

COMPETITION ENTRY GUIDE

	Beginners	1-2 Years Experience	3-4 Years Experience
Ladies' Unbadged / Gents' Nova			○
Championship (Singles)			
Handicap (Singles)			
2 Wood (Singles)			
Triples			
Pairs			
Mixed Triples			
Mixed Pairs			
100 Up (Mixed Singles)			

	Recommended
	Enter if confident and willing to learn
	Not recommended unless very confident
○	If you qualify (See Information on Club Competitions)

Remember: The table is for guidance only. Playing against an experienced bowler in a singles competition may seem daunting to a beginner, but it can be an opportunity to gain insight into the game. You can pick up many a tip playing alongside an experienced player and this may help you to improve your game and so increase your enjoyment.

Playing in pairs or triples will mean you are part of a team which will include more experienced players who will encourage and support you, so a great way to improve your game. Pairs and Triples Competitions are entered as an individual, so no need to find other players. Teams are drawn by the Competitions Committee to provide a balance of experience. The exception to the above is the Mixed Pairs Competition where entries are made in pairs.

Markers: Singles matches require a 'Marker.' The Duties of a Marker are listed on the Competitions Board and also on the MEBC Web-Site. The first-named player in a singles match is required to find a marker, who should be a player with some experience and/or has attended the course on marking which is run by our coaching team. However, do not despair, a list of members who are willing to help with marking is also displayed on the Competitions Board, also talk to your opponent who will probably be willing to help find a marker. **DON'T LET THE MARKER ISSUE DETER YOU FROM ENTERING.**

Most Competitions are normally entered at the beginning of the season when filling in your Subscription Form. However, some lee-way is allowed and entries can normally be made during a short period at the beginning of the season. Some Competitions are started on, or indeed played on fixed days - keep an eye on the Competitions Board for up-to-date information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CLUB COMPETITIONS

Entry is restricted to paid-up club members. The entry fee is £2 per competition.

You are invited to compete in as many competitions as you wish but please note the following two exceptions:

The men's Singles Nova competition is restricted to members who have not previously won a club singles competition (excluding the 100-up) at any club;

The ladies Singles Unbadged competition is restricted to members who are not County players.

Categories

Mens: Singles Championship, Singles Two-wood, Singles Handicap, Singles Nova, Pairs, Triples

Ladies: Singles Championship, Singles Two-wood, Singles Handicap, Singles Unbadged, Pairs, Triples

Mixed: 100-up; Pairs; Triples

The 100 Up competition is a mixed singles competition with unusual rules.

The jack is bowled in the usual manner but then remains in a set place. The spot is usually marked with a small coin or tack and the jack is replaced if moved.

After each end the four bowls closest to the jack all score points.

If you are good at "drawing" you have a better chance than those who love to fire!

We would like to encourage our newer bowlers to enter the pairs and triples competitions, as it's an excellent way to get involved in competitions. You don't have to find a partner with whom to enter. Everyone enters as an individual, and the pairs and triples are fairly drawn by the competitions committee.

The one exception is the Mixed Nominated Pairs, this is the only competition where you choose your partner in advance and enter as a pair. The whole competition is completed on the fixed day and comprises several short rounds (consisting of 10 ends of two woods each) for everyone - culminating in the final. It is always a good sociable day for everyone. Entries for this competition are made later in the season to give players time to arrange their pairings. Look out for a signing-up list on the board about mid-July onwards.