



COMPETITIONS & AWARDS

KNOCKOUT 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
Club Championship	4	21 points	21 points

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS RULES

1. Each competition shall be under the direction of the Competition Secretary or nominated deputy ("Steward"). Each Steward will 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 will 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 will make the draw, specifying a time 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. SINGLES COMPETITIONS

The first name of each drawn pair will be known as the “Challenger”. The Challenger will offer their opponent three dates for playing within the specified period allowed for each round. The dates offered must be evenly spread over the period, and at least three days’ notice must be given. Failure to do so may result in the Challenger forfeiting the match. If mutual agreement cannot be reached the problem should be brought immediately to the attention of the Steward who will be responsible for attempting to arrange a date acceptable to both players. In the event of a continuing lack of agreement the Steward will be the final arbiter in the event of a dispute. In exceptional circumstances the Steward 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 Steward will be final. The Steward may, where appropriate, disqualify either or both the competitors.

It is the Challenger’s responsibility to arrange a “Marker”.

9. PAIRS COMPETITIONS

The Men’s and Ladies’ pairs will be played over three weekends set aside in the Club calendar, and members should not enter these competitions if they are unable to keep those weekends free. The first named team of each pair will be known as the “Challengers”. The Challengers will agree the day and time of their match with their opponents, which must be held within the specified weekend for each round of the competition. In exceptional circumstances the match may be played before the weekend but not after. If a match cannot be played, unless due to weather conditions, by the end of the relevant weekend, the team unable to play will be disqualified and a bye will be given to the other team.

10. ALL COMPETITIONS

- a. Green maintenance and cutting takes place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and the green is therefore not available for use before 10:30 am.
- b. Matches may take place on weekday mornings and at weekends from 10:30 am and must be completed by 1:30 pm when club matches are scheduled.
- c. Weekday morning matches may only occupy three rinks specified by the Green Ranger unless special arrangements have been made with the Green Ranger.
- d. Weekday afternoon matches will be governed by the priority covering reservation of rinks. No matches may be played on Monday or Friday afternoon.
- e. Weekday evening matches will be governed by the priority covering reservation of rinks.
- f. Weekend mornings may occupy all six rinks if available.
- g. At weekends, Club Competitions, Special Competitions or Inter-Club Competitions will always take precedence over Club Matches.
- h. When more than one Match 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 basis. Rinks so allotted will 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.



- i. Members should give notice as early as possible of intended matches on the appropriate Notice Board.
 - j. Should extra maintenance work be required due to weather conditions disrupting the normal schedule, this will always take precedence and arrangements for play will have to be adjusted or postponed.
 - k. Should any competitor be more than 30 minutes late to the agreed starting time they will forfeit the match.
- 11.** Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up of each competition who will 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 on it.
- 12.** The finals of all Knockout Competitions will be played during the first or the second weekend in September as determined by the Competition Secretary each year.
- 13.** Should any finalist be unable to play in an arranged final their place will be taken by the highest scoring 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 highest scoring 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

- 14.** 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.
- 15. 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.
 - d. Special rules apply to this competition (document "Rules of 3-2-1").



16. FIXED JACK, INVERFORTH AND MIXED PAIRS

- a. These are one day competitions.
- b. They consist of each player/pair playing 3 games of 8 ends with 3 woods against 3 different opponents, each game to be played on a different rink. The number of ends to be decided once the number of players taking part is known.
- c. The competitions are played under a group format with a final play-off between the winner of each group having the highest points difference. However, if the group winners have equal points difference the one with the higher number of winning ends goes through. The number of entrants will determine the number of groups to play.
- 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 these competitions 2 points are scored 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, and, 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, a playoff of 3 ends will determine who proceeds.
- h. The weather and entry numbers may change the number of ends and games played.

SPECIAL AWARDS

BARNARD TROPHY for the most improved player

This trophy is 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 for providing exceptional service to the Club

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