



Ashtead Bowls Club

Rules for Club Competitions

Date: April 2024

1. **All** players in Club Competitions are responsible for arranging their match (and the marker for singles matches). They should arrange a mutually agreed date and time to play within the green opening times. **The agreed session must then be booked on the Online Booking System.**
2. In the event of one or other of the competitors not being on the rink within **ten** minutes of the agreed time, the defaulting competitor (and their team) will forfeit the match.
3. In the event of competitors not being able to agree a date, then the Competition Secretary will endeavour to reach an agreement between both parties. If no agreement is reached, the Competition Secretary will decide upon the outcome.
4. The Competitor(s) appearing higher on the draw sheet shall be deemed the Challenger(s) and will call for the first use of the jack, with their opponent(s) tossing the coin.
5. In the event of one member in the Pairs competition not being able to play **before** the first round in a competition, the remaining player can find a replacement.
Once the competition has started, another player may be used as a substitute at any time, provided he/she has not already played in the competition and has a handicap no greater than the original player.
Any replacement must be agreed **in advance** by the Competition Secretary.
6. No competitor is to play in any round in the knowledge that he/she will be unable to play the next round by the due date, or will not be available on Finals Weekend.
7. A match needs to be completed within a 2 hour 30 minute session. In singles matches the Marker will be the timekeeper and will call when 2 hours 30 mins is up. The match will finish when that end is completed. An end is underway as soon as the mat is placed. In a pairs match the two skips will agree who is to be the timekeeper. The leader(s) after 2 hours 30 mins will be deemed to be the winner(s).
8. ALL rounds **must** be played by the due dates unless an extension has been granted by the Competition Secretary. A short extension would only be granted if it would not delay others in the competition. In the event of a default, the Competition Secretary's decision is final.
9. At the conclusion of the game, the winner(s) shall ensure that the score card, signed by **BOTH** competitors/skips, is placed in the wooden box for collection by the Competition Secretary. Players may wish to take a photo of the score card for their reference. Do **NOT** mark up the competition sheets - this will be done by the Competitions Secretary.