

DEANE PARK BOWLS CLUB

RULES & GUIDELINES FOR CLUB COMPETITIONS

COMMONSENSE AND COURTESY SHOULD APPLY AT ALL TIMES

1. Club dress code must be observed for all matches
2. A marker is required for all singles competitions
3. Competition rounds must not be played during club roll-up sessions
4. All competition completion dates must be strictly adhered to
5. Substitutes are not allowed once the first round of any competition has been played. Substitutes will be chosen by the Club Captain and Competition Organiser and will be a permanent replacement.
6. If it is known before entry into any competition that a member will not be available for the semi-final or final stages of that competition, that member is asked not to enter.

THE CHALLENGER

The Challenger is the top name for every round on the draw sheet and is responsible for :

1. Arranging the match
2. Booking the rink
3. Arranging for a marker in single matches

ARRANGING MATCHES

This shall be done by mutual agreement, where possible. Alternatively the challenger must offer three non-consecutive dates, within a fourteen day period, to the opponent who must select one. These dates shall be within the round period. Failure to agree must be referred to the Competition Organiser whose decision will be final. The challenger should approach the opponent as soon as it is known who it will be, even if this is before the starting time of the round. There is no reason why a match should not be played before the scheduled start time of the round when all the players involved have come through the previous round. Anyone who has booked a holiday covering a major part of any round in a competition for which they have entered should consult the Competition Organiser.

LAST DATES FOR PLAY

The date shown at the top of each column on the competition draw sheet is the **LAST** date for that round to be played.

PENALTIES

Any round not played by the date shown will result in a walkover for the opponent, unless exceptional circumstances prevail, when the walkover may be granted to the challenger or neither party. The Competition Organiser will (after consulting if necessary with the Club Captain) make this decision.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

If adverse weather conditions occur just before the match commences both parties must agree to play the match. If the match is postponed another date for the match must then be agreed. If adverse weather conditions occur during the match it may be postponed by mutual agreement. When the match is continued, the score is continued as if there had been no interruption. Two trial ends may be played and possession of the mat for the first end of the continued game belongs to the winner of the last end played before the match was postponed. If eleven ends have been played the score can be treated as final by mutual agreement.

TIME KEEPING

Fifteen minutes grace is allowed for late comers, but players and markers should arrive early to prepare the rink for a prompt start. Players and markers are responsible for clearing the rink, storing equipment and locking up if necessary

START OF PLAY

Two trial ends of any agreed number of woods are permitted. Possession of the mat at commencement of play is decided by the toss of a coin. The challenger calls and the winner decides who has possession of the mat.

EXTRA ENDS

When an extra end is required a coin is tossed and the winner has the option to roll the jack.

PRACTICE

It is unacceptable for players to use a rink for a competition when they have already practiced or played on the rink that day. Any player so doing will be disqualified.

SCORE CARD

The scorecard must be signed by the losing player and the card must be placed in the box provided. The winner's name must be entered on the competition draw sheet. Once a score card has been signed the result is final.

GRIEVANCES

All grievances shall be referred to the Competition Organiser or in his/her absence the Club Captain or Vice Captain within 48 hours of the occurrence. An adjudication panel comprising of the above named members will rule on the complaint. This ruling will be final. In the absence of any of the above members the Chairman and/or Secretary will be co-opted onto the panel.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are welcome but must never interfere with the progress of a game nor may they coach a player during the match.