

FARNBOROUGH BOWLING CLUB

COMPETITION RULES

1. The challenger is the first named in the tie and has the choice of rink.
2. The challenger has to supply a marker in singles matches, who is suitably experienced. The marker should have a good knowledge of the game, and his/her duties, so that the game can be properly controlled.
3. The challenger must offer to the opponent/s at least three (3) dates by the challenge by date. The agreed date and time must then be entered in the book. These dates should not include County, North Hants or District fixed dates. The opponent must reply within three (3) days.
4. The challenger will remain the challenger throughout the round, so the onus is on him/her to arrange the game. However, if the challenger does not offer dates by the challenge by date the opponent should then offer dates, within three (3) days, to the challenger. It remains the challenger's responsibility to book the rink and get the marker, if required.
5. Should any difficulty arise, for instance, where players cannot contact each other, the matter should be immediately referred to the Competitions Committee.
6. Dates offered to play matches should be in at least two (2) different weeks and include a weekend.
7. All matches **must** be played by the date **stipulated** for each round. The effects of holidays should be considered before entering any competition. Where holidays take place during the course of the competition, opponents or potential opponents should be given at least two weeks' notice of departure. Where this is not done and the choice of dates is unfairly restricted the opponents may claim the game if **no** dates are suitable.
8. If a tie is not played by the date stipulated, the challenger or opponent may concede the game.
9. If a tie is not played by the date stipulated and there is a dispute between players the Competitions Committee will decide, after an inquiry, who is to proceed to the next round. The Competitions Committee must be notified of any problems **before** the round completion date or both/all competitors will be eliminated.
10. There will be no extensions to the play by dates in any round of any club competition.

11. A completed scorecard **must** be placed in the box by the round completion date to indicate:
 - (a) the result of the match **or**
 - (b) that the match has been conceded.If the game is conceded or decided on the toss of a coin it must be made clear on the card who has conceded to whom. The name of the competition must appear on the scorecard, which must be dated, and signed by the loser.
12. The Competitions Secretary will accept a telephone call if you wish to concede a game. Every effort must be made to play on arranged dates, even if it results in a shortened match.
13. If no scorecard is forthcoming by the round completion date, then both/all names in the tie will be eliminated.
14. Only one (1) substitute per team is allowed in the pairs competitions. The substitute is deemed to have entered that competition once they have played in it. A substitute is allowed in the Entered Pairs and Two Wood Pairs if one of the pair is unavailable. That person shall be someone who has not already entered that competition. Any substitute in the Drawn Pairs competition will be appointed, by a random seeded draw, by the Competitions Committee. Players should notify the Competitions Committee as soon as they know that they will need a substitute.
15. If any competitor fails to arrive within 30 minutes of the agreed time they forfeit the game. A signed card, giving a reason, must be filled in, conceding the game.

General Information

- Please try to arrange and play matches as early as possible. Do not leave to the last minute as this does cause problems, especially if you can't book a rink on the date you have agreed.
- The smooth running of competitions is dependent on the common sense and good will of all players.
- Matches must be played in the direction allocated for that day, unless the Main Committee or Green Keeper gives permission to change the green round.
- Rinks not being used may be used for practice or roll-ups. The booking of rinks for such use is not permissible. Rinks may be booked, by a qualified coach, for coaching sessions.
- National / county / district and other competitions take precedence over club competitions. If you require a rink for one of these competitions and all rinks are booked you **must** contact the Competitions Committee, who will allocate a rink. Do not just take one.
- Any decision the competitions committee makes is final.
- Co-operation of competitors will be appreciated. (April2004)