

THE CROUCH BOWLING CLUB

COMPETITION RULES

Entries for the following competitions shall be invited from members each season. A fee set by the Club Committee each season shall be charged for each competition. Entries together with the appropriate fee(s) must be received by the Club Secretary by 30th April.

No Member can enter any competition if they had not played at least 5 times in matches, drives, men's league or evening league the previous season. New members are exempt for the first year.

DEFINITIONS:

Mixed, Ladies and Men's competitions shall be drawn by the Competition Secretary plus two Committee members on the Competition Draw evening.

LADIES & MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

First player to reach 21 shots

MIXED SINGLES HANDICAP

Each player shall be given a handicap set by the Competition Committee of between 0 and 10. The game will be played to 21shots with each player starting on their individual handicaps.

LADIES PAIRS

Each game shall consist of 18 ends. Pairings shall be drawn.

MIXED PAIRS

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MEN'S PAIRS

Each game shall consist of 21 ends. Pairings shall be drawn.

LADIES & MEN'S TWO WOOD SINGLES

Each game shall consist of 21 ends

MEN'S VETERANS

Entrants must be aged 70 or over on 1st January. First player to reach 21 shots.

MIXED TWO WOOD YARDSTICK

Each game shall consist of 15 shots. The only shots that count will be the nearest one(s) that are within one yard of the jack i.e. only one of the bowlers to score at each end.

MIXED 100UP SINGLES

Each game shall consist of 100 points. The four woods nearest the jack shall score in the following order:

1 st wood = 4 points	-	2 nd wood = 3 points
3 rd wood = 2 points	-	4 th wood = 1 point

In the event of a tied shot, each player will be awarded the points relative to that shot placing and the next shot placing will not be awarded. All ends must be completed, it is possible that the final score will exceed 100 points e.g. a player on 99 points may score more than the 1 in the following end. Should both players exceed 100 points the player with the greatest number shall be declared the winner.

LADIES LIMITED ENTRY SINGLES (GIBBON TROPHY)

MEN'S LIMITED ENTRY SINGLES

MIXED LIMITED ENTRY SINGLES (RICHARD SWEET TROPHY)

First player to reach 21 shots

Entry shall be restricted to members who have not previously won a singles outdoor bowls competition of any description (Yardstick and 100up excluded).

LADIES TWO WOOD BOX SINGLES

Players will be divided into four groups who will play each other in their group. Each game shall consist of a number of ends to be decided by the Competition Committee dependant on the number of players in each group. The winning player in each game will be awarded 3 points. In a draw game each player will be awarded 1 point. The group winner will be decided on

points scored. The winners of each group shall have a play off to reach the final.

SEAFORD TOWN TROPHY AND ANNIVERSARY CUP

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GENERAL

It shall be a condition of entry for any competition that Members Annual Subscriptions, Season Tickets and Competition Entry Fees have been paid before playing in that competition.

The Competitions Committee shall arrange for the draws to be made for the preliminary and first rounds of each competition, and shall fix the periods during which the various rounds must be played.

The Competition Secretary will be responsible for the strict enforcement of the competition rules and dates.

The first named player in any draw shall be deemed the challenger. It is the challenger's responsibility to offer their opponent the choice of at least 3 suitable dates within the first of the allotted periods. If the opponent had not heard from the challenger within one week of the closing date of that round, they should contact the challenger so that the necessary arrangements for the game to proceed can be made. In the event that it is not possible to make satisfactory arrangements, the Competition Secretary must be informed immediately.

Agreed dates should then be entered into the Diary and numbered 1, 2 and 3. Fourth or fifth matches may be added on the clear understanding that they do not have priority and can only play if rinks are not being used or by waiting until one of the first three matches has finished.

In every singles competition the challenger (i.e. the first named player) shall be responsible for arranging a **marker who must be a member of the club** If the challenger fails to arrange for a marker to be present the opponent has the right to claim the game. It is a requirement that all those who wish to **mark** attend one of the marker's courses.

If a round is not finalised by the last date fixed by the Competition Committee, the defaulting player (or players) shall be liable to forfeit the game, this being at the discretion of the Competition Committee.

No competition final shall be played (or an award made) unless the finalist has played at least two rounds prior to the final. A walkover will not be considered as a played game.

No member knowing that they will be unable to play in finals day should enter a competition. Should they subsequently find that they are unavailable on that day, they should withdraw immediately from that competition. Exceptional circumstances will be considered by the Competition Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Players taking part in the first game of a pairs or triples competition shall constitute the team and shall normally play together throughout the competition. However, one additional player may be used as a substitute providing that he/she has not entered or played in that competition. A substitute may play in any position **except skip**. Once a substitution has been made the person substituted will **not** be able to rejoin that competition.

If a singles player or team decides to withdraw from a competition in any round then their opponents shall be awarded a walkover.

Players should arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the time fixed for the commencement of the game to enable the rink to be drawn. One member of each team playing at any one time must be present before the draw is made. If the start is not 10.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m. or 6.00 p.m. then only those rinks not being played on at the start time should be available for the draw.

If a player is not ready to commence playing within 15 minutes of the agreed time for the game, the other party/team may claim a walkover.

Not more than three competitions are to be played at any one time and only one competition when a men's aggregate is being played this leaving the public rink also available.

The rinks drawn for the men's aggregates shall take precedence over competitions, with the exception of National, County and inter-club competitions when they will have the first choice.

All available rinks must be used for the draw and played in the direction shown on the club house notice board. Any non conformance to this will result in disqualification.

If a dispute should arise, it will be determined by the Competition Committee whose decision will be final. The Committee consists of the Competition Secretary and the Captains.

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