BRENTWOOD & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Playing Regulations

Competitions

The following regulations apply to all competitions except the Roger Burton Memorial Trophy and Association League Matches.

1. All Competitions

(a) All competitions shall be staged on an annual basis and played under World Bowls Laws of the game except where specifically varied by Bowls England (BE), Essex County Bowling Association (ECBA) or Brentwood and District Bowling Association (BDBA).

(b) All competitors must be a bona fida members of a BDBA affiliated club. There is no restriction to the number of entries from each affiliated club in each competition.

(c) Control of all competitions shall be in the hands of the BDBA Competition Secretary assisted by other appointed committee members of the BDBA where necessary.

(d) Club Secretaries shall send their competition entries and fees to the Competition Secretary no later than the date specified on the entry and affiliation forms provided for that purpose.

(e) The draw for all competitions and the play by date for each round will be published on the BDBA website by the end of March.

(f) The Competitor appearing first in each round of the draw shall be the challenger and shall, without delay offer his opponent three dates, one of which must be a weekend and one an evening (not a Bank holiday or the Saturday preceding, unless mutually agreed) from which to select. The opposing competitor shall reply without delay and no later than three days, and in the event of not accepting the dates offered, the challenger shall be awarded the tie, if claimed. For each round of the competition seven days' notice shall be given. Should a challenger fail to comply, the right to challenge would pass to the non-challenger. If neither player makes arrangements to play the tie and no application is made to the Competition Secretary for an extension, both players will be eliminated.

(g) Extensions shall only be given if players are involved in County Competitions or others of a higher level, or if players have exceptional extenuating circumstances and will only be granted after application through the Competition Secretary who, if necessary, shall consult with the Executive Committee. The decision shall be final. No extensions will be allowed for the Finals.

(h) The Semi-Finals shall be played on a neutral green unless both competitors are from the same club and choose to play on their own green.

(i) All rounds prior to the Semi-Final and Final shall be played on the Club green of the challenger. If the green of the challenger has not been passed fit or is not available, the game shall be played on the green of the opponent if passed fit and available. If neither green has been passed fit or is not available the game shall be played on a neutral green to be mutually agreed upon, failing which the Competition Secretary shall determine the green on which the tie shall be played.

(j) The venue of the Finals shall be decided by the BDBA Executive Committee.

(k) All ties shall be played at a mutually agreed starting time. A competitor failing to appear within 30 minutes of a previously arranged starting time shall be disqualified.

(l) The onus of providing a marker in the Singles Competition shall fall upon the challenger, except in the Final.

(m) All score cards shall be signed by both teams, with the name of the Competition, playing venue, and all players names including any changes, i.e. a substitute player and emailed immediately by the winning competitor to the Competitions Secretary at bdbabowls@hotmail.co.uk.

(n) In the event of the scores being equal on completion of the game necessitating an extra end being played, the leads shall toss and the winner shall have the right to decide who shall play first.

(o) In the event of rain stopping the completion of a match, play must be continued on the same green, unless otherwise mutually agreed, at a time agreed by both competitors.

(p) The two Skips shall be the judges of all disputed points and when they agree their decision shall be final. If they cannot agree, the point shall be decided by the umpire or a suitably independent person in attendance mutually agreed upon by the two Skips.

(q) Any protests must be made to the Competition Secretary by email within 24 hours of the completion of the match. The competitor lodging the protest shall deposit with the Competition Secretary on behalf of the BDBA the sum of £5, which may be forfeited or returned, as the BDBA Committee may determine after considering and disposing of such a protest.

(r) All trophies shall be presented to the winners and shall be retained by the recipient and returned to the Competition Secretary no later than one month prior to the following year's Finals Day. The trophy holders shall be responsible for their safe custody. The winners and runners-up shall be given the option of being presented with a suitable personable trophy indicating the year and title of the event or cash equivalent.

(s) Competitors are permitted to wear coloured club shirts and trousers or shorts provided all members of the same team have the same dress code on the day. When coloured club kits are not worn, club or white shirts shall be worn with grey trousers or shorts, except in the final when white trousers or shorts shall be worn.

(t) All finalists must use club stickers on their bowls in the final. In the event of the two finalists being from the same club, alternative stickers will be supplied by the BDBA.

(u) Club affiliation fees and competition fees shall be determined annually at the BDBA Annual General Meeting and clubs notified on the official forms.

(v) The BDBA Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not provided for in these regulations.

2. Singles

Each player shall use four bowls each. The winner shall be the first player to score 21 shots.

3. Pairs

(a) The two players taking part in the first game shall constitute the pair and shall normally play together throughout the competition. One additional (and the same) player, however, may be used as a substitute at any time provided that he has not already played in the competition under another entry. A substitute may Skip.

(b) Each game shall consist of 18 ends (two players with four bowls each), the leaders to play their bowls before the Skips. In the event of a tie an extra end must be played, the points of this end count in the final score.

4. Triples

(a) The three players taking part in the first game shall constitute the triple and shall normally play together throughout the competition. One additional (and the same) player, however, may be used as a substitute at any time provided that he has not already played in the competition under another entry. A substitute may Skip.

(b) Each game shall consist of 18 ends (three players with three bowls each). In the event of a tie an extra end must be played, the points of this end count in the final score.

5. Fours

(a) The four players taking part in the first game shall constitute the four and shall normally play together throughout the competition. One additional (and the same) player, however, may be used as a substitute at any time provided that he has not already played in the competition under another entry. A substitute may Skip. A team is not permitted to play with three players and will forfeit the match if they are one player short.

(b) Each game must consist of four players with two bowls each, playing 18 ends. In the event of a tie an extra end must be played, the points of this end count in the final score.

6. Two Wood Pairs

(a) The two players taking part in the first game shall constitute the pair and shall normally play together throughout the competition. One additional (and the same) player, however, may be used as a substitute at any time provided that he has not already played in the competition under another entry. A substitute may Skip.

(b) Each player shall have two bowls.

(c) A match will consist of 3 sets, with a tie breaker played if necessary.

(d) Each set played over 9 ends.

(e) The winner of the toss will choose whether to take the jack or give it away in the first end of the first and third sets and their opponents will choose in the first end of the second set.

(f) The winner of each set will be the winner with the most shots at the completion of the 9th end.

(g) There is no need to play dead ends, eg if one pair is 5 shots up after 8 ends.

(h) If the shot scores are tied after the last end of a set, the set will be drawn (scored ½-½).

(i) If the match is tied at 1 set each with 1 drawn set or 3 drawn sets, a best of three ends tie breaker will be played to determine the winner.

(j) In the tie break, the winner of each end will get a point, irrespective of the total number of shots won on the end.

(k) In the tie breaker, the pair winning the toss shall choose whether to take the jack or give it away in the first & third ends (assuming it goes to a third end). Their opponents shall choose whether to take the jack or give it away in the 2nd end.

7. Two Wood Triples

(a) The two players taking part in the first game shall constitute the pair and shall normally play together throughout the competition. One additional (and the same) player, however, may be used as a substitute at any time provided that he has not already played in the competition under another entry. A substitute may Skip.

(b) Each player shall have two bowls,

(c) A match will consist of 2 sets, with a tie breaker played if necessary.

(d) Each set played over 9 ends.

(e) The winner of the toss will choose whether to take the jack or give it away in the first end of the first set and their opponents will choose in the first end of the second set.

(f) The winner of each set will be the winner with the most shots at the completion of the 9th end.

(g) There is no need to play dead ends, eg if one team is 7 shots up after 8 ends.

(h) If the shot scores are tied after the last end of a set, the set will be drawn (scored ½-½).

(i) If the match is tied at 1 set each or 2 drawn sets, a best of three ends tie breaker will be played to determine the winner.

(j) In the tie break, the winner of each end will get a point, irrespective of the total number of shots won on the end.

(k) In the tie breaker, the team winning the toss shall choose whether to take the jack or give it away in the first & third ends (assuming it goes to a third end). Their opponents shall choose whether to take the jack or give it away in the 2nd end.

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