

Club Competitions

Rules



Stratton
Churchway
Bowls Club

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1. Overview

1.1. Stratton Churchway Bowls Club (SCBC) competitions;

Are open to all full bowling members of the club. SCBC is an inclusive club and encourages entries from all full bowling members including anyone with a disability. See Appendix 1: Players with Disabilities. All bowlers must ensure they have the required equipment to play the game and any support they need from an assistant (e.g., delivery of the bowl, to assist in movement of the bowler around the rink, placement of mat, “kicking” back of bowls etc).

1.2. The SCBC competitions are overseen by the members of the Competition Committee;

The members of the Competition Committee are listed on the Entry Form. All disputes, requests for extension to play by dates or other queries should be referred immediately to any member of the Competition Committee for resolution. The decision of the Competition Committee shall be final.

1.3. Club Competition Rules;

Except where expressly stated to the contrary in these Club Competition Rules, all games are to be played under the latest Bowls England Championship / Competition Rules & Regulations 50-70, including the Appendices, revised and published annually. SCBC has specifically adopted Bowls England's rules on Players with Disabilities, Code of Conduct and Slow Play, which are included here as appendices for ease of reference.

2. Game Formats

2.1. Mixed Competitions

2.1.1. Memorial Trophy:

21 shots, four bowls per player. Open to men or ladies who have not won an open club singles competition (i.e. This Trophy, Ladies 2 Wood, Mens 2 Wood, Ladies 4 Wood, Mens 4 Wood). The competition is open to members that have won the Retired 4 Wood or the Ladies Novice 4 Wood. The Memorial Trophy is played in memory of all club members that have passed away.

2.1.2. Retired 4 Wood:

21 shots, four bowls per player. Open to men or ladies who have attained the required age of 60 years by the 1st April of this year.

2.1.3. Mixed Pairs:

21 ends, four bowls per player. Individual entry and then a random draw held to determine the members of each pairs team.

2.1.4. Fred Symonds:

Singles played over sets, four bowls per player. Rounds – 3 sets played to 7 shots
Final – 5 sets played to 7 shots This competition is played in memory of Fred Symonds, an opinionated Mancunian who loved set play bowls. He and his wife Lillian joined the Club in the 1980's and enjoyed bowls here for many years until Fred passed away in 1994. Lillian still continued to play for several years after.

2.1.5. Stan Binns Trophy:

Family pairs played over sets. Two bowls per player. Rounds – 2 sets of 7 ends (3RD set tie breaker of 3 ends), Final – 2 sets of 9 ends (3RD set tie breaker of 3 ends)
Open to entry by family pairs (e.g., husband, wife, brother, sister, son, daughter, grandparents, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, immediate cousins, in-laws, partners joined by civil union, stepchildren etc)
This competition is played in memory of Stan Binns, a long-standing member who was still representing the club in league games into his nineties also winning the Men's pairs at the age of 90 in 2014. Stan was a radio officer in the merchant navy with a love of travel, which is represented by the globe on top of the trophy. This competition is open to family members to play as a pair in honour of Stan who was a family man.

2.2. Ladies Competitions

2.2.1. Ladies 4 Wood:

21 shots, four bowls per player.

2.2.2. Ladies 2 Wood:

21 ends, two bowls per player.

2.2.3. Ladies Pairs:

21 ends, four bowls per player. Individual entry and then a random draw held to determine the members of each pairs team.

2.2.4. Ladies Novice 4 Wood:

21 shots, Four bowls per player. Open to ladies who have not won a ladies' singles competition (i.e., 2 wood, 4 wood, novice).

2.3. Men's Competitions

2.3.1. Men's 4 Wood:

21 shots, four bowls per player.

2.3.2. Men's 2 Wood:

21 ends, two bowls per player.

2.3.3. Men's Pairs:

21 ends, four bowls per player. Individual entry and then a random draw held to determine the members of each pairs team

3. Entry and Draw

3.1. Entrants

shall complete an Entry Form and submit it, together with the appropriate entry fee, to the person behind the bar. Payment can also be made by bank transfer. A copy of the Entry Form can be found on the Club website. Entry to the competitions must be received no later than 30 minutes before the draw.

3.2. The entrance fee;

is £2.50 for each competition, or a member can enter as many competitions as they wish for a flat fee of £10. There are no rink fees to be paid for playing a game.

3.3. The draw

will be made on a Friday evening on the date stated on the Entry Form. Members are encouraged to attend the draw. SCBC will publish the draw on the website and on one of the club noticeboards.

4. Offering Dates

- 4.1. The player whose name appears first in a draw is designated the 'Challenger' on behalf of themselves and, where appropriate their pair, similarly the player whose name appears second is designated the 'Opponent'. Contact details for all members are available in the book located at the clubhouse or alternatively contact the Honorary Secretary.
- 4.2. In all competitions the Challenger shall offer their Opponent the choice of three dates, including at least one weekday evening and one weekend (excluding Bank Holidays). Ties at weekends shall not commence before 9.30 am and ties on weekday evenings shall commence at a stipulated time between 6pm and 7pm, other times may be offered if agreed by both players/teams. The Challenger should check that the green is available for use on all three dates. A date must not be offered which clashes with a club game (e.g., friendly or league) whether home or away.
- 4.3. Dates for the opening round must be offered at least 14 days before the closing date of that round. Thereafter, dates must be offered within 7 days after the closing date of the previous round. Competitors not in the first round of the draw may agree to play their first game in advance of the previous round date.
- 4.4. If the Challenger does not offer dates within the required time period, the Opponent becomes the Challenger and shall offer dates as per 4.2 above.
- 4.5. When dates are offered, the arrangement must be confirmed within 72 hours, verbal agreement should be followed by written (text/email) confirmation and any arrangements made must be adhered to.

5. Playing the Games

- 5.1. For singles matches, the Challenger shall arrange for a marker to assist in officiating the game. The dress code of the marker shall be the same as players.
- 5.2. The Challenger shall offer a minimum of 2 rinks and the Opponent shall choose a rink from those offered. For the final the rink will be determined by the Competition Committee.
- 5.3. No player shall have played on the rink allocated for the game on that day.
- 5.4. The Challenger shall ensure that the rink is fit for play and notify their opponent in plenty of time to avoid a wasted journey; club greenkeeper decision is final regarding conditions of a green.
- 5.5. In the event that a game cannot be started, or abandoned before 10 ends have been played, the game should be re-arranged and played within 48 hours. If 10 ends or more have been played the score will stand as the result.
- 5.6. If a player is more than 30 minutes late, the game may be claimed by the other player/pair.
- 5.7. If a game has not been played by the closing date, then the players must explain the reason to the Competition Committee. If neither the Challenger nor the Opponent has contacted each other, then both players/pairs will be eliminated.
- 5.8. Any player/pair giving a “walkover” to their opponents must notify the Competition Committee stating the reason for the “walkover”.

5.9. Sets Play

- 5.9.1. The Fred Symonds and Stan Binns Trophy will be played in sets.
- 5.9.2. A set will be decided if at any point it becomes impossible for one player/pair to draw, or win, the set given the number of ends remaining.
- 5.9.3. In the Stan Binns Trophy, if the game is tied after 2 sets, by either player having won 1 set or both sets being drawn, a best of three ends “tie breaker” will be played to determine the winner. If the game is still drawn after three ends have been played, then one extra end will be played. The match tie breaker is decided by the winner of each end, and not by the total number of shots won in the three ends.
- 5.9.4. The winner of the toss prior to the start of the match shall have the option to either take the mat or give it to his opponent on the first end only. The loser of the toss shall have the option of taking the mat or giving it away on the first end only of the second set. After the first end of any set, the player who wins an end will start the next end in the set.

5.9.5. In a match tie breaker, the player winning the toss shall have the choice of starting or giving away the jack on the first and third ends. The loser of the toss shall have the choice of starting the second end or giving away the jack on this end only.

6. Dress Code

6.1. Rounds: Grey below the waist, white or club tops above. Any flat soled shoes.

6.2. Final: White below the waist, club tops above. Any flat soled shoes.

6.3. Waterproofs below the waist must be white. Waterproof tops must be white or club jacket.

7. Result Reporting

7.1. It is the winner's responsibility to put their name(s) forward to the next round.
A signed score card needs to be retained by the winner.

8. Appendix 1: Players with Disabilities

- 8.1. Wheelchairs shall be of a type approved by Bowls England following consultation with relevant disability bowls organisations. The four types currently recognised for use in England are the 'Bradshaw Buggy', 'Chariot', 'Clippy' and the 'Para-Handy'. The wheelchair shall be recognised as being an integral part of the wheelchair player in all instances when a jack or bowl is displaced or interfered with by the wheelchair as per the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls. At the point of delivery of the jack or bowl, refer to the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
- 8.2. Walking frames shall be of a type approved by Bowls England following consultation with relevant disability bowls organisations. The types currently recognised for use in England are the 'Rollator', 'Bowls Buddy' and the 'Bowls Walker'.
- 8.3. Artificial devices may be used by players with disabilities for delivering the jack or bowl provided they are approved by Bowls England following consultation with relevant disability bowls organisations. The individual shall decide before a game starts if they are going to use an aid. If they decide to then they shall use it for the duration of that game.
- 8.4. Visually impaired bowlers can use any form of assistance necessary (including having an assistant with them) to allow them to take part as long as the assistance is approved by Bowls England. The assistant shall not be deemed to be in contravention of the Laws of the Sport if that assistant relays to the player the instruction of the skip, assists in directing the player or keeps the player informed as to where the jack or bowl finished after delivery.
- 8.5. Players with a hearing disability may use aids (i.e. walkie-talkies) in line with the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls

9. Appendix 2: Code of Conduct

- 9.1. This code of conduct applies to all players who participate in the competitions.
- 9.2. All players shall at all times conduct themselves in such a manner that reflects favourably upon themselves, and SCBC.
- 9.3. In particular he/she should:
 - 9.3.1. Report punctually at the prescribed time and place.
 - 9.3.2. Be conversant with and comply with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and all Bowls England domestic rules and by-laws relating to National Championships and National Competitions.
 - 9.3.3. Adhere to Bowls England's Betting Integrity Guidance (Bowls England Regulation No.10.7)
 - 9.3.4. Adhere to Bowls England's Disciplinary Regulations (Bowls England Regulation No.9, No.9A or No.9B apply as applicable)
 - 9.3.5. Adhere to Bowls England's Anti-Doping Guidance (Please refer to Bowls England website)
 - 9.3.6. Adhere to Bowls England Equality Policy (Please refer to Bowls England website)
 - 9.3.7. Matches may be conceded at any time, but shall be conceded where it is not mathematically possible for the losing participant/team/side to win
 - 9.3.8. Not cheat in order to gain unfair advantage, or cheat in order to deliberately lose a game.
 - 9.3.9. Not use any form of gamesmanship in an attempt to gain unfair advantage.
 - 9.3.10. Comply strictly with the guidance relating to 'slow play' (Appendix3).
 - 9.3.11. Not render himself/herself unfit through alcohol or drugs on or off the bowling green.
 - 9.3.12. Show respect to colleagues, opponents and officials and not subject them to any physical or verbal abuse at any time.
 - 9.3.13. Smoking on the green is prohibited during all games.
 - 9.3.14. The use of electronic devices (including mobile phones) on the green is prohibited during all games.
- 9.4. Failure to adhere to the above shall result in an initial warning that shall be issued by a nominated Umpire. Should the player continue to not adhere they shall be subject to disqualification at the discretion of the Competition Committee, whose decision shall be final

10. Appendix 3: Slow Play

10.1. Four-Wood Singles:

Neither player may visit the head until both have delivered three bowls each. Should a player wish to visit the head prior to this point being reached the permission of the marker shall be obtained. The maximum time that a player may deliberate before playing a bowl is two minutes, the time being calculated from the time the previous bowl played came to rest. Should this rule be breached, they shall be warned by the marker. Any further non-compliance shall be reported by the Marker to the Competition Committee. The Competition Committee may disqualify the offending player from taking any further part in the competition.

10.2. Two-Wood Singles:

Neither player may visit the head until both have delivered one bowl each. Should a player wish to visit the head prior to this point being reached the permission of the marker shall be obtained. The maximum time that a player may deliberate before playing a bowl is two minutes, the time being calculated from the time the previous bowl played came to rest. Should this rule be breached, they shall be warned by the marker. Any further non-compliance shall be reported by the Marker to the Competition Committee. The Competition Committee may disqualify the offending player from taking any further part in the competition.

10.3. Pairs:

Neither Lead may visit the head. There is no restriction on Skips revisiting the head should they wish to do so. The maximum time that a player may confer before delivering a bowl is two minutes, the time being calculated from the time the previous bowl played came to rest. Should this rule be breached, the aggrieved opposing Skip should bring the notice of the infringement to the Competition Committee. The Competition Committee may disqualify the offending Pair from taking any further part in the competition