



ARNOS BOWLING CLUB

COMPETITIONS & AWARDS

JUNE 2023

KNOCK OUT COMPETITIONS

Competition	Woods	Heats	Final
Men's Championship	4	21 points	21 points
Ladies Championship	4	21 points	21 points
Men's Handicap	4	21points + h/cap	21points + h/cap
Ladies Handicap	4	21points + h/cap	21points + h/cap
Men's 2 Wood	2	21 ends	21 ends
Ladies 2 Wood	2	21 ends	21 ends
Men's Pairs	4	15 ends	21 ends
Ladies Pairs	4	15 ends	21 ends
John Murray	4	21 points	21 points
Open Mixed Single	4	21 points	21 points

KNOCK OUT COMPETITIONS RULES

1. Each competition shall be under the direction of the Competition Secretary or nominated deputy ("Competition Steward"). Each Competition Steward shall appear on the appropriate competition chart and to whom all communications should be addressed.
2. Knockout competitions may only be played with 8 or more entrants with a minimum of 2 heats being played.
3. Visiting the head is only permitted prior to the last bowl of each game.
4. An entry fee is payable for each competition as determined by the Committee.
5. It shall be the responsibility of each appropriate Captain and Vice-Captain to calculate the handicap for each member entering the Handicap competitions.
6. In the Handicap competitions, two players of the same handicap may agree, before playing, to score to 21 points only.

7. The Competition Secretary, President and/or other members nominated by the President shall make the draw, specifying a time period for each round if appropriate, the results of which will be posted on the appropriate Notice Board / Website. No seeds – all contestants are to be drawn.
8. The first name of each drawn pair shall be known as the “Challenger”. The Challenger shall offer their opponent three dates for playing within the specified period allowed to each round. The dates offered must be evenly spread over the period and ideally at least three days’ notice must be given. Failure to do so may result in the Challenger forfeiting the game. If a mutual agreement cannot be reached the problem should be brought immediately to the attention of the Competition Steward, who shall be responsible for attempting to arrange a date acceptable to both players. In the event of a continuing lack of agreement, the appropriate Captain shall be the final arbiter in any dispute. In exceptional circumstances the Captain may, at his/her discretion, allow an extension of not more than seven days beyond the date set for the completion of that round. The decision of the Captain will be final. The Captain may, where appropriate, disqualify either or both the competitors. It is the Challengers’ responsibility for arranging a “Marker”.
9. Competition games
 - a. Green maintenance and cutting takes place on Monday and Thursday mornings and thus is not available for use before 10.30am.
 - b. Games may take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and at weekends from 10.30 a.m. and must be completed by 1.30 p.m. if possible when club matches are scheduled.
 - c. On weekday mornings, games may only occupy three rinks to be specified by the Green Ranger unless special arrangements have been made with the Green Ranger.
 - d. On weekday afternoons games shall be governed by the priority covering reservation of rinks, no competition games to be played on Monday afternoon.
 - e. On weekday evenings shall be governed by the priority covering reservation of rinks.
 - f. On weekend mornings, may occupy all six rinks if available.
 - g. At weekends, Club Matches, Fixtures Special Competitions or outside Competitions will at all times take precedence over Club Competitions. When more than one Competition game is to be played during any session, either a Steward shall arrange a draw for the choice of rinks to be allotted or the rink reserved on a “first come first served” basis. Rinks so allotted shall be recorded on the appropriate Notice Board. Allotted rinks can only be changed when in the opinion of the Green Ranger that rink(s) need to be rested.
 - h. Members are requested to give notice as early as possible of intended games on the appropriate Notice Board.
 - i. Should extra maintenance work be required, or due to adverse weather conditions work that should have been carried out on Mondays or Thursdays, these will at all times take precedence and arrangements for play will have to be adjusted or postponed.

- j. Should any competitor be more than 30 minutes late to the agreed starting time, then they shall forfeit the game.
10. Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up in each competition who shall hold the trophy for the following season. The trophy should be returned to the Competition Secretary at the end of each season in order that the new holder's name may be engraved.
 11. The finals of all Knock Out Competitions shall be played over either the first or the second weekend in September as determined by the Competition Secretary each year.
 12. Should any finalist be unable to play in an arranged final their place will be taken by their losing semi-finalist. With the Pairs final, should one or both players of a team be unable to play, that pair will be replaced by the losing semi-finalists.

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

Competition	Woods	Heats	Final
Fixed Jack	3	Special Rules Apply	
Mixed 3 Wood	3	Special Rules Apply	
Mixed Pairs	3	Special Rules Apply	
3-2-1	3 or 4	16 ends	Not Applicable

SPECIAL CLUB COMPETITIONS RULES

1. Any Club member may volunteer to be a Special Competition Steward and with the Committees approval, be responsible for the organisation of any Special Club or Inter-Club competition.
2. MONDAY 3-2-1
 - a. These Competitions are open to all playing members including new members.
 - b. A minimum of twelve players will constitute an official game of Monday 3-2-1.
 - c. The Monday 3-2-1 may occasionally be played on other days and start at later times at the discretion of the Competition Secretary and/or President.
3. FIXED JACK, INVERFORTH and MIXED PAIRS
 - a. These competitions consist of each contestant playing 3 games of 8 ends, against 3 different opponents and each game to be played on a different rink. No seeds – all contestants are to be drawn.

- b. These competitions are played under a group format with a final play-off between the winners of the two groups with the highest points difference, however if the individual group leaders were still equal, the leader with the higher number of winning ends would win the group. The number of entrants will determine the number of groups to play.
- c. These competitions shall be completed during a single day.
- d. Maximum 1 point first 2 ends - no trial ends.
- e. No visiting the head unless otherwise agreed at the start of each competition.
- f. To determine the winner(s) and runner-up(s) of the above competitions, score 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw (per session). However, where two or more players/pairs are on equal points, then the player(s) with the highest shot difference limited to a maximum point's difference of 8 points (plus if necessary, the higher number of winning ends) will be the winner of each group.
- g. There will be a play-off, the format of which will be governed by the number of groups participating, to determine the final winner and runner-up. In the event of a tie(s), a playoff(s) of 3 ends will determine who proceeds.
- h. The weather and entry numbers may change the number of ends and games played.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Award		Criteria
Barnard Trophy		Most Improved Player
Order of Merit	Lady Winner	Best performance in all approved Competitions
	Gentlemen Winner	

BARNARD TROPHY

This trophy shall be awarded to the player, who in the opinion of the Committee has made the most progress in their bowling skills during the season.

ORDER OF MERIT

This is awarded annually to both a Lady and a Gentleman member who has provide exceptional service and support to the Club.