

CLUB COMPETITION BYLAWS FROM APRIL 2026

MEN'S CLUB LEAGUE (Two Fours)

(Sponsored by M.K. Ginder & Sons)

1.

The League shall be called "The Hertfordshire Bowls Men's Club League" and be under the control of the Division Committee concerned whose decision in all matters shall be final and binding.

2.

Clubs are not restricted to the number of teams they may enter (from 2027), with entry made to the Hon. Division Secretary by 1st September for the following year. In the event of two teams from the same club being drawn to play each other, this shall be their FIRST match. A team consists of Two Fours playing 18 ends on the same green. Two points shall be awarded for each winning rink and to the winning team, with a draw in either case awarded one point. In the event of a tie on points in the League, the highest shot difference to count, failing this the club scoring most shots win, if still a tie the result of the match between the two clubs to count.

3.

The annual entrance fee to be set by the County Executive Committee. Payment to be made within 48 hours after entrants are confirmed at the September Divisional meeting.

4.

The format of the League to be decided by a Divisional Meeting which shall fix date, time and venue for any play-off required. There will be an open draw regardless of the number of teams entered by any club.

5.

Matches to be played under WB Laws of the Sport (Crystal Mark 4) on dates mutually agreed between clubs concerned. All fixtures to be completed by 21st August. Results to be sent to the Hon. Division Secretary by both clubs detailing opposition club, date played, team members names, each rinks result and total result within 24 hours of the match date. Clubs to advise dates and venues of fixtures to Hon. Division Secretary by 1st May.

6.

In the event of inclement weather or bad light, matches may be curtailed to 15 ends subject to mutual agreement by the captains before the 8th end.

7.

In the event of a match being abandoned for any reason and cannot be rearranged, the following shall apply. Matches in which the total number of ends played equals or exceeds 24, shall be deemed completed and the scores will stand. Matches where the total number of ends played is less than 24 shall be declared a Draw, each team being awarded 3 points and nil shots. When it is agreed to abandon a match, play on both rinks shall stop simultaneously.

8.

Ends commenced but not completed shall be declared null and void.

9.

Where a club fails to fulfil an arranged fixture, the opponents shall receive an average of points and shots from all their other fixtures in the same competition. The defaulting team shall be deducted the same number of points and shots.

10.

A player shall play for only one team from one club in any season and must be a first claim member of that club. Any club fielding an ineligible player shall be disqualified from the Competition for that season.

11.

In the semi-finals and finals of Divisional or County stages of the competition, if the match result is a draw, an additional end or ends shall be played by all rinks to determine the winner.

WOMEN'S CLUB LEAGUE (One Four) **(Sponsored by M.K. Ginder & Sons)**

1.

The League shall be called "The Hertfordshire Bowls Women's Club League" and be under the control of the Division Committee concerned whose decision in all matters shall be final and binding.

2.

Clubs are not restricted to the number of teams they may enter, with entry made to the Hon. Division Secretary by 1st September for the following year. Should two teams from the same club be drawn to play each other, this shall be their FIRST match. A team consists of One Four playing 18 ends. Two points shall be awarded to the winning team, with a draw one point. In the event of a tie on points in the League, the highest shot difference to count, failing this the club scoring most shots wins, if still a tie the result of the match between the two clubs to count.

3.

The annual entrance fee to be set by the County Executive Committee. Payment to be made within 48 hours after entrants are confirmed at the September Divisional meeting.

4.

The format of the League to be decided by a Divisional Meeting which shall fix date, time and venue for any play-off required. There will be an open draw regardless of the number of teams entered by any club.

5. Matches to be played under WB Laws of the Sport (Crystal Mark 4) on dates mutually agreed between clubs concerned. All fixtures to be completed by 21st August. Results to be sent to the Hon. Division Secretary by both clubs detailing opposition club, date played, team members names, each rinks result and total result within 24 hours of the match date. Clubs to advise dates and venues of fixtures to Hon. Division Secretary by 1st May.

6.

In the event of inclement weather or bad light, matches may be curtailed to 15 ends subject to mutual agreement by the captains before the 8th end.

7.

In the event of a match being abandoned for any reason and cannot be rearranged, the following shall apply. Matches in which the total number of ends played equals or exceeds 12, shall be deemed completed and the scores will stand. Matches where the total number of ends played is less than 12 shall be declared a Draw, each team being awarded 1 point and nil shots.

8.

Ends commenced but not completed shall be declared null and void.

9.

Where a club fails to fulfil an arranged fixture, the opponents shall receive an average of points and shots from all their other fixtures in the same competition. The defaulting team shall be deducted the same number of points and shots.

10.

A player shall play for only one team from one club in any season and must be a first claim member of that club. Any club fielding an ineligible player shall be disqualified from the Competition for that season.

11.

In the semi-finals and finals of Divisional or County stages of the competition, if the match result is a draw, an additional end shall be played to determine the winner.

OPEN INTER-CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (Three Fours)

1.

The Competition shall be called “The Hertfordshire Bowls Open Inter-Club Team Championship” and shall be open to all clubs affiliated to Hertfordshire Bowls.

2.

The Competition shall be played under WB Laws of the Sport (Crystal Mark 4) and shall be under the management of the Executive Committee, whose decisions shall be final and binding.

3.

The annual entrance fee to be set by the County Executive Committee.

4.

Each Club competing shall be represented by 12 players (3 Fours), any combination of Men and Women, changes of personnel permitted from round to round as desired. No club shall make more than one entry and no player represent more than one club in any year.

5.

The Competition shall be played in two Areas, one comprising clubs from the North & East Divisions, the other comprising clubs from the South & West Divisions. Each Area will produce two clubs to qualify for the County Semi-finals. The County Semi-finals and Final will be played on a green arranged by the Executive Committee.

6.

The draw shall be made and the date of each round fixed by the Executive Committee, the first named club having the choice of green. All ties up to and including the Quarter finals shall be played on, or by mutual agreement BEFORE the date shown in the draw.

7.

All matches shall be 18 ends on each rink. The winner will be the team with the highest combined total score. In the event of a tie, an extra end will be played by ALL rinks. Irrespective of the number of shots scored, the team winning two or three of these extra ends shall be declared the winner. A tied or dead end is a void end. A toss of a coin shall take place for the choice of jack.

8.

Results must be submitted via the Competition Portal on the same day as played.

9.

In the event of a round stopped inclement weather or another good cause, the result shall be determined in the following way. Where a match has commenced in which a total 12 ends or more have been completed, the result shall stand. If this is a tie, a toss of a coin shall determine the winner. If the match has not commenced, or less than 12 ends have been completed, a coin toss will determine the winner.

10.

Any claims to default by the challenger or opponent must be forwarded to the Hon. Executive Administrator within 24 hours after such default occurs.

MEN'S INTER-CLUB TEAM TEN COMPETITION

1.

The Competition shall be called "The Hertfordshire Bowls Inter-Club Team Ten Competition" and shall be open to all clubs affiliated to Hertfordshire Bowls.

2.

The Competition shall be played under WB Laws of the Sport (Crystal Mark 4) and shall be under the management of the Executive Committee, whose decisions shall be final and binding.

3.

The annual entrance fee to be set by the County Executive Committee.

4.

Each Club competing shall be represented by a team of ten male players, changes of personnel permitted from round to round as desired. No club shall make more than one entry and no player represent more than one club in any year.

5.

The ten players will represent their club in four games, Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours. Singles first to 21 shots. Pairs, Triples and Fours 18 ends.

6.

If a player is taken ill or is injured during the match, he may be replaced by a substitute from the same club. If the player affected is a Skip, one of the remaining players shall take his place as Skip, the substitute being able to play in any of the other positions. For this competition only, a substitute is allowed for the Singles player.

7.

If a team fails to appear and be ready to play within 30 minutes of the agreed start time for the tie, their opposition may claim a 'Walk Over'.

8.

The draw shall be made on an Open basis, the date of each round fixed by the Executive Committee, the first named club having the choice of green. All ties up to and including the Quarter finals shall be played on, or by mutual agreement BEFORE the date shown in the draw. The Semi-finals and Final shall be played on a date and greens allocated by the Executive Committee.

7.

The challenger shall provide a Marker for the Singles and may select the rinks for play, although a draw shall be made to determine the rink for each of the four games. All games shall start at the same time.

8.

Each game won is worth 2 points, 1 point for a draw. The winner shall be the team with the highest number of points at the completion of the four games. If the overall score is equal on points, the team having scored the most shots shall be deemed to have won. If the position is still a draw, the team having won the most ends overall shall be declared the winner.

9.

If the matter is still not resolved, an extra end shall be played by the Pairs, Triples and Fours. Irrespective of the number of shots scored, the team winning two or three of the extra ends shall be declared the winner. A tied or dead end is a void end.

10.

Results must be submitted via the Competition Portal on the same day as played.

11.

In the event of a round stopped inclement weather or another good cause, the result shall be determined by the score of the Singles (having played 10 or more ends), plus those of the Pairs, Triples and Fours (having played 5 or more ends). The toss of a coin shall take place for each game if the ends played are less than ten in the Singles, or five in the others. In both instances, where equality results, one further toss of a coin shall determine the winner.