

SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES & CONDITIONS OF PLAY IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL RULES

COUNTY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (ATKIN SHIELD)

1. The Controlling Body of the Competition shall be the Men's Section Management Committee of Bowls Leicestershire (hereafter called the MMC); they will decide the Rules and Conditions of Play specific to this County Competition, and their decision shall be final and binding.
2. The competition shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the Men's Section of Bowls Leicestershire and only one side per club will be allowed to enter.
3. The Honorary Competition Secretary of the MMC shall make the draw and fix dates for each round of the County Club Championship.
4. The County Club Championship to be played as 2 Teams of Four Home and 2 Teams of Four Away, except for the final which is played on one Green. Four Rinks to be made available on each Green and a draw made by the two captains to determine which 2 Rinks will be used for play. However, by mutual agreement, any two rinks can be played on without the draw being made.
5. The competition is played over 21 Ends; if after 21 ends the result is a draw, an Extra End will be played by all 4 Teams and the result recorded on the scorecard. If after the Extra End the result is still a draw, another Extra End will be played by all 4 Teams until there is a winner.
6. A change of players is permitted, however; no player may play for more than one club in any County competition in the same season.
7. In the event of the Umpire, (or nominated competent person in the absence of an Umpire), and/or Greenkeeper deciding that no play, or no further play is possible, the following conditions will apply. Matches in which the number of Ends played equals or exceeds 48, the match will be deemed to have been completed and the scores will stand and a result will be established. In matches where the total number of Ends is less than 48, a match will be declared void and will be replayed at a later date.
8. When a match is stopped by the Umpire (or nominated competent person in the absence of an Umpire), and/or Greenkeeper, play will cease on all rinks simultaneously. Ends commenced but not completed shall be declared dead. If only one of the Greens is unfit then the match shall be played on the opponents Green. In the event both Greens are unfit then the challenger shall arrange a neutral venue for the match to be played.
9. The winning team in each round of the competition must comply with the following Conditions of Play:
 - (a) Immediately, telephone/e-mail the result on the day the round is played to the Group Secretary listed in the Men's Section County Competition Handbook.
 - (b) Ensure that both captains sign the scorecards. Both captains must retain these scorecards in case there is a dispute.

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JUBILEE UNBADGED COMPETITION

1. The Controlling Body of the Competition shall be the Men's Section Management Committee of Bowls Leicestershire (hereafter called the MMC); they will decide the Rules and Conditions of Play specific to this County Competition, and their decision shall be final and binding.
2. The competition shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the Men's Section of Bowls Leicestershire and only one side per club will be allowed to enter.
3. The Honorary Competition Secretary of the MMC shall make the draw and fixed dates for each round of the Jubilee Unbadged Championship.
4. A Club entry shall constitute one side of two teams, 4 players in each team. Eligibility is restricted to players who have NOT BEEN AWARDED A COUNTY BADGE FROM ANY COUNTY AFFILIATED TO BOWLS ENGLAND; or achieved 6 games playing for the County prior to the competition entry closing date. Any player who gained a County Badge after the closing date of the Jubilee Unbadged Competition and has subsequently played in a round of the Unbadged Competition may continue to play in this competition throughout the season regardless of gaining a full County badge. However; in following seasons they will not be eligible to be selected to play.
5. A change of players is permitted, HOWEVER, no player shall play for more than one club in any County competition in the same season.
6. For all rounds other than the semi-final and final, a draw for available rinks shall be made on the day and prior to the start of the match, by the two captains or their representative. It shall be expected that at least four rinks be made available for the draw, however, by mutual agreement, any two rinks can be played on without the draw being made.
7. The result of a match will be determined by the aggregate of the two teams. In the event of the scores being level at 21 ends, an Extra End or Ends shall be played simultaneously until a decision is reached.
8. In the event of an Umpire, (or nominated competent person in the absence of an Umpire), and/or Green Keeper deciding that no play, or no further play is possible, the following conditions will apply. In Matches where the number of Ends played equals or exceeds 24, the match will be judged to have been completed; and the scores will be recorded as the result. In matches where the total number of Ends is less than 24, a match will be declared void and the game will be replayed at a later date. When a game is stopped by the Umpire (or nominated neutral competent person in the absence of an Umpire), and/or Green Keeper, play will cease on all rinks simultaneously. Ends commenced but not completed shall be declared dead.
9. The winning team in each round of the competition must comply with the following Conditions of Play:
 - a. Immediately, telephone/e-mail the result on the day the round is played to the Group Secretary listed in the Men's Section County Competition Handbook.
 - b. Ensure that the result cards duly signed by both skips are retained by the Team Captains or by the team managers.

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COMMON RULES AND CONDITIONS

Please note that following these common rules and conditions there is a section which details specific rules and restriction for individual competitions.

These rules and conditions of play apply to all the following competitions:

Club Secretaries Singles	Champion of Champions	Under 25s Singles
Over 60's Singles	Over 60's Pairs	Under 25's Open Singles
Under 18's Singles	Mixed Pairs	Two Wood Triples

1. The Controlling Body of the Competition shall be the Men's Section Management Committee of Bowls Leicestershire (hereafter called the MMC); they will decide the Rules and Conditions of Play specific to these County Competitions, and their decision shall be final and binding.
2. The draw and play by dates for each round of the competitions shall be made by the Honorary Competition Secretary of the MMC.
3. Each round must be played by the date stated in the Annual Competition Handbook for that round; however, your attention is drawn to General Competition Rule 7a. The first named competitor in each round shall be the challenger and be responsible for all match arrangements.
4. No alteration of an accepted date shall be made unless mutually agreed upon. Failing such agreement, the competitor desiring the alteration must play on the accepted date or give their opponent a "WalkOver".
5. The time for commencing a match shall be mutually agreed, but no player shall be compelled to accept a time earlier than 6.15pm on Monday to Friday. If a player arrives more than 30 minutes after the agreed time, their opponent may claim a "Walk Over".
6. For all rounds other than the final, a draw for an available rink shall be made on the day by the two competitors prior to the start of the match. It shall be expected that at least two rinks be made available for the draw, however, by mutual agreement, any rink can be played on without the draw being made.
7. The format for all singles competitions will be "21 shots", Four Bowl. The winner will be decided by the first player to reach 21 shots. Competitors will toss a coin for the choice of mat at the start. It is the challenger's responsibility to arrange for a competent person to act as a marker for the match.
8. The format for all pairs competitions will be 21 ends, 4 bowls each player, the lead playing his four bowls before the skip. Competitors will toss a coin for the choice of mat at the start. The jack when hit into the ditch within the rink width will remain in play, in all other circumstances if the jack goes out of bounds, the end is declared dead and must be replayed.
9. In the event of a match not being played or completed owing to exceptional adverse weather conditions, the match must be replayed in its entirety within 7 days of the original agreed date, on the same green, rink and settings.
10. The Men's Honorary County Competition Secretary is to be notified that the match was not played or was abandoned, and advised of the new playing date if the round will not be completed by the set play by date. Failure to reach agreement on a new date will mean that the Men's Honorary County Competition Secretary will decide the result of the match by the toss of a coin.
11. The winning competitor in each round must:
12. Telephone/Email the result by 10:30pm on the day of the match to the Group Secretary listed in the Annual Competition Handbook.
13. Ensure that the scorecards are signed by both competitors and retained in case a result is disputed.
14. The finals will be played on a date and at a venue determined by the Men's Section Management Committee.
15. **DRESS CODE:** Registered Club shirts may be worn provided all players wear them, otherwise plain white shirts are to be worn by all players.

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SPECIFIC RULES AND RESTRICTIONS OF PLAY FOR THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIONS

Club Secretaries Singles

The competition shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the Men's Section of Bowls Leicestershire. Entries shall be by club name only. Only the club secretary in office on the date of the first scheduled round is eligible to play and having once played may not be substituted.

Champion of Champions

The competition shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the Men's Section of Bowls Leicestershire and the eligible entrant will be the 4 Bowls Club Singles Champion of the previous year. No other person shall be nominated and no substitutes or runners up are permitted.

Under 25s Singles

The competition shall be open to players who have not reached their 25th birthday on the 1st April in the year of the Competition and are members of a club affiliated to the Men's Section of Bowls Leicestershire. The winner qualifies to play in the Bowls England National Championships.

Under 25s Open Singles

The competition shall be open to female and male players who have not reached their 25th birthday on the 1st April in the year of the Competition and are members of a club affiliated to the Ladies or Men's Section of Bowls Leicestershire.

Under 18s Singles

The competition shall be open to female and male players who have not reached their 18th birthday on the 1st April in the year of the Competition and are members of a club affiliated to the Ladies or Men's Section of Bowls Leicestershire.

Over 60's Singles

The competition shall be open to players who have reached their 60th birthday prior to the preliminary round in the current year of the Competition and are Members of a club affiliated to the Men's Section of Bowls Leicestershire.

Over 60s Pairs

The competition shall be open to players who have reached their 60th birthday prior to the preliminary round in the current year of the Competition and are Members of a club affiliated to the Men's Section of Bowls Leicestershire.

A team shall consist of 2 males, either player may skip; players must be members of the same club. The two players taking part in the first round shall constitute the Original Team and they should normally play together throughout the competition. One and the same player, from the same club, may be used as a substitute, at any time, providing that they have not already played in the competition. They may play in either position. One member of the original pair must play in each round. If a substitute is used the scorecard bearing his name must be posted to the relevant Group Secretary.

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Mixed Pairs

The competition shall be open to all female and male members of clubs affiliated to the Ladies and Men's Section of Bowls Leicestershire. A team shall consist of 1 female and 1 male, and either player may skip. Players need not be members of the same club.

The two players taking part in the first round shall constitute the Original Team and they should normally play together throughout the competition. One and the same male and/or one and the same female player may be used as a substitute, at any time, providing that they have not already played in the competition, and they are a full member of a club affiliated to Bowls Leicestershire. They may play in either position. One member of the original pair must play in each round. If a substitute is used the scorecard bearing his/her name must be posted to the relevant Group Secretary.

Two Wood Triples

A team shall consist of three players from the same club who shall have two Bowls each. The three players taking part in the first match shall constitute the Original Team and they should normally play together throughout the competition.

A substitute player in a team is permitted; however, no player shall play in more than one team in the competition in the same season. If a substitute is used the scorecard bearing their name must be posted to the relevant Group Secretary.

If a substitute cannot be found, and the match cannot be played by the date fixed by the Men's Honorary County Competition Secretary, the match will be conceded to your opponent. There will be no exceptions.