

EWHURST BOWLING CLUB

COMPETITION RULES 2019

ELIGIBILITY

The Club Competitions will be open to all fully paid up members and honorary members (except as defined below) of Ewhurst Bowling Club.

Competitors must submit their entry form to the Club Captain on or before 15 April 2019 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 mens 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 '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' (normally the August Bank Holiday Monday). 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 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 prior to the beginning of the playing season and the Competitions Lists will be displayed on the Club notice board 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.**

INDIVIDUAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 first player to reach a score of 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.
3. The Competitions Committee has awarded each competitor a handicap which is shown against the competitor's name on the Competition List.
4. **Handicapping** - the figure shown (0-8) indicates the number of shots that will be given to each player. **The best player has the lowest handicap. This figure will be entered on the score card as the first end score of the least experienced player.** However, where both players have a handicap, **the net difference ONLY between their handicaps will be entered, as a 'start', for the player with the highest handicap.** Where both players have the same handicap, they both start with a zero score.

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 **21 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 21 ends, a 22nd end is to be played and the winners of this end shall be the winners of the game. For the 22nd 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 wood or pass the jack (and delivery of the first wood) 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 do not signify. All bowls in the ditch and off the green, are dead.
6. A 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 (See 'Eligibility' above)

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.

NEW BOWLERS COMPETITION – Bullen Cup (See 'Eligibility' above)

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.

1. The dates on which the competition is to take place will be disclosed with the invitation to participate.

THE TABOR -75 AND OVER COMPETITION – (See 'Eligibility' above)

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** and a handicapping rule will apply.
2. Players reaching 75 in current year to 77 – scratch. 78 to 80 handicap 1, 81 to 83 – handicap 2; 84 to 86 – handicap 3; Over 86 – handicap 4. Players will be awarded the shots indicated. An extra end will be played in the event that scores are tied after 15 ends.

If the scores are tied after 15 ends, a 16th end is to be played and the winners of this end shall be the winners of the game. For the 16th 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 wood or pass the jack (and delivery of the first wood) to their opponents.