

ENTACO Bowls Club -Club Rules - March 2017

These rules may be amended by proposal and agreement at a Club Committee or Annual General Meeting (AGM) only. Committee amendments must be approved at the AGM for final inclusion.

1.0 Dress Code

In addition to paragraph 20 of the Constitution the following shall be observed:-

1.1 Shoes

Shoes shall be proper flat soled shoes specifically intended for bowling.

Shoes shall be either white, grey or brown in colour, for any match.

New members may wear any coloured flat soled shoes for a short time until they can acquire bowling shoes. The acceptability of any non bowling flat soled shoes shall be made by the Greenkeeper or Secretary.

All members must wear proper bowling shoes for all **away** matches.

1.2 Shorts

Wearing of shorts

Shorts should be a 'tailored' fit and approximately knee length. Alternatively, Bowls England official shorts may be worn. Bowls England official shorts bear the Bowls England logo and are currently available in white, grey or navy colours.

Dress code for wearing shorts

- Roll Ups – Grey, white or navy tailored shorts, or Bowls England shorts.
- Club Friendlies – Home matches only. Grey or white tailored shorts or Bowls England shorts. (but same colour as the dress colour stated in the Fixture List)
- Club Competitions (all rounds except Finals Day)- Grey, white or navy tailored shorts, or Bowls England shorts.
- Club Finals Day - White tailored shorts, or white Bowls England shorts.
- Redditch Triples League - Home matches only - Grey tailored shorts, or grey Bowls England shorts.
- Interberga League - Home matches only - Grey tailored shorts, or grey Bowls England shorts.
- National & County Competitions – Grey, white or navy Bowls England shorts. Colour to be in accordance with National or County requirements.

Shorts should not be worn at any AWAY match unless acceptable to the home team. This must be clearly communicated before travelling AWAY. If in doubt speak to your team Captain beforehand. Colour must be as the fixture list.

2.0 Roll-Ups

The Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening Roll-up sessions are club events that takes place weekly throughout the season. They are for matches between Club members on a team basis. They aim to help members get to know each other and play in different team positions.

While the Tuesday session does not count in any competition the Thursday session counts towards the M&B shield, awarded to the player who accumulates the greatest number of points during the season. No fee is charged for Tuesday matches and a small fee for Thursday matches.

Thursday match points are scored as follows:-

- Members of each winning team to score 5 points.
- Members of each drawing team to score 3 points
- Members of each losing team to score 1 point.

Overall winner to be the player with the most points. In the event of a draw the player with the most shots difference (shots 'for' minus shots 'against') to be the winner. If the shots difference is the same then the player with the highest shots 'for' shall be the winner. If the highest shots 'for' is the same then the competition is tied and the trophy will be shared.

For each session:- Tuesday & Thursday

- As a first choice, rinks or triples matches will be played, depending on the number of members attending.
- Teams will be selected by picking letter/numbered discs in a random draw for team members and playing position. These teams will be given first choice of rinks, both in terms of number of rinks and which rinks to play. The Roll-up organiser shall agree with the group the format of teams before the draw starts. This may be a mixture of rinks, triples or pairs depending on the numbers present.
- If there is an odd person that does not fit into a rink, triple or pair they will be added to one of the teams and the number of bowls for that team adjusted to make an equal number of bowls per team.
- Playing positions may be changed after the draw by team agreement but players cannot swap between teams.
- If less than 12 members turn up for a Thursday session, the scores will not count towards the accumulated

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score.

- All rinks, on Thursday, shall either play the same number of ends or the score will be counted at an agreed number of ends for all teams. No such rule applies to Tuesday sessions.
- Other club members, wanting a roll-up, but not taking part in the teams, may play any type of match on any of the rinks not used by the teams.
- Use of rinks not being used by the teams is on a 'first come, first served', basis.
- Rinks cannot be pre-booked for Tuesday or Thursday sessions with the exception of :-
 - Planned fixtures-(on the fixture card)
 - Warks County BA competition, South Warks BA competition or National competition matches.

The above matches shall be given first choice of rinks. Notification to the Roll-up organiser would be appreciated.

Note: Playing Club Competitions during the Tuesday or Thursday sessions should be avoided if possible. If this is unavoidable the no booking rule still stands. Only rinks not allocated to the Roll-up can be used. Rinks wanted for team roll-ups and individual roll-ups shall take precedence over Club competitions during these two sessions.

Dress code: As a reminder all these taking part in a team or individual roll-up sessions shall wear 'greys'. That is grey trousers/skirt and a white top, (or Entaco club shirt)

3.0 Club Competitions

3.1 Competitions format

3.1.1 Two Wood Singles...Separate Mens and Ladies competitions.

To be played over 21 ends. Trial ends may be played immediately before the match starts. The player with the highest score at the conclusion of 21 ends shall be the winner. If it is clear that a player can win before the full 21 ends need to be played the match may be conceded. If it is a draw after 21 ends then an extra end shall be played to reach a result.

Trophy:- Mens is 'Dot Parker Memorial Cup', Ladies cup donated by 'Margaret & Derrick Pratt'.

3.1.2 Four Wood Singles...Separate Mens and Ladies competitions.

The first player to score 21 shots shall be the winner. Each player starts from a score of zero. Trial ends may be played immediately before the match starts. The number of ends played is unlimited.

Trophies:- Mens is 'Francis Moss Cup', Ladies is 'Dorothy Prior Trophy'

3.1.3 Handicap Singles...A Mixed competition.

The first player to score 21 shots shall be the winner. Each player starts from their nominated handicap score. When the handicap is minus,(less than zero), the score board shall not show their score until they have scored sufficient shots to reach zero or above. Trial ends may be played immediately before the match starts. The number of ends played is unlimited.

Trophy is the 'Priory House Shield'

3.1.4- Pavilion Cup...A mixed competition.

This competition shall be played as a Four Wood Singles competition. Entry for this competition is limited to those players with a handicap of plus 6 or more only.

Trophy is the 'Pavilion Cup'

3.1.5- Presidents Cup (Gala Day)... Awarded to the winner of the Gala Day events. Where a number of matches are played, on the day, the winner shall be the player with the most shots 'for' and the least 'against'. In the event of a draw the cup shall be shared. Trophy is 'Presidents Cup'

3.1.6- Four Wood Pairs...Separate Mens and Ladies competitions.

To be played over 21 ends. Trial ends may be played before the match starts. The pair with the higher score at the conclusion of 21 ends shall be the winners. If it is a draw after 21 ends then an extra end shall be played to reach a result.

Trophy:- Mens is the L.H. Breare Cup, Ladies is the G. Goodman Cup.

3.1.7- Thursday League Trophy...Open to all members.

A trophy awarded to the player scoring the most points over the season when playing in the Thursday evening drawn matches. (Roll-up) . All scores for all rinks shall be counted at the same number of ends. The number of ends shall be agreed before play starts at each session. If weather/any other reason cuts short any session a new agreed number of ends shall be made by the players. The minimum number of players for a session to count shall be 12. The minimum number of ends to be played per session shall be 8.

Trophy is the 'M & B Shield'

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3.1.8- Captain's Trophy...Presented to the person, who in the opinion of the Club Captain, has given strong support and contributed most to club matches during the season. Trophy is the 'Captains Trophy'

3.1.9- Player of the Year...Presented to the player who in the opinion of club officers has excelled in their performance or commitment to the club over the past season. Trophy is the 'R.W Smith Cup'

3.2-Competition Rules

3.2.1 Qualification

All entrants must be fully paid up playing members of Entaco Bowls Club.

A players handicap is set by the Club Captain and Competitions Secretary prior to the competition draw. Other Club Officers may be consulted for setting handicaps.

The draw to see who plays who, for all competitions, shall be made by the Competitions Secretary and the President. (or his appointed substitute)

ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE ABLE TO PLAY IN THE FINALS ON THE AGREED CLUB FINALS DAY. If they are unable to do so they must withdraw prior to the date of the semi-final round of that particular competition. Any player contravening this rule, without acceptable reason, could face disqualification from that competition in the following year.

3.2.2 Play

All competitions will be played within the laws of the match as prescribed by Bowls England. See para **5.0**, of this document,also.

The Challenger (the first or top name(s) on the draw sheet) will be able to choose the rink on which the match is to be played during the rounds, but those rinks must be on marks that have been designated for that particular day.

It is up to the Challenger, to contact the opponent, and offer dates and times to play.

Matches played before the closing date must be arranged with the consent of both parties. All matches must be played on or before the day the round is due to close.

Please bear in mind that if your opponent works, you may have to play in the evening or Sunday morning. (Please also note the Roll-up rules at 2.0 above)

All dates and times must be entered on the Daily Booking Sheets within a reasonable time prior to the match being played. In the event of a clash of matches those entered onto the Daily Booking sheets will take precedence.

National, County, Association, Club and League dates must be given priority over club competition matches. Any variance from this must be with the consent of the Committee or Club Captains.

For singles matches the Challenger will be responsible for arranging a marker.

See the Entaco website under 'Members-Marker's Duties' for their role in the match.

Telephone contact numbers for members can also be found on this website under 'Members-Contacts.'

For singles match, just one scorecard is needed. This to be filled in, as the match progresses, by the Marker.

For pairs matches each team should have their own card and check frequently during the match that the scores are in agreement. Number ones in pairs shall agree the number of shots each end doing any necessary measuring. If they cannot agree they should call in an Umpire or another member to decide.

The Challenger always calls the toss. The match can then commence.

matches are either 21 shots, or 21 ends. See para 3.1 above for the specifics of each type of match.

Two trial ends may be played before the start of any match.

All matches are played in greys except for the final which is all whites.

NO player is allowed to play on the same rink mark, on the same day as the match has been agreed.

3.2.3 Extreme weather

In the event of a match not being finished owing to bad weather on the final day of a round, the accumulated score of the match being played will be deemed complete as long as Seven Ends have been completed prior to the

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abandonment.

Matches not started or failing to complete seven ends will be decided by the toss of a coin:- If the match can be completed on a later day, but within the set date of the round closing, it must be played on the same rink, and the score continues from the that score at the time of the abandonment.

3.2.4 Substitutes

In matches other than singles, **one** player who has not previously played in the competition may play as a substitute. Should a substitute be required in a future round only the original substitute shall be eligible to play again. When a substitute is played then the scorecard must be clearly marked with the word 'substitute' against his name. Once a substitute has played they are not permitted to play in that particular competition again during that year.

3.2.5 Appeals

Competitors shall have the right of appeal any decision made by the Competition Secretary, in writing to the Club committee, whose decision will be final. Any such appeal must be made within 7 days of the match being played

4.0 Fees

4.1 Green fees Club members

In general members do not pay a separate fee for use of the green. However in the following cases a fee is charged:-

- Matches appearing on the fixture card are charge at £3 per member. This may include food after the match. The charge applies to both home and away matches.
- Roll-ups. No fee is charged except for the Thursday evening league session. The charge for this is £1 per member.
- For all competitions entered by Entaco club there is a charge of £1 per Entaco member per match played, home and away. This includes the following competitions:-
 - Interberga league
 - Redditch Triples league
 - Mens Top Club
 - Ladies Top Club
 - National Two fours
 - Wardop Cup
 - Ivens Cup
 - Reed Trophy
- Member playing their National, County or South Warks competitive matches do not pay a green fee either home or away.
- Members playing in Club competitions do not pay a green fee.

4.2 Green fees-Visitors

4.2.1 A green fee, currently £3 per person, shall be charged for all visitors and teams requesting to play on our green. This charge shall be higher if food is provided by Entaco.

4.2.2 If a team playing a National, County or South Warks competition match, containing one or more Entaco members, choose to use our green rather than the one drawn to play on, the green fee may be waived for all members of that team. This is irrespective of whether the team is entered in the Entaco members name or not.

5.0 Playing Laws

5.1 Entaco shall abide by the laws of the sport of bowls as laid down by World Bowls (amended by Bowls England for domestic use). These are contained in the World Bowls publication 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls- Crystal Mark (latest Edition)

5.2 No local club laws are in force.