

Windlesham Bowls Club – Competition Rules.

1. The Club Competition Secretary shall be responsible to the Club Committee for the detailed organisation and running of all the Club Competitions and for ensuring that any policy decisions concerning the competitions made by either the AGM or the Committee are implemented.
2. Entry to the Club Competitions shall be by personal choice as indicated in the Member's annual renewal or application form and this shall mean that the member automatically accepts adherence to the current Competition Rules. A copy of the Rules will be issued to each member on joining the club and a copy will be affixed to the Competitions notice board.
3. The Competitions Secretary shall make all arrangements for the draw and for displaying the draw and the dates by which each round must be completed on the Competitions notice board. Any changes to these dates shall be by clear notice adjacent to the draw sheets and shall only posted by the Competition Secretary.
4. Winners of matches are responsible for entering their names in the appropriate space on the draw sheets. Should for any reason a match not be played (e.g. unable to play, scratched etc.) the Competitions secretary only shall make the entry.
5. The player named on top will be the Challenger &, in each match, shall be responsible for agreeing a date for the match, which must be on or before the "play-by" date, & choosing a marker if required. The rink will be drawn from all the available rinks on the day. The Challenger will give 3 dates to the opponent, one of which should be a weekend & the other two on a weekday. The result of a match not played by the "play-by" date will be decided by the Competition Secretary whose decision will be final. All results should be entered on the Noticeboard immediately after the match.
6. The **MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP** will be played to 21 SHOTS.
7. The **LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP** will be played to 21 SHOTS.
8. The **TWO WOOD SINGLES** will be played in 2 sets with the winner of each set being the player with the highest number of shots. A tie-breaker will be played in the event of tied sets. The Competition Secretary will decide the number of ends to be played in each set and the tie-breaker. This competition will be played as a knockout throughout the season with a final on Finals Day.
9. The **THREE WOOD SINGLES** will be played in 2 sets with the winner of each set being the player with the highest number of shots. A tie-breaker will be played in the event of tied sets. The Competition Secretary will decide the number of ends to be played in each set and the tie-breaker. This competition will be played as a knockout throughout the season with a final on Finals Day.
10. **NOVICE'S SINGLES** will be played to ~~21 SHOTS~~ **in 2 sets with the winner of each set being the player with the highest number of shots. A tie-breaker will be played in the event of tied sets. The Competition Secretary will decide the number of ends to be played in each set and the tie-breaker. This competition will be played as a knockout throughout the season with a final on Finals Day.** A Club Member is not eligible to enter the Club Novices (Bill Moore Trophy) competition if they have previously WON the final of any singles Competition with any club.
11. **DRAWN PAIRS** will be played to ~~18 ENDS~~ **in 2 sets with the winner of each set being the player with the highest number of shots. A tie-breaker will be played in the event of tied sets. The Competition Secretary will decide the number of ends to be played in each set and the tie-breaker. This competition will be played as a knockout throughout the season with a final on Finals Day.** No substitutes will be allowed once the draw has been made.
12. **TWO WOOD TRIPLES (LUMLEY TROPHY)** will be played on a single day including the Final, on a league basis. Local rules for the day will be published by the Competition Secretary to facilitate the smooth running of the event.
13. The **HANDICAP** will be played to 21 SHOTS. The player with the lowest handicap will start on the difference in handicaps (e.g. player A has a handicap 1 and player B has 5; player A starts on 4 and player B starts on zero). The allocation of each player's handicap shall be decided by the Competitions Secretary.
14. The **HARRY LEDGER TROPHY** Competition will be played on a single day in a ROUND ROBIN format to and including the final. Local Rules for the day will be published by the Competition Secretary to facilitate the smooth running of the matches on the day, including, but not limited to, a reduced number of shots as the target for winning each match.
15. The **JUNIOR SINGLES** Competition will be played on a ROUND ROBIN basis. Each game will comprise 2 sets of seven ends, 4 bowls per player, 2 trial ends at beginning of match. Players to toss for right to play first at start of first set: loser of toss takes right to play first in second set. One point will be awarded for each set won. The winner of a set will be player with highest number of shots when seventh end is completed. If the shot scores are tied after the seventh end of a set, the set will be a draw. At this point each player will be awarded 1 point. A tie-break shall then be played. Tie-Breaker: If the game is tied after two sets having been completed (each player having one set each or both sets having been drawn), the match will be decided by playing up to three more ends on a match play basis (i.e. total number of shots is irrelevant). The player winning 2 ends in the tie break will be awarded another point thus win the match 2-1. Players will toss for right to play first at beginning of the first end of the tie break.
16. The **RIE & ROY LAMB TROPHY** shall be open to all members of the Club and shall be played throughout the beginning of the season, nominally on a weekly basis at a time/day which is conducive to the normal running of the Club. Members can play as often as they wish; there are no restrictions. Other Competitions, both internal and external, shall take precedence over the Rie/Roy Trophy where rink bookings are concerned. Teams and team positions will be drawn before each session. Teams may comprise 2, 3 or 4 players depending on number of players present at any particular session. Games will normally play to 15 ends. There will be no adjustments in shot score if any particular match has an imbalance of players (e.g. 3 versus 4). Points will be awarded to individual players (not teams) as follows: - 3pt for a win, 2pt for a draw and 1pt for playing. Points gained by each player at the end of the game will be accumulated throughout the season. The player with the highest total at the end of the season will be the winner. If two or more players are tied on points at the end of the season the Trophy will be shared.
17. The **JOHN & LOUIE CONRY CUP ("100 UP")** will be a singles competition with each player having 4 woods. The winner of the game is the 1st person to 100 points. In every end only the closest 4 bowls will count. The nearest bowl will score 4 points, the 2nd bowl scores 3, 3rd bowl scores 2 and 4th bowl scores 1 point. The points will be decided and agreed on by the players every end and noted down on the scorecard by the marker.
18. The **HONG KONG PAIRS** will be drawn and played to ~~15~~ **in 2 sets with the winner of each set being the player with the highest number of shots. A tie-breaker will be played in the event of tied sets. The Competition Secretary will decide the number of ends to be played in each set and the tie-breaker. This competition will be played as a knockout throughout the season with a final on Finals Day.** 4 woods per player. Lead bowls 2 woods then change end with the skip. Skip bowls 4 woods and then change end back with lead who play their other 2 woods. Next end the skip becomes lead and the lead skip. Each player will play lead / skip alternate ends until the end of match. No substitutes will be allowed once the draw has been made.
19. The **DRAWN TRIPLES** will be played to 18 ends. No substitutes will be allowed once the draw has been made. If a team loses a member then the remaining pair may continue using a total of 8 woods per end but will lose 25% of their overall number of shots.
20. For the finals, rinks will be allocated and markers and umpires appointed by the Competition Secretary.
21. The Competition Secretary is the sole arbiter in respect of interpretation of these Competition Rules.