

## **BEMBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB COMPETITION RULES 2026**

### **Applications**

Competition entries to be made on the forms provided and returned complete with all entry fees.

### **Dress Code**

Players: Up to and including the semi-final; Club colours above the waist and grey or navy below (as appropriate). Final; Club colours above the waist and white or navy below (as appropriate). Markers: All rounds; Club colours above the waist grey below.

### **Footwear**

Any shoes that comply with Bowls England standards may be worn.

### **Competition Games Times/Dates**

To be entered in the club diary avoiding green maintenance periods and County Competitions and shall be played according to the displayed rink rota. Matches may be played on “spare” rinks alongside League matches, but must start at least 15 minutes after the start of the League game.

### **Score Cards**

Completed score cards stating competition, date, rink, and contestants signed by both players/skips to be placed in the “competitions played” facility following the game.

The result shall be entered on the appropriate competition chart by a member of the “Competition Committee” only.

### **Challengers (1st Name)**

The challengers will contact their opponents immediately at the start of the round to arrange a convenient playing date as soon as possible within the competition time limits to allow for any holidays or unforeseen circumstances.

### **Substitutes**

**SINGLES COMPETITIONS:** If either player has to withdraw from a competition, the match will be forfeited and the place in the following round awarded to the other competitor. If either player has to withdraw from the final round, the match win will be awarded to the other competitor. In this instance the withdrawing competitor will receive the runner-up prize in recognition of their achievement in reaching the final.

**TEAM COMPETITIONS:** If a player from either team has to withdraw, that team has the right to bring in a permanent substitute. Only players that have not played in an earlier round of the same competition will be eligible to be a substitute. If no suitable substitute is available the team concerned will forfeit the match and the place in the following round awarded to the other team. No substitutes will be allowed in the final round so if any player has to withdraw the team concerned shall forfeit the match and the win will be awarded to the other team. In this instance the withdrawing team will receive the runner-up prize in recognition of their achievement in reaching the final.

**Marker (Singles Competitions)**

With the exception of the finals (when the Competition Committee will appoint a marker) the challenger (1st named player) will be responsible for appointing the marker.

**Torrential Rain**

In the event of any final having to be curtailed part-way through because of the rink becoming waterlogged, and therefore unplayable, the match will be suspended for up to one hour. If the rink has not drained sufficiently for the match to be continued within that hour, and provided at least half (ends or time as per the competition) of the match has been completed, the win shall be awarded to the player/team that was leading at the time of the curtailment. If half of the match has not been completed the game may be resumed (at the point of completion of the last full end) at an agreed time and date prior to the official season-end closing of the green.

**Extensions**

Extending any round beyond the published timeframe is discouraged but may be considered, with Competition Committee approval, in exceptional circumstances. Extending the finals timetable is also unwelcome but would also be considered under exceptional circumstances. All competitions MUST be completed before the date of the official season-end green closure.

**Finals**

Finalists in more than one final must be prepared to play more than one game per day..

**Bowls Laws**

Unless already covered by any of the above conditions the games shall be played in accordance with "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" as published by Bowls England.

**Trophies**

Trophies will be awarded to the Club competition winners (one trophy for each competition) to be held from presentation for return, in a clean and sound condition, by the end of August each year. All winners and runners-up will receive an individual award inscribed with the competition and year as a keepsake of the event.

**Queries**

In the event of queries the Competition Committee's decision is final.