

NEW MILTON BOWLING CLUB

COMPETITION RULES

BOOKING MATCHES

- All matches must be completed on or before the dates shown on the draw sheets except for when rinks are unplayable on the closing date of the round.
- Extensions will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances. (not holidays)
- The Challenger(s) (1st named on draw sheet) must offer to their opponent(s) at least 2 dates on different days & times no later than the published challenge by date of each round.
- Should the Challenger(s) fail to do this then the Opponent(s) become the Challenger who should then offer 2 dates to their Opponent(s). If these dates cannot be mutually agreed, the relevant Competition Secretary should be informed who will then agree an extension if appropriate.
- Start times before 6pm must be agreed by both players.
- Once a date and time is agreed, the Challenger should then check rink availability before booking a rink.
- National, County, B&D and New Forest competitions take priority over Club Competitions and Friday night is Peter Spink night therefore Rinks 7-12 should be avoided.
- Waiting time for each match is limited to 30 minutes and any defaulting player(s) will concede the match with the opponent claiming a walk over.

DRESS CODE

- Club colours are to be worn for all stages of each competition.

MARKERS

- For all Singles matches the Challenger will organise a marker.

SCORECARDS

- Scorecards are to be signed by both players and placed in the appropriate box provided.

SUBSTITUTES

- All players taking part in the 1st round of a pairs or triples competition shall constitute the team for the remainder of that competition however one additional player may be used as substitute in any position. This may happen during any round provided they have not already played in the same competition. If a substitute is used at the semi-final stage they must play in the final. If a player finds that after the draw has been made, but prior to the competition starting, that they are unable to participate in the whole competition, a replacement can be used.
- This replacement will not be regarded as a substitute and is therefore not subject to the substitution rules. All substitutes must be approved by their competition secretary and in the case of drawn pairs/triples competitions, the Competition Secretary can help to find a replacement.
- Should any Singles finalist be unable to play on Finals Day, the match will be awarded to the opponent.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES

- Matches will be played to 21 shots.

MENS & LADIES HANDICAP SINGLES

- This is a 4-wood game. The player with the lower handicap has to reach 21 points to win the game before the player with the higher handicap reaches 21 points plus the difference between the two handicaps e.g. Player 1 has a handicap of 2, player 2 has a handicap of 5, player 1 = 21 points to win and player 2 = 21 points plus 3 = 24 points to win.
- If both players have a 0 (zero) handicap, then the first player to 21 points is the winner.

MENS HANDICAP PAIRS

- This is a 4-wood game. Before play can begin add together each pairs individual handicaps. The team with the lowest combined score will start the match with their shot difference added to the match scoreboard. The pair with the higher combined handicap will start the match with zero (0) on the scoreboard.
- The game is then played to 18 ends.

OPEN THREE SET SINGLES COMPETITION

- The game will be played over 3 sets each of 7 ends. The challenger will call the coin toss and the winner will elect whether to have the mat or give the mat to their opponent.
- The second set will be started by the opposite player.
- A third set will only be played if each player has won a set each, or one player has won a set and the second set has been tied, or both sets have been tied.
- Each set will be stopped if it is mathematically impossible for one player to match the other player's score within the 7 ends.
- If, after 3 sets have been played, the points are shared, an extra end will be played.
- In the event of another tied end, further ends will be played alternatively until an end is won.

DON SHIELDS TROPHY

- Men who lose their first championship singles match, including players who concede or are scratched, become eligible for entry into this competition. A list of qualifiers will be displayed and updated as the first-round games are played.

LADIES AUSSIE PAIRS/DRAWN PAIRS/WHITEFIELD CUP

- Competition rules for these games will be listed on each draw sheet once the Preliminary/First round draws have been made.

All matters of dispute should be submitted in writing within 48 hours.

The Men and Ladies Competition Secretaries April 2024