

EWHURST BOWLING CLUB

INTERNAL COMPETITION RULES 2023

Eligibility

The Club Competitions will be open to all Full Members and Honorary Members (except as defined below) of Ewhurst Bowling Club.

Competitors must submit their entry form to the Club Captain together with the appropriate entry fees.

The draw for the **Hollier Cup** will take place immediately after the closing date set for the first full round of the singles competitions. To qualify, you must have *played and lost your first game* in either the preliminary or the first round of the men's or ladies singles championships. For the purposes of these rules, if there are any drawn byes, then the round containing them shall be the preliminary round and the first full round shall be the first round. The draw will include all those who have qualified by the time it is made.

The New Bowler Competition (**Bullen Cup**) will be open to all members with less than four full seasons of outdoor bowling experience with Ewhurst Bowling Club, *or any other club*. There will be no entry fee and the Club Captain will approach all qualifying members inviting them to participate. Any member *who has won a singles club competition* will not be eligible for this competition.

The 'Mary Tabor 75 and over cup' will be open to all members who reach 75 in the *current year*.

Availability

Individuals who enter any competition must be available to play, if required, on the published 'Finals Day'. Anyone who subsequently finds that they cannot play on the Finals Day must immediately withdraw from all competitions.

In the case of the Mixed Pairs and Drawn Pairs competitions, where one partner is unable to play on Finals Day a substitution will be permitted at the discretion of the Competitions Sub-Committee. The Substitute must not have entered the competition concerned in the current season. In the Mixed Pairs competition any person, subject as above, of the appropriate gender will be eligible. In the Drawn Pairs competition the Sub-Committee may select any person, subject as above, who is deemed to be of approximately the equivalent playing ability as the person withdrawing. Substitutes may not skip but once the Substitute has played, no further changes to the pair may be made.

Anyone who continues to play in any competition, after they know that they cannot play on the Finals Day, will be disqualified and they will be banned from entry to club competitions for the next season, or longer at the discretion of the committee. If the competitor is part of a pair, then his/her partner will also be disqualified but not banned.

Management

The competitions shall be under the management of the Competitions Sub-Committee comprising of the Club Captain and the two Vice Captains. This committee will be responsible for the conduct of the competitions. The committee will decide all questions and disputes that may arise. The decisions of the committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

Conditions

The competitions shall be played under the laws currently published by Bowls England unless specifically amended by these rules.

Draws

The draws for the competitions will be made at the beginning of the playing season and the Competitions Lists will be displayed on the Club notice board and on the web site at the start of the season.

The competitor appearing first in the draw shall be the Challenger and the competitor appearing second shall be the Opponent.

Completion of Rounds

The dates by which the various rounds must be played will be clearly shown on the Competition Lists. All competitors are expected to play their competitions by that date.

In the case of games not played by the scheduled date, the Challenger will be awarded the game. (See 'Duties' below)

However, if for any reason, competitors are unable to complete their game by the scheduled date, or are unable to make, or do not receive, a challenge by up to a week before the scheduled date, then they should approach a member of the Competitions Sub-Committee who will adjudicate the settlement of the result. The Competitions sub-Committee decision shall be final. Apart from results and winners' names no other entry may be made on, or deleted from, the Competition Lists, except by a member of the Competitions Sub-Committee.

Duties of Challenger and Opponent

It is the duty of the Challenger to make himself known to his Opponent and to arrange a date for the match to be played.

If an arrangement proves difficult, then the strict rule shall apply that the Challenger shall give his Opponent three dates on which he is prepared to play. Each of these dates must be prior to the scheduled date for the completion of the round. If the Opponent cannot meet any of these dates then the Challenger will go through.

The Challenger will find a marker for a singles game who should be acceptable to the Opponent, whose acceptance should not be unreasonably withheld.

When the match has been played and the winner decided, the winner shall enter his name into the next round on the Competition List, *together with the scores.*

The scorecard should be placed in the box on the notice board.

Individual Singles Championship

1. The games will be played as a normal singles game and Bowls England's rules will apply. *The winner will be the first player to reach 21 shots.*
2. At the start of the game the Marker will spin a coin and the Challenger will call for the decision whether or not to take the mat.

Individual Handicap Competition

1. The games will be played as normal singles games and Bowls England's rules will apply. *The winner will be the player to reach a score of 21 shots or 21 shots plus handicap (see below).*
2. At the start of the game the Marker will spin a coin and the Challenger will call for the decision whether or not to take the mat.
3. The Competitions Committee will award each competitor a handicap which is shown against the competitor's name on the Competition List.
4. Handicapping - the figure shown (0-7) indicates the number of shots that will be given to each player. *The better players have the higher handicap.* Where both players receive a handicap, the difference between the two players is the handicap awarded to the better player.

Drawn and Mixed Pairs Competitions

1. These games will be played as normal pairs games and Bowls England rules will apply. The winners will be the pair with the highest number of shots after 18 *ends* have been completed.
2. At the start of the game the Opponents (lower pair) will spin a coin and the Challengers (top pair) will call for the decision whether or not to take the mat.
3. The challenging pair will keep the score card and the opposing pair will keep the score board up to date.
4. If the scores are tied after 18 ends, a 19th end is to be played and the winners of this end shall be the winners of the game. For the 19th end the players will toss a coin and the mat will be placed two metres from the ditch. The pair winning the toss may elect to deliver the jack and the first bowl or pass the jack (and delivery of the first bowl) to their opponents.

'101 up' Singles Competition

This competition will be played as a normal singles game with the following differences.

1. The bowls will score as follows, irrespective as to whom they belong:

Shot	4 points
Second	3 points
Third	2 points
Fourth	1 point

2. The winner is the first player to score 101 points.
3. Where both players are close to '101' (e.g. both scores exceed 91). The shot wood only will be scored if this results in one player reaching 101 and that will be the end of the game. If 101 has not been reached then the second wood will be scored followed, if necessary, by the third wood and again, if necessary, by the fourth wood.
4. No marker is required. The Jack will be delivered by the winner of the toss or the holder of the shot wood on the previous end. The Jack will be played to where it is delivered, without centring, provided that it is within the rink and more than 2 metres from the far ditch and not less than 23 metres from the front of the mat. If the Jack is delivered outside these limits it will be redelivered by the opposing player.
5. Touchers have no validity. All bowls in the ditch and off the green are dead.
6. Jack in the ditch is dead. When the Jack is moved off the rink or into the ditch, five points are awarded to the opposing player.

Hollier Cup Competition

1. The games will be played as a normal singles game and Bowls England's rules will apply. *The winner will be the first player to reach 21 shots.*
2. At the start of the game the Marker will spin a coin and the Challenger will call for the decision whether or not to take the mat.

Bullen Cup – New Bowlers Competition

1. The games will be played as a normal singles game and Bowls England's rules will apply. *The winner will be the first player to reach 21 shots.* The final format and any amendment to the rules under which the competition will be played will be determined by the sub-committee in consultation with the organisers.
 2. The dates on which the competition is to take place will be disclosed with the invitation to participate.

The Mary Tabor Cup -75 and Over Competition

1. The games will be played as a normal singles game and Bowls England's rules will apply except that each game will be played over *15 ends* (not the first player to reach 21 shots) and the following age handicaps will apply.

Age Range	Handicap
Players reaching 75 in the current year to 77	Scratch
Players from 78 to 79	1
Players from 80 to 81	2
Players from 82 to 83	3
Players from 84 to 85	4
Players over 85	5

2. An extra end will be played in the event that scores are tied after 15 ends. The winner of this end will be the winner of the game. The players will toss a coin and the winner may elect to deliver the jack and the first bowl or pass the jack (and delivery of the first bowl) to their opponent. The mat will be placed two metres from the ditch.

Mortimer Cup

This is open to any current member (both Ladies and Men) of Ewhurst Bowling Club who has not won either the Ladies or Mens Club club Championship trophies at Ewhurst Bowling Club or any previous club of which they were a member.

The games will be played as a normal singles game and Bowls England's rules will apply. *The winner will be the first player to reach 21 shots.*

Finals Weekend

The following Finals will be contested over the Finals Weekend

Ladies – Club Champion
Mens – Club Champion
Club Handicap Champion
Club '101' Champion
Mary Tabor 'Over 75' Champion
Hollier Cup Champion
Bullen Cup Champion
Mortimore Cup Champion
Mixed Pairs Champions
Drawn Pairs Champions

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THE FRIDAY JOHNSTON CHERRY LEAGUE

All members are welcome to play and if you normally roll-up on a Friday afternoon you can play in the League. It is like playing in a roll-up but with a little bit more of competition in it, but still very friendly.

We play as teams and the teams are drawn at the time. However, scoring is individual as each player gets the score of the team that they play in.

The League will run for 15/16 weeks at 2.00pm on Friday afternoons. To make some allowance for 'life' sometimes getting in the way of bowling only 12 scores out of the maximum possible will be counted. If a player plays more than 12 games the best 12 scores will be counted.

You can play as often or as little as you like, but the more often you play the more likely you are to be in the running for the Winner's Cup. Just turn up on the day to participate.

League Rules

1. Players are drawn into Home and Away teams.
2. Teams decide their own order of play.
3. Home teams take the mat.
4. Rinks will use two bowls each, Triples will use three bowls each and Pairs will use four bowls each.
5. If there is an odd number on a rink the usual approach will be taken, e.g. four playing against three - the team of four will have two bowls each and the team of three will have three bowls each except for the Skip who has two bowls. The opposing teams will always have the same number of bowls each.
6. The games will start immediately with a maximum of one shot on each of the first two ends - no trial ends.
7. 18 ends will be played, with a short break for refreshments after 10 ends.
8. Each player receives the score of their team, i.e. two for a win, one for a draw and no score for a loss. The team's shot difference will also be recorded for each player.
9. If for any reason play is stopped before 10 ends have been played the scores will not count in the season totals. After 10 ends the scores will count.
10. At the end of the season the winner will be the person with the highest score. If there is a tie the person with the highest shot difference will win. The player's best 12 out of the possible 16 scores will be taken to reduce the impact of players not being able to play all the scheduled Fridays and dropping position for non-play related reasons.
11. The scores will be posted on the noticeboard every week.
12. The full results can be seen on request.

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SEPTEMBER LEAGUE

Members will remember that the format for the September League became unsustainable last season (2022), without enough players committing to play a minimum number of games. The League was cancelled and an alternative competition organised . This served as a temporary competition and that planned for this season builds on the experience. The 2023 competition will run on similar lines, but with some changes. The object is to offer opportunities to all our members.

It will be basically a triples competition, tweaked if the number turning up on any one session requires it. Games will consist of 16 ends. Teams will be drawn at the beginning of the session, there will be a 'tea break' after 8 ends and during that break there will be a further draw for teams to play the second half (this ensures that members mix and that there are no 'runaway' scores).

There will be seven afternoon sessions and any club member can come to as few, or as many, as he/she wishes. Registration for each afternoon will be at 2p.m. for a 2.15p.m. start. There will be prizes for the two best overall scores (only players' best four scores to count).

There will be a payment of £1 per player for each session

The order of teams drawn will decide the rink used (lowest rink used first) Members of each team to agree order of play

Scoring: a point will be added to the normal match score, for each end won. Separate score sheets will be used for each half.

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GUIDELINES FOR MARKERS

These guidelines are intended to assist members who are asked to act as a marker for internal competitions only. For all other occasions a marker will require a more comprehensive knowledge.

Before the Competition

1. Know which player is the Challenger, as the Marker spins a coin and the Challenger calls for the decision whether or not to take the mat.
2. Ensure that you can identify which bowls belong to each player.
3. Have the following equipment with you – coin, chalk, measure, wedges, score card and pen (pencil if rain likely).
4. Know the rules for the competition.
5. Ensure that the players are aware that you will align the mat before the jack is delivered and that you will chalk any touchers before the next bowl is delivered.
6. Agree how many bowls will be played during any trial ends.

During the Competition

1. Ensure that the jack is within the legal limits (23m minimum from the front of the mat to the front of the jack and 2m from the ditch – place the jack beside the end of the stick).
2. Stand still about 2m behind and 1 – 2m to one side of the jack. Never stand behind the jack and be aware of your shadow.
3. If any touchers or the jack enter the ditch use the red ‘golf ball’ and the white ‘golf ball’ on the bank to indicate, respectively, the position of the nearest toucher and the jack in the ditch.
4. Always ensure that nothing hangs over the bank, e.g. cloth, pusher or mat.
5. Answer questions that are asked by a player when they have the mat. Remember that a player’s turn is finished when their bowl has come to rest and has been marked if it is a toucher.
6. Wait until the players have agreed the result before entering on the score card and scoreboard. The marker does not declare the shots.
7. If asked to measure, ensure that you wedge any unstable bowls before measuring. Do not move any bowls until the players have agreed. If the players cannot agree an umpire may have to be called. If so, the players and the marker must leave the head and the umpire’s decision is final.
8. When the score has been agreed move to the other end and check the mat and centre the jack.

After the Competition

1. Shake hands with the players, congratulate the winners and commiserate with the loser.
2. Put the completed score card in the box by the notice boards in the Clubhouse.