



BISHOPSWOOD BOWLING CLUB

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Rules For Competitions – 2021

1. All matches are to be played by the dates stated on the Competition Charts¹ (“Chart” or “Charts”).
2. The player/team on the top in the match on the Chart is the Challenger².
3. The Challenger must give the opposition three dates to play the match. Two week days and one week end.
4. If these dates are not suitable, the opposition must counter offer with three other dates. If these dates are not suitable, then the two sides must consult with the Head of Competitions (“Head” – currently George Taylor).
5. In the event of a Singles match, the Challenger is responsible for the arrangement of a Marker for the Match. (A losing player should act as a Marker in the following round if required).
6. A draw for the rink on which the game is to be played must be made.
7. If a player leaves the green before the game is completed without seeking and obtaining the agreement of the opponent(s) - the match will be forfeited.
8. Matches may be conceded at any time, but shall be conceded where it is not mathematically possible for the losing player/team to win.
9. Players must be honourable at all times and not use any form of gamesmanship in an attempt to gain unfair advantage.
10. In the event of bad weather, a player can leave the green only if the green is not playable. If both players/teams agree to pause the match and resume at a later time, the score at the point of stopping play stands and continues from that point when the match resumes. If one player/team refuses to leave the green, the other(s) may not leave the green and must continue to play.
11. In the event of lightning and/or thunder, all players must leave the green immediately, even if one player/team wishes to continue to play.
12. Any question, disagreement or doubts are to be referred to the Head whose decision in all instances is final and non-contestable.

¹ See <https://bishopswoodbc.co.uk/members-area/fixtures-team-selection> and/or the Club notice board.

² As per note 1.



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Club Competitions – 2021: Formats And Configuration

Club Competition	Marker	No. of Bowls	No. of Ends	First to:	Sudden Death	Comments
Open Singles	Must have	4	-	21	-	
Handicap^(*) Singles	Must have	4	Up to finals:- 2 sets of 9; Finals:- 2 sets of 11	-	If needed	See below ^(*) for explanation of handicap and example of implementation
Open Pairs	-	4	18	-	-	
Handicap^(*) Drawn Pairs	-	4	18	-	-	See below ^(*) for explanation of handicap and example of implementation
Langlands	Must have	4	2 sets of 9	-	If needed	For players who have not won a major trophy
100-Up Cup – Pairs	-	4	-	100	-	10 points per end: 4 for shot; 3 for 2nd; 2 for 3rd; 1 for 4th.
Junior Cup	Must have	4	2 sets of 9	-	If needed	For members who have been bowling for up to three years
Seniors Cup	Must have	4	2 sets of 9	-	If needed	For members who are 75 or more at April 1

(*) Handicap Explanation And Implementation - Example:

- The Handicap for each player is noted in the brackets after their name;
- Singles:
 - o Deduct the Handicap of the one player from the Handicap of the other;
 - o The result is added to the weaker players score before the first end;
 - o Example:
 - If player A has a Handicap of 4 and player B has a Handicap of 1, player B (the weaker player) will start the game with 3 shots ($4 - 1 = 3$).
- Pairs:
 - o Add up the Handicap of each of the players in and for each of the teams;
 - o Deduct the total Handicap of the one teams from the total of the other team;
 - o The result is added to the weaker teams score before the first end;
 - o Example:
 - If team A has total combined Handicap of 7 ($A1 - 2$ and $A2 - 5 \Rightarrow 2 + 5 = 7$) and team B has total combined Handicap of 4 ($B1 - 1$; $B2 - 3 \Rightarrow 1 + 3 = 4$), deduct the 4 of team B from the 7 of team A leaving 3. Team B (the weaker team) will start the game with 3 shots ($7 - 4 = 3$).
- If sets are played, the Handicap applies to each of the sets played.