

# Farnborough Bowling Club

## Rink Booking

1. Rinks must be booked in the club diary - held in the clubhouse - at the earliest opportunity. Rink number(s) and time must be entered. Entries are made in the diary from the top down irrespective of time.
2. Players and captains, with known fixed date matches, or any dates they have arranged, must book rinks early.
3. If you have a home fixed date match in the second round of a competition, please book it. If you lose the first match you can cross it out but if you win and then go to book it the rink you want may already have been taken by someone else.
4. Games will be played on the designated colour and direction except in special circumstances, these are;
  - 4.1. The captain of the day may change the colour for friendlies and leagues if deemed necessary
  - 4.2. Colour and/or direction of play can be changed for Aldershot and District League games, County Club Competitions and National Club Competitions
  - 4.3. Colour can be changed for individual District, County or National Competitions as long as it does not affect other matches.  
**Note** It does not allow a rink colour to be changed if it affects a neighbouring booked rink. So you couldn't move rink 2 to the right if rink 3 was booked (unless they agree).

### Rink Priority

1. Rink priority is as follows:
  - (i) **LEAGUES** A&D, F&D, Stan Hardman, Blackwater Valley.
  - (ii) **FRIENDLIES** Club, Ladies, Men - occasional against an association.
  - (iii) **NATIONALS** Top Club, Champion of Champions, etc. These tend to be in early May and don't often clash.
  - (iv) **COUNTY** Club Championship, Thornbery, Singles, Pairs, Triples, Rinks etc.
  - (v) **DISTRICT** Coventry Cup, Gazette Cup plus comps for A&D, North Hants, F&D.
  - (vi) **CLUB COMPETITIONS**
  - (vii) **COACHING & MONDAY CLUB** As these are not competitions rinks can be booked but not specific rink numbers, competitions have first preference on any rink number.
  - (viii) **ROLL-UP** To be played on un-booked rinks only - please check the diary before starting a roll up and avoid using rinks that are booked for later in the day.
2. When booking a rink for any match you must pick one that is not booked. A higher priority match cannot take a rink from someone else. Priority means they have the right to a rink, not any particular number rink. In the event that there are no rinks available players must either ask other players to rearrange their match or contact the Competitions Committee to get them a rink.
3. You will need to arrange to play a fixed date game away if you are scheduled to play it at home and all of the rinks are booked for League, Friendly or Higher Priority Games.

## What does priority mean?

There is often confusion about what 'Priority' actually means so here are some examples

1. Example One: - Player A has booked Rink 2 for a club match. Player B wants it for a County competition. There are 4 other rinks still available.  
Player B **does not have priority for a rink number**, just for having a rink and should therefore have one of the remaining available rinks.
2. Example Two: Player X needs a rink but all 6 are booked. Some of the bookings are for lower priority matches.  
In this case Player X should talk to the players involved in one of those matches and ask for their rink. If no one agrees they should contact the Competitions Committee to resolve the issue.  
The Competitions Committee will ask one of them to change their match and then give that rink to Player X. In these exceptional circumstances extensions to club competitions will be granted, if they are needed, as a 'thank you' to members for helping others out.