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Ashtead Bowls Club

Rink Priority and Selection Process

ABC – Priority and Selection of Rinks for Competitions.

Background:

Bowls Surrey have emphasised and brought in for the 2020 and subsequent seasons the need to apply the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, (Law 3), such that rinks should be allocated on fair and hierarchical selection basis. This change was brought about due to the occasional abuse by players where they were found to be choosing favourite or preferred rinks wishing to gain a home advantage or more. This Club guidance will be reviewed from time to time but for 2021 will be as follows:-

Hierarchy (order of allocation of rinks) at Ashtead BC in 2021 will be:-

1. In order of Bowls England, Bowls Surrey competition, external inter club or invitation matches
2. Invitation matches under the auspices of one of the Club Captains
3. Ashtead Bowls Club internal competitions
4. Ashtead Bowls Club league matches ie Triples 2020
5. Ballots, Rollups or practice by members

Once the hierarchy has been established for the commencement of a session of play then rink numbers will be placed into the draw (minimum 3 rinks, maximum 6, selected on known wellbeing of those rinks on the day) and the blind draw made. That rink number then becomes unavailable to the next steps in the process. Rinks may subsequently be added to the draw to enable working down the 'priority and draw' steps until the green is full. (That is for example, maybe a Surrey match believes that 3 rinks are suitable and only those go into the first stage of the draw).

Times for sessions and duration of play shall be as defined in COVID guidelines and are:-

- **Morning:** 10:30 – 12:30 (not Wed)
- **Afternoon:** 13:00 – 15:00 (not Tue or Fri – Ballots)
- **Late Afternoon** 15:30 – 17:30
- **Evening** 18:00 – 20:00 (not Mon, Wed, Thu)

These rules apply regardless of which rink is booked online. Players in competitions have the right to draw for a rink before commencing play and shall also have precedence to exchanging a rink (not the time) with casual or roll-up players when required.