



Brentwood & District Bowling Association



Playing Regulations

The following regulations apply to all competitions except:

1. The Roger Burton Memorial Trophy
2. All Association League Matches

All Competitions (revised 2011)

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- (a) All competitions shall be staged on an annual basis confined to affiliated clubs 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) for domestic purposes as specified herein. All competitors must be bona fida members of the BDBA affiliated clubs.
- (b) Control of all competitions shall be in the hands of the BDBA Competitions Secretary assisted by other appointed committee members of the BDBA where necessary.
- (c) 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.
- (d) All rounds for the competitions, be they Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours, after the second and each subsequent round shall be drawn and played by the dates set out in the competition draws.
- (e) The Competitor appearing first in each round of the draw shall be the challenger and shall, without delay and no later than two days of receiving notification of his opponent, offer the opposite competitor 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.
- (f) 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 Semi-Finals and Finals.
- (g) 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

- (h) All ties must be played on greens passed by the Greens Inspectors as defined in the ECBA regulations. 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.
- (i) The venue of the Finals shall be decided by the BDBA Executive Committee.
- (j) 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.
- (k) The onus of providing a marker in the Single Handed Competition shall fall upon the challenger, except in the Final.
- (l) All scoring and result 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 sent immediately by the winning competitor together with a stamped addressed envelope to the Competition Secretary as indicated on the notification sheet. Results of ties played on or just before the closing date must be telephoned through to the number indicated on the notification sheet. The score card must follow immediately as indicated earlier.
- (m) 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.
- (n) In the event of rain stopping the completion of a match, play must be continued on the same green, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon at the time of the abandonment.
- (o) 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.
- (p) All protests appertaining to (a) the green etc. must be intimated before the sixth end (match to be completed) and (b) against a player within three days after a match. The club or competitor lodging the protest shall deposit with the Competition Secretary on behalf of the BDBA the sum of £1 which may be forfeited or returned, as the BDBA Committee may determine after considering and disposing of such a protest. No protests shall be withdrawn except by leave of the BDBA Committee. Protests must be lodged in duplicate.
- (q) All trophies shall be presented during Finals Day and shall be retained by the recipient and returned to the Competition Secretary no later than one month prior to the following Finals Day. The trophy holders shall be responsible for their safe custody. The winners and runners-up shall be presented with a suitable personable trophy indicating the year and title of the event.

- (r) Competitors in both Semi-finals and Finals of the BDBA competitions are permitted to wear coloured club shirts provided all members of the same team have the same dress code on the day. When coloured club shirts are not worn, white trousers, white shirt, club tie and where applicable, club badge shall be worn for the finals.
- (s) 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.
- (t) Club affiliation fees and competition fees shall be determined annually at the BDBA Annual General Meeting and clubs notified on the official forms.
- (u) The BDBA Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not provided for in these regulations.

2 Competitions

In addition to Competition Regulation 1, the following shall apply.

- (a) There shall be no restriction to the numbers of entries from each affiliated club in each competition.

3 Singles

Each game shall consist of 21 shots, four bowls each player.

4 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 he has not already played in the competition under another entry. A substitute may Skip.

(b) Each game shall consist of 21 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.

5 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 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.

6 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 he has not already played in the competition under another entry. A substitute may Skip. A Fours are 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 21 ends. In the event of a tie an extra end must be played, the points of this end count in the final score.