

DEANE PARK BOWLS CLUB

RULES & GUIDELINES FOR CLUB COMPETITIONS 2026

COMMON SENSE AND COURTESY SHOULD APPLY AT ALL TIMES

1. Club dress code must be observed for all matches, including the marker
2. A marker is required for all singles competitions. A list of approved markers will be posted on the Competition Notice Board, please approach only an approved marker. No partners to mark each other's singles.
3. Competition rounds must not be played during club roll-up sessions
4. All competition completion dates must be strictly adhered to
5. Substitutes are not allowed once the first round of any competition has been played. Substitutes will be chosen by the Club Captain and Competition Organiser and will be a permanent replacement.
6. If it is known before entry into any competition that a member will not be available for the semi-final or final stages of that competition, that member is asked not to enter.

THE CHALLENGER

The Challenger is the top name for every round on the draw sheet and is responsible for :

1. Arranging the match
2. Booking the rink
3. Arranging for a marker in single matches

ARRANGING MATCHES

This shall be done by mutual agreement. The challenger must offer three non-consecutive dates within the round. Failure to agree must be referred to the Competition Organiser. Anyone who has booked a holiday covering a major part of any round should consult the Competition Organiser.

LAST DATES FOR PLAY

The date shown at the top of each column on the competition draw sheet is the **LAST** date for that round to be played.

PENALTIES

If any round is not played by the date shown, the Competition Organiser will make a decision which may result in a walkover.

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

If adverse conditions occur just before the match commences, both parties must agree if the match should start. If adverse conditions occur during the match it may be postponed by mutual agreement. When the match is continued, the score is continued as if there had been no interruption. Two trial ends may be played before the game continues. If eleven ends have been played the score can be treated as final.

TIME KEEPING

Fifteen minutes grace is allowed for late comers, but players and markers should arrive early to prepare the rink for a prompt start. Players and markers are responsible for clearing the rink, storing equipment and locking up if necessary

START OF PLAY

Two trial ends of any agreed number of woods are permitted. Possession of the mat at commencement of play is decided by the toss of a coin. The challenger calls and the winner decides who has possession of the mat.

EXTRA ENDS

When an extra end is required a coin is tossed and the winner has the option to roll the jack.

PRACTICE

It is unacceptable for players to use a rink for a competition when they have already practiced or played on the rink that day. Any player so doing will be disqualified.

SCORE CARD

The scorecard must be signed by the losing player and the card must be placed in the box provided. The winner's name must be entered on the competition draw sheet. Once a score card has been signed the result is final.

GRIEVANCES

All grievances shall be referred to the Competition Organiser or in his or her absence the Club Captain or Vice-Captain within a period of 2 days after the event.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are welcome but must never interfere with the progress of a game nor may they coach a player during the match.