

Maiden Erlegh Bowling Club

Competition Rules

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 Competitions shall be confined to members of the club who have paid their subscriptions for the current year.
- 1.2 Members should not enter competitions if they are unavailable to play on **Finals Weekend** or **Fixed Dates** printed in the fixtures card.

2. Conditions

The Ladies and Gents bowling sections shall each elect annually a Competition Secretary plus two other members who shall organise all competitions.

Unless varied below all competitions shall be played under the rules, bye laws and regulations of Bowls England and the RCBBA.

3. Questions and Disputes

The Competitions Committee or any member thereof shall determine all questions that arise which do not come under the scope of a nominated umpire's duties.

In the case of any dispute the decision of the Competition Committee shall be final.

4. Competition Draws

The Competitions Committee will make draws from all entries received by the notified closure date. This is generally in the middle of May. Draws will be conducted promptly after the closing date and listings of games will be posted on the Competition boards. Completion dates for each round will be clearly indicated and players have a duty to complete matches by the given date.

The first drawn in each case shall be termed the "Challenger" and the second the "Opponent".

5. Duties of the Challenger and Opponent.

- 5.1 The challenger shall offer his/her opponent three alternative dates to play. This offer should be made at least 14 days before the completion date of that stage of the competition.
- 5.2 It is also incumbent upon the opponent to liaise with the challenger at an early stage to ensure the game is played by the completion date for that round. Fair warning of prior commitments should ensure that arrangements are made amicably.
- 5.3 Any requests to play after the stage completion date must receive the approval of the Competitions Committee. If a game has not been played by the completion date, nor a suitable date agreed by a member of the Competitions Committee, the Competitions Committee will decide who proceeds (if either) to the next round.
- 5.4 The challenger is responsible for booking a rink in the bookings folder as soon as the date and time have been agreed.
- 5.5 The challenger is responsible for arranging a marker for Singles competitions. The game is not to be played if a marker is unavailable.

6. Rink Bookings

- 6.1 In accordance with Club Regulations the order of priority for choice of rink is as follows:-
 - i) Club Fixtures
 - a) County matches – Kennet league, LX, TVLL etc.
 - b) Club friendly matches
 - ii) MEBC National and County competitions being played on the actual fixed date.
 - iii) MEBC County competitions that have been brought forward.
 - iv) Any other National or County competitions.
 - v) MEBC Club competitions
 - vi) Roll ups.

In each category above, should there be more than one competition being played in the same session then rinks are to be drawn. If there is only one competition in a category the Challenger can select the rink. No player shall play a competition on a rink they have used earlier that day.

- 6.2 No competitions shall be arranged on rinks which have been reserved for Points Sessions, with the sole exception of Men's and Ladies' National and County fixed date competitions.

7. Reserves

- 7.1 Substitute players are not permitted in any Singles Competitions.
- 7.2 Only one substitute per team is permitted in Pairs and Triples competitions. The Competitions Committee will sanction which reserve shall play
- 7.3 A list of possible reserves will be displayed on the Competitions boards.
- 7.4 A member who has entered, conceded or played in a previous round of a competition may not play as a substitute in that same competition for another team.

7.5 A substitute may play in any round including the Final.

7.6 A substitute who plays and wins on Finals Day will be recorded on the trophy.

8. Notification of Results.

The winner's name shall be entered on the draw sheet immediately following the end of the game.

Completed score cards shall be placed in the appropriate box/drawer in the clubhouse.

9. Tied Results

Where a game ends with each player or team having an equal number of shots, a further end shall be played. A toss for the choice of mat shall take place before the end commences. The winner of that end proceeds to the next round.

10. Postponed and interrupted games

Should it not be possible to start or complete a game – either through inclement weather conditions, or exceptional circumstances beyond the player's control – the Competitions Committee is to be notified promptly.

Approval will normally be given to arrange a new date.

The game shall continue from the last fully completed end. (Trial ends are permitted)

11. Additional Rules for each competition

Championship Singles Competition

The draw shall be made on a completely random basis.

The winner shall be the first to reach 21 shots. 4 bowls each player.

Two Wood Singles Competition

The draw shall be made on a completely random basis.

Games shall consist of 21 ends. 2 bowls each player.

Singles Handicap Competition

Prior to the draw the Competitions Committee will allocate a handicap to each entrant. This handicap is based on bowling experience, ability and progress in previous competitions.

The draw shall be made on a completely random basis.

Opponents first calculate the difference between their two handicaps. The less experienced player starts play with a plus score on his/her scorecard equivalent to this difference. The winner is the first player to reach 21 shots.

4 bowls each player.

Nova Competition for Men

Entry is restricted to those members who have not previously won a club singles competition (excluding the 100-up competition) at Maiden Erlegh or another club.

The draw shall be made on a completely random basis.

The winner shall be the first player to reach 21 shots. 4 bowls each player.

Unbadged Competition for Ladies

Entry is restricted to non-County players. A simple handicapping system will be in place whereby any competitor who has never won a Club singles competition will be awarded 4 shots at the start of the game

The draw shall be made on a completely random basis.

The winner shall be the first player to reach 21 shots. 4 bowls each player.

Pairs Competition

Prior to the draw the Competition Committee will nominate players as either skips or leads. The draw will be made on this basis.

The two players taking part in the first game constitute "the team"

Players may change position from round to round but not during the game.

The game consists of 21 ends. 4 bowls each player.

Triples Competition

Prior to the draw the Competitions Committee will nominate players as either skips, number 2 or leads. The draw will be made on this basis.

The three players taking part in the first game constitute "the team."

Players may change positions of play from round to round but not during a game.

The game consists of 18 ends. 3 bowls each player.

100-up Mixed Competition

The draw shall be made on a completely random basis.

The Jack is bowled as normal and its position marked (small coin placed behind)

The Jack is replaced on the same spot if moved during the course of the game.

The player with the SHOT places the mat the following end.

Scoring:-	SHOT	4 points
	2nd bowl	3 points
	3rd bowl	2 points
	4th bowl	1 point

The winner is the first to reach 100 points. Points are added in the order that bowls are removed from the head. N.B. No extra ends are required.

Mixed Drawn Pairs Competition

Pairs will be drawn by the Competitions Committee.

The competition consists of several short rounds and is completed on the Fixed Day.

Players may change positions from round to round. 2 bowls each player.

Mixed Triples Competition

Teams will be drawn by the Competitions Committee.

Depending on the number of entrants 2 or 3 short rounds will be played on the Fixed

Day. Players may change positions from round to round.

Finalists will play 18 ends on Finals Day. 3 bowls each player

Mixed Nominated Pairs Competition

Players enter as a nominated pair for this Knock-out competition.

The draw will be made by the Competitions Committee on a completely random basis.

Players may change positions of play from round to round but not during a game.

The game consists of 21 ends. 2 bowls each player

Points Competitions

Points sessions will be run throughout the season at times specified on the fixtures card.

They are open to all playing members, who can attend on a regular or occasional basis.

Players are required to register 15 minutes before the scheduled start of play.

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