

FARNBOROUGH BOWLING CLUB

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 but can be played on these dates if mutually agreeable. The opponent **must** reply within three (3) days.
4. Every effort should be made to avoid playing club or external competitions at the same time as friendly matches. This impacts our ability to hold spiders when at home and reduces the players available for the friendly.
5. 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 three (3) dates to the challenger. It remains the challenger's responsibility to book the rink and get the marker, if required.
6. Should any difficulty arise, for instance, where players cannot contact each other, the matter should be immediately referred to the Competitions Committee.
7. Dates offered to play matches should be in at least two (2) different weeks and include a weekend.
8. All matches **must** be played on, or 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 opponent/s may claim the game if **no** dates are suitable.
9. If a tie is not played by the date stipulated, the challenger or opponent may concede the game.
10. 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.
11. Extensions will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. This would include:
 - Having had to postpone an arranged match for good reason, such as weather, at least **twice**.
 - Having to rearrange a competition because one or more players were needed for a club match on the original date.
12. 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
The name of the competition must appear on the scorecard, which must be dated, and signed by the loser. There is no need for the winner to sign the card.
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.
If no scorecard is forthcoming by the round completion date, then both/all names in the tie **will** be eliminated.

13. The Competitions Secretary will accept a telephone call or email 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.
14. Only one (1) substitute per team is allowed in the pairs and one day 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 played in 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.
16. It is not permissible to roll-up on a rink that a player is due to play on later that same day. If this does happen that player WILL be disqualified and their opponent will be reinstated if they have lost the match.
17. Players should avoid leaving the green during play unless unavoidable, for example to get wet weather clothing, a cloth or a hat.
18. Players must show respect and proper decorum during matches. Any rudeness, abuse, poor behaviour or gamesmanship will not be tolerated. Should this occur the Competitions Committee may disqualify players from that competition, or if deemed necessary, from all outstanding competitions for that year.
19. To avoid accidents, members using umbrellas on the green should be aware of all other players at all times.
20. Club finals are scheduled by the Competitions Committee who will also arrange markers and umpires. Unless conditions dictate otherwise club finals will be played on the colour and direction of the day. Rinks for finals will be drawn just prior to play starting.

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 goodwill of all players.
- The majority of problems and disputes come about because matches are not arranged as specified in these rules. By offering and accepting dates within the specified timeframe players can avoid most of the problems that can arise from arranging a match at the last minute. It is not acceptable for an opponent to do nothing if they are not challenged and they cannot expect to be awarded a match on that basis.
- Matches must be played in the direction and colour allocated for that day, unless a change has been authorised.
- Rinks not being used may be used for practice or roll-ups. The booking of rinks for such use is not permissible. One rink may be booked, by a qualified coach, for coaching sessions but all competitions take priority over any particular rink number.
- 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. Please refer to the Rink Booking Rules in the club diary.
- While it is not against the rules it is not always seen as acceptable for players to roll-up just prior to playing a match on another rink.
- The Competitions Committee may, in exceptional circumstances such as the pandemic of 2020, alter rules, dates and formats to try to ensure competitions complete in time. They may also cancel competitions if needed.
- Any decision the Competitions Committee makes is final.

Club Competitions – Overview

Club Championship – Toucher Trophy

This is a 4 wood singles played to 21 up, open to all playing members

Club Two Wood – Simpkin Trophy

This is a 2 wood singles played over 21 ends, open to all playing members

Men’s Championship – North Cup

This is a 4 wood singles played to 21 up, open to all male playing members

Ladies’ Championship – Wigmore Cup

This is a 4 wood singles played to 21 up, open to all female playing members

Men’s Handicap – Chapman Cup

This is a 4 wood singles played to 21 up from your handicap, open to all male playing members

Ladies’ Handicap – Simpkin Cup

This is a 4 wood singles played to 21 up from your handicap, open to all female playing members

Men’s Two Wood

This is a 2 wood singles played over 21 ends, open to all male playing members

Ladies’ Two Wood – Roderick Cup

This is a 2 wood singles played over 21 ends, open to all female playing members

Novices – Yeoman Trophy

This is a 4 wood singles played to 21 up, open to all playing members who have not won a singles competition (This does not include the Newcomers, winners of this are still eligible to enter)

Newcomers

This is a 4 wood singles played to 21 up, open to all new playing members. Any new bowler who joins the club will receive up to 2 entries should the competition be held. Anyone who wins on their first attempt cannot enter a second time. Should they not win the first time but win another singles they are still eligible to enter the next year. This competition is only held when there are deemed to be sufficient numbers. There is no entry fee.

Entered Pairs – Harlin Cup

This is an entered 4 wood pairs played over 21 ends, open to all playing members

Drawn Pairs – Parry Trophy

This is a seeded 4 wood drawn pairs played over 21 ends, open to all playing members

Two Wood Pairs

This is an entered 2 wood pairs played in a sets format on one day, open to all playing members

Two Wood Triples – Rumble Shield

This is an entered 2 wood triples played in a league format on one day, open to all playing members

Drawn Triples – Costar Trophy

This is a seeded drawn 3 wood triples played in a league format on one day, open to all playing members

Memorial – Wansell Trophy

This is a seeded drawn competition played in a league format, open to anyone. It is not a formal competition and as such non-members can play and teams can be pairs, triples, rinks or a combination of different teams depending on the numbers. There is no entry fee; instead players are invited to donate to the charity of the day which is nominated by the previous year’s winners.
