

Club Competition Rules

- 1 The club competitions will be as notified: All additional competitions or deletions MUST BE authorised by the Playing Committee before being announced in the Club.
- 2 All competitions will be played under the Club Competition Rules.
- 3 In ALL club competitions the Green will be allocated by the Green Ranger or Competition Secretary. The individual rinks in any competition will be drawn by the Green Ranger (or Competition Secretary).
- 4 Closing dates (i.e the dates by which all matches in the relevant Round must be played) for each round will be fixed by the Competition Secretary.
- 5 The first drawn player(s) will be the Challenger(s) who must offer the Opponents(s) THREE dates, one of which must be a Saturday or Sunday. These dates must be offered for:
 - a. The First Round – within ten days of the publication of the competition draw.
 - b. Subsequent Rounds – within seven days of the published completion date of the previous round.The Opponents must accept one of the dates offered or mutually agree a date with the Challenger(s) or concede the match.

If dates are not offered by the Challenger(s) within the specified Periods and subsequently a mutual date has not been agreed, the tie will be awarded to the Opponent(s) provided a card has been submitted to the Competition Secretary within seven days of the Closing date of the round or the Competition Secretary has been advised by either competitor (challenger or opponent) of any difficulties incurred in arranging the match.
- 6 Extensions: These will only be given in extraordinary and extenuating circumstances. An extension will have to be agreed by the appropriate Competition Secretary and both parties. It will be the responsibility of both parties and the Competition Secretary to record this agreement on a scorecard. Normally an extension will be limited to a period within 7 days and the new extended match date is to be entered into the rink book, at the time the extension is agreed. Whichever party requests the extension takes over responsibility for the game being played by the agreed date, and forfeits the game if it is not. The Competition Secretary's decision will be final.
- 7 Any player(s) who fail(s) to arrive on the rink, ready to play, within 30 minutes of the agreed time will forfeit the match.
- 8 Handicap Competitions
 - a. The Handicapping of players and the rules governing Handicap Competition shall be laid down by the presiding Playing Committee.
 - b. In Singles Handicap Competition the difference in handicap will be added to the lower handicap players score at the start of the match. The match will be won by the first player to reach 21 shots.
 - c. In other handicap competitions the difference in handicaps will be added to the lowest handicap at the start of the match.

9 Score Cards

The winners(s) of all competition ties will be responsible for ensuring that the Score Card has been filled in correctly. Failure to submit a card correctly completed could result in the tie being declared void.

Card must contain:-

The Competition

The Date and Time

The Rink Number

The Players Names Challenger(s) and Opponent(s) The Score

The Signatures of both Players agreeing that the card is correct.

10 Singles Competitions

a. In singles, the Challenger must arrange for a Marker before the time fixed for the game otherwise the Opponent may claim the game.

b. Singles Championships shall be of 21 shots.

11 Pairs, Triples and Fours Competitions

a. In these competitions one substitute will be permitted providing such a substitute has not already played in the Competition. (In the Handicap Pairs any such substitute must be approved by the Competition Secretary).

In all of the Club Competitions, the substitute must not have a handicap more than 2 higher than the person being replaced. A substitute can play in any position including skip.

b. Entries for the respective competitions must show the names of competitors at the time of entry, or they will not be accepted.

c. Pairs Championships (both 2 and 4 woods) and Fours Championship shall be of 21 ends. Triples Championship will be of 18 ends.

d. The toss of a coin at the start of a match will determine who has the jack.

e. All Matches will start with two trial ends unless they are excluded by mutual agreement.

12 Booking rinks for Competitions.

The Challenger in all competitions is responsible for booking the rink with the green ranger or competition secretary. The bookings will be accepted until all available rinks are filled. It should be noted that there is an order of preference in Competitions i.e

1. National

2. County

3. Club

In National and County Competitions, Challengers may request a particular rink. If more than one Challenger requests a particular rink a ballot (see rule 3) will be held.