

## 1) General and Guidelines

The following rules and Guidelines apply to both the Ladies and Men's sections of the Club and relate to all 'Club<sup>1</sup> Competitions' entered by Club members.

The Rules governing play are as laid down by Bowls England and the Leicester Bowling Association.

## 2) Competitions.

Competitions are entered by completing and returning the 'entry form' which is issued to members at the beginning of the Club year (usually January). A nominal fee is charged for each Competition entered.

Competitions are as detailed on page 1.

**Note (\*):** A Club Member is precluded from entering a 'Maiden' competition if they have previously won any other Club competition.

Club Members are reminded that when entering a Competition they make a commitment to be available for Finals Day(s) should they succeed to that stage.

Competitions may be added from time to time in agreement with the Club Management Committee.

The Club Competition Secretary and, in her/his absence, the Vice Club Competition Secretary will preside over the Club Competitions.

A list (Competitions Schedule) of the Competitions being played together with those members taking part (The Draw) will be displayed on the Competition Notice Board at the start of the playing season.

## 3) Competition Playing Times.

- No** Club Competitions are to be booked when **CLUB MATCHES** are scheduled.
- No** more than 3 competitions should be booked in the afternoon session (2:00 to 5:30PM) and no more than 3 in the evening session (5:30 PM to dusk). The remainder of the rinks should be left for casual play.
- Short duration competitions may be played one after the other on the same rink.
- Any rinks remaining unused after 2:30PM or 6:00PM may be used for competitions.
- Arranged Competitions are to be entered in the Club diary in the order of booking.

Note – Special days (such as Finals and pairs) maybe set aside by the Club to play competitions which are usually difficult to arrange.

## 4) Arranging a Competition.

Excepting Finals Day(s) the following applies to arranging a competition:-

- The Challenger(s)**, 1<sup>st</sup> Named on the Competition Schedule, is responsible for arranging the competition.
- The Challenger(s)** shall offer up to 3 dates agreeable to their opponent(s), 2<sup>nd</sup> Named on the Competition Schedule, on which the competition is to be played.
- The challenger(s)** shall be responsible for finding a marker agreeable to the opponent(s).
- No** competitor substitution is allowed at any time after the draw for the competition is made and the schedules completed.
- Competitors who choose not to supply telephone numbers for contact purposes will be entirely responsible for match arrangements regardless of the items above.

## 5) Markers / Scorers

- Independent Markers are required to be present for all singles competition matches and all finals day matches.
- Markers are there to help with:
  - Marking the score card and score board
  - Setting the Jack (Singles)
  - Measuring if required to do so
  - Agreeing the score is correct
- Markers are not permitted to give players advice on play.
- Markers may respond to player's questions (e.g. which wood is holding shot?) when asked from the mat.
- Independent Scorers are allocated on finals day to ensure the score boards show the latest score and agree with the markers.

## 6) Byes and Elimination.

It is important to note the following as any walkover / elimination can have a knock on affect for other competitors.

- Any competitor(s) who is unable, for any reason, to take part in any round or who has not attempted to contact their opponent(s) to arrange a game will, at the discretion of the Competition Secretary, be eliminated from that competition.
- Any round not completed by the completion date shown on the competition schedules for the respective round will be cancelled and Byes Issued.
- A short extension to time (up to 3 days) may be granted by the Competition Secretary under certain circumstances (e.g. Health, inclement weather).
- A competitor may elect, in agreement with the opponent(s), to give a 'Bye' for reasons such as health or injury. This should also be referred to the Competition Secretary but a completed and signed score card **must** still be submitted indicating that a bye has been agreed.
- Should a finalist not be able to play on the nominated finals day for whatever reason then the opponent will win by default and the runner-up trophy will be awarded to the defaulting player. In Pairs, no Substitution will be allowed (rule 4d.), the opponents will win by default and trophies awarded accordingly.

## 7) Score Cards.

- The score card must be completed and signed in the correct manner and will include:
  - Competition Title in full.
  - Date Played
  - Rink No.
  - Challenger(s) Name(s)
  - Opponent(s) Name(s)
  - Marker's Name

KIRBY MUXLOE BOWLS CLUB					
VERSUS					
MIXED PAIRS (4 WOOD)					
DATE 4 SEPT 00 RINK N° 2					
1 CHALLENGER 1		1 OPPONENT 1			
2 CHALLENGER 2		2 OPPONENT 2			
3		3			
4		4			
MARKER ~ A.C. MEMBER					
POINTS	TOTAL	ENDS	POINTS	TOTAL	
		1			

- Competition details (above) shall be filled in by the Challenger and the score card handed to the marker at the start of the competition. The marker shall check the details before the start of play.
- After the game the marker shall ensure that the card is signed by the loser(s).
- All completed competition Score cards shall be placed in the box provided immediately after the game.
- Results of each competition shall be **only** entered on to the master Competition Schedules by the Club Competition Secretary or, in her/his absence, the Vice Club Competition Secretary.

<sup>1</sup> 'Club' herein refers to Kirby Muxloe Bowls Club.

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## Club Competitions Rules and Etiquette

### 8) Play

- a) Excepting finals day both the Challenger(s) and Opponent(s) are responsible for setting out the rink with mats, Jack, score board etc.
- b) The order of play is determined by the toss of a coin by the challenger.
- c) The game may be preceded by two trial ends if required.
- d) The score board shall be updated by the marker. The challenger's score shall always be on the top (Home) of the score board.
- e) Where it is not possible to determine shot wood, even with measurement, then no score will be entered and the end will not be re-played.
- f) In the event of a draw at the end of the competition an extra end will be played.
- g) Both the Challengers and Opponents are responsible for putting the equipment away after the competition unless they are required by other following matches.
- k) A draw will be made on the day for rinks.
- l) Before play commences the Challenger(s) will be requested to mark their woods with coloured stickers (to be provided on the day).

### 10) Dress Code.

- a) Pre final Competitions dress code:- Greys, White (above the waist).
- b) Finals Day Competitions dress code for Finalists, Markers and Scorers:- Full Whites

### 11) Grievance Process.

Any dispute between competitors or a need for interpretation of the Club Competition Rules & Etiquette shall be referred to the Club Competition Secretary or in her/his absence, Vice Club Competition Secretary

### 9) Finals Day.

- a) Finals will be played **only** on the date(s) determined by the Club.
- b) Competition start times will be determined by the Club Competition Secretary.
- c) Wherever possible the two Championship Competitions will be played immediately after lunch on final's day.
- d) The Club Competition Secretary will ensure that every Final played is allocated a marker and a scorer for the duration of the match.
- e) The dates / times of the Finals will be displayed on the competitions notice board as soon as possible after the completion of the semi-final rounds.
- f) It is the responsibility of all those taking part in the finals to be aware of their match times.
- g) Finalists are advised to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the competitions
- h) Wherever possible, Finals will be played on rinks away / towards the Club house.
- i) The Club Competition Secretary will ensure that the green and rinks are set out as required.
- j) The Club Competition Secretary will ensure that an independent referee is available at all times where disputes / conflicts may arise.

### 1. **Singles Championship (Separate competitions for Ladies & Men)**

This competition is played with 4 Woods per player over an unlimited number of Ends. Scoring is as for a usual match. The winner is the first player who attains 21 shots or more in the competition.

### 2. **Singles – 2 Wood (Separate Competitions for Ladies & Men)**

This competition is played with 2 Woods each player over 21 Ends. Scoring is as for a usual match and the winner is the player with the highest number of shots when 21 Ends have been played. The match may be terminated before 21 Ends are played if it is not possible for the trailing player to catch up over the Ends remaining to be played.

### 3. **Singles - Maiden (A mixed Competitions for both Ladies & Men)**

This competition is open to any member who has not previously won a competition. It is played with 4 Woods each player over an unlimited number of Ends. Scoring is as for a usual match. The winner is the first player who attains 21 shots or more in the competition.

### 4. **Pairs (Separate competitions for Ladies & Men)**

This competition is played with 4 Woods each player over 18 Ends. Scoring is as for a usual match and the winners are the pair with the highest number of shots when 18 Ends have been played. The match may be terminated before 18 Ends are played if it is not possible for the trailing pair to catch up over the Ends remaining to be played.

### 5. **Open Mixed Singles (A Competition for both Ladies & Men)**

This competition is played with 2 Woods per player over 21 Ends. Scoring is as for a usual match and the winner is the player with the highest number of shots when 21 Ends have been played. The match may be terminated before 21 Ends are played if it is not possible for the trailing player to catch up over the Ends remaining to be played.

### 6. **3-2-1 (A Competitions for both Ladies & Men)**

This competition is played with 3 Woods per player over an unlimited number of Ends. Each end played scores a maximum of 6 points determined as follows:

<i>Shot wood</i>	<i>3 points</i>
<i>Second Wood</i>	<i>2 points</i>
<i>Third Wood</i>	<i>1 point.</i>

Note it is possible that both players can score points on an End played. The winner is the player Who is first to reach 46 points.

### 7. **Mixed Pairs**

This competition is played with 4 Woods per player over 18 Ends. Scoring is as for a usual match and the winners are the pair with the highest number of shots when 18 Ends have been played. The match may be terminated before 18 Ends are played if it is not possible for the trailing pair to catch up over the ends remaining to be played.