

GREAT HOLLANDS BOWLS CLUB



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Club Competition Guide

All Club competitions will follow the same guidelines as County and National. The exceptions being David Harnden, Novice and Handicap.

These are detailed further below.

Singles – First to score 21

Pairs, Triples and 4's – 18 ends

2 woods - 15 ends

Competitions

1. The competitor appearing first on the draw shall be known as the Challenger, and the competitor appearing second shall be known as the Opponent.
2. The date by which the various rounds shall be played, shall be indicated on the Draw Sheet. To enable the competitions to proceed smoothly and to schedule, all ties must be completed by the dates specified on the applicable Draw Sheet.
3. It is the responsibility of the Challenger to offer his/her Opponent at least three dates to play the match. One of which must be a Saturday or Sunday.
4. The Opponent shall, within 48 hours of receipt of the challenge, reply accepting one of the dates offered.
5. On receipt of acceptance of one of the dates offered, the Challenger shall make a booking to reserve two rinks.
6. In singles competitions the Challenger is responsible to provide a suitable marker.
7. If either the Challenger(s) or the Opponent(s) fails to comply with the requirements of providing or accepting dates, the non-offending Competitor(s) should contact the Competition Secretary, who will settle the matter and this may result in the offending competitor(s) being eliminated.

Playing and Substitutions

1. In Singles – Prior to any round, if a competitor, for whatever reason, is unable to play, or becomes unavailable for Finals Day, they will be required to withdraw from the competition. In all cases the Competition Secretary shall be informed immediately of the game being conceded.
2. In Pairs - Prior to any round, if a competitor, for whatever reason, is unable to play, or becomes unavailable for Finals Day, they must inform the Competition Secretary as soon as possible. The Competition Secretary will then confirm the position regarding a substitution and nominate a suitable substitute where applicable. One substitute shall be permitted at any stage of the competition provided that:
 - The substitute has not played in any previous rounds of the same competition
 - The substitute should be of equal standing to the retiring player whenever possible
3. All completed score cards should be placed in the rack provided in the Clubhouse. Scorecards must bear correctly the names of all competitors concerned and signed by both players and/or both skips.
4. In the event of a match result being a tie, a further end shall be played and a coin will be tossed to decide who takes the mat.

David Harnden Competition

- Can only have a maximum of two seasons in any Club
- 4 bowls
- 2 sets of 9 ends. Winner of proceeding end to keep the mat. If tied sets at 1-1 a deciding end to be played. Toss for the mat.
- Free entry
- Fixed play on dates
- Competition draw after the last Open Day once all new members are known

Open to ALL new bowlers with automatic entry.

Fixed play on date (early rounds) to have all new members playing at the same time to encourage social activity for new members.

Existing members required to score, encourage and provide guidance.

Novice Competition

4 Bowls. First to 21.

Open to ALL members 5 years and under who have not won any internal, County or National competitions.

Handicap Competition

4 Bowls. First to 21.

Matching handicap is first to 21.

Different handicaps – prior to start. X shots added to lower handicap contestants score where X equals the higher handicap minus the lower handicap.

Example: Player A - (2) player B - (7). Player A plays of 5 and Player B plays of 0

- Maximum handicap to be 8

Handicap calculations. These are based on current handicap +/- last season results.

- Singles Comp winner - 8
- Runner up – 6
- Semi-final – 3
- Quarter final – 1
- New bowler - 0
- Bowler with handicap has a reduction of 2 the following year
- New entries (existing members) will have a handicap assigned commensurate with their experience by the Competition Secretary, with at least one Captain or President of the Executive. The following season will be recalculated in line with the conditions above

Examples:

1. Last year was on 5 and won singles ($5-2+8=11$) playing of 8
2. Last year was on 8 and runner up ($8-2+6= 12$) playing of 8
3. Last year playing of 3 and got to quarter final ($3-2+1=2$) playing of 2
4. Last year played of 3 and did not get to a quarter final ($3-2=1$) playing of 1
5. Last year was on 3 won a singles and quarter final ($3-2+8+1=10$) playing of 8
6. New bowler ($0+0 =0$) playing of 0