

When a green is declared unplayable prior to the match by an appropriate Club official, it is the responsibility of all players to arrange an alternative date for the match to be played by the notified play-by date.

In the case of exceptional weather, players must come to a reasonable agreement as to whether commencing or continuing play is possible or might become possible within a short time.

If a match is stopped either by the mutual agreement of the player(s), on account of darkness, weather, green conditions or any other valid reason, it should be resumed as soon as possible.

When it is impossible to resume a match without causing subsequent delay or interruption to the following round and seven or more ends have been completed, the score will stand as the result.

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World Bowls 'Laws of the sport of Bowls' apply, except where otherwise stated.
Any queries or problems during the Club Competitions should
be referred to the Competition Secretary.

The Competition Rules have been drawn up in the spirit of sportsmanship and if a situation arises that is not covered, then players and markers should use their common sense and a spirit of fair play to decide on the appropriate course of action. If unresolved, issues must be passed to the Competition Secretary who's decision will be final.

Competition draws

All rounds will be 'play by dates' which will be determined by the Competition Secretary and displayed on the notice board in the office.

Semi finals weekend

A weekend day will be set aside by the club and for 2026 this is

Sunday 9th August

This date is NOT A COMPULSORY DATE however it is hoped that members will use this date so that all club members can come along to watch several games in a social atmosphere.

Finals weekend

The playing of the competition finals MUST be played during the dates set aside.

For 2026 these are

Saturday 29th August

Sunday 30th August

Sunday 13th September

Competition entry form

Entries to be emailed to Competition Secretary at tony.carter55@btinternet.com
stating **competition and team members**