



SOUTHBOURNE BOWLS COMPETITIONS RULES OF PLAY

1. Games must be played on or before the date fixed for the completion of the round. No time extension will be allowed for the playing of any round unless extenuating circumstances arise. This must, in the first instance, be reported to the competition secretaries (Irene Jennings or Kathy Shelley) and then put in writing for the consideration of the committee.
2. The first named in the draw (names in **RED**) will be the challenger(s)
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 challenger(s) forfeiting this privilege and their opponent(s) will then become the challenger(s). Should neither side make any effort to challenge their opponent(s) 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 challenger(s).
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 secretaries as soon as possible. In the case of pairs matches, this may allow time for them to find a suitable replacement.
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
Pairs	4 woods	21 ends
Veterans/Longley	4 woods	21 shots
Lewis Trophy	2 woods	21 ends
9. Competition entry qualifications:

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.
11. Match dates must be booked using the on-line booking system.