

SOUTHBOURNE BOWLS COMPETITIONS RULES OF PLAY



1. Games must be played on or before the date fixed for the completion of the round. No extension of time will be allowed for the playing of any round unless extenuating circumstances arise. This must in the first instance be reported to the competition secretary and then put in writing for the consideration of the committee.
2. The first named in the draw will be the challenger(s) and shall have the choice of rinks.
3. Challengers must offer two dates to their opponents at least ten days prior to the end of the round. Failure to comply will result in the challengers forfeiting this privilege and their opponents will then become the challengers. Should neither side make any effort to challenge their opponents within the time constraints, then both will forfeit the game and their opponent(s) in the next round will receive a bye in that round.
4. Failure to accept offered dates, or come to a mutual agreement, will result in the game being awarded to the challengers
5. In Singles matches the challenger is responsible for providing a Marker (such matches must not be played without a Marker present).
6. Should a player be unable to compete in any round they must inform the competition secretary as soon as possible. In the case of pair's matches, this may allow time for a suitable replacement to be found by the competition secretary.
7. In the event of any dispute arising from the rules, or absence of any rule, which covers any particular situation, the elected committee shall meet and consider available evidence before making a decision. This decision will be final and must be accepted by members of the club.
8. Competition formats are as follows:

Club Singles	4 woods	21 shots
Two wood Singles	2 woods	21 ends
Yard Stick	2 woods	15 ends
Lewis Trophy	2 woods	21 ends
Pairs	4 woods	21 ends
Consolation, Veterans, Longley	4 woods	21 shots
9. Competition entry qualifications:

Consolation Singles – automatic entry for men losing their first game in the Club Singles.
Longley Cup – any member who has not previously won a club Singles competition.
Veterans Trophy – any member aged 65 or over on opening of the green day.
10. Minimum Jack length is 23 metres.