

# NORTH SHEEN BOWLING CLUB. COMPETITION RULES

## DEFINITIONS:

**WORLD BOWLS:** Current Laws of the Sport can be found @ [www.worldbowls.com](http://www.worldbowls.com)

**NATIONAL COMPETITION:** Matches organized by Bowls England.

**SURREY COUNTY COMPETITION:** Matches organized by the Surrey County Bowling Association.

**LONDON SOUTHERN COUNTY:** Matches and competitions organized by L&SC bowls association.

**DISTRICT COMPETITIONS:** Richmond & Barnes.

**CHALLENGER:** The player who appears on top in the draw and makes all match arrangements.

**OPPONENT:** The player who appears at the bottom in the draw.

**COMPETITION SECRETARY:** See Club website for up-to-date Contacts.

## CLUB COMPETITIONS AND FORMAT FOR COMPETITIONS:

On the day of a competition, no involved competitor shall play on the same rink before the commencement of a competition.

- **Men Singles Championship.** Each game shall consist of 21 shots – four bowls for each player.
- **Ladies Singles Championship.** Each game shall consist of 21 shots – four bowls for each player.

**All other club competitions are mixed.**

- **Open Mixed Singles (Set Play Singles).** Each game shall consist of 2 sets of 7 ends each (semifinal and final 9 ends), if it is one set each then a 1 end tie break will be played, a coin toss should be done at the start of each set and the tie break to determine who has the mat.  
You should stop the set if a player cannot mathematically win or tie the set – four bowls for each player.
- **Handicap Competition.** Each game shall consist of 21 shots – four bowls for each player. Handicap points will be allocated to all players, this will go from 0 point to a maximum of 8 points. The Competition Secretary, with the help of advisors, will assess each player performance from the year previous in order for every player to have an equal chance of winning this competition.  
EXAMPLE: If one player has 6 points handicap and the other player 3 points, at the start of the game, the 3 points will be deducted from the 6 and the game will start 3-0.
- **Pairs Competition.** Each game shall consist of 18 ends – four bowls for each player.
- **Two Woods Competition.** Each game shall consist of 21 ends – two bowls for each player.
- **Three Woods Competition.** Each game shall consist of 21 shots – three bowls for each player.
- **Fixed Jack Singles Competitions.** Each game shall consist of 21 ends or first the player to reach 106 points - four bowls each player.  
The player winning the toss shall choose the long and short end. The long jack will be positioned two meters from the ditch and the short jack will be placed level with the 25-metre marker, the mat must be positioned two metres from the ditch either end. The method of scoring is as follows: Shot bowl = 4 points, Second bowl = 3 points, third bowl = 2 points, fourth bowl = 1 point  
The jack will be delivered by the player who won the most points the previous end and if both players share the points (5 points each) then the player with the shot bowl will deliver the jack. If the jack is moved from its cup it must be returned before the next bowl is delivered.
- **Over 60's Singles Competition.** (Tom Travers) Each game shall consist of 21 shots – four bowls each player.

- **Presidents Singles** Competitions. Each game shall consist of 21 shots– four bowls each player. Entry for this competition is only available for players that have never won a singles competition in North Sheen Bowling Club and is a Handicap competition. In the case of a tie an extra end or ends shall be played to determine a result. A coin shall be tossed, the winner having the right to decide who shall play first.

#### **CLUB COMPETITIONS GUIDELINES:**

In all club competitions, all players must be members of North Sheen Bowling Club and have paid their annual subscription in full before commencement of the competitions.

The Club Competitions finals date shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) before the start of the season and shall be clearly stated in the document distributed to all playing members for payment of subscription and registration for club competitions.

The Competition Secretary shall decide the dates by which games must be played and the draws of all rounds of the NSBC competitions shall also be arranged by him/her. This will all be decided on and published by the end of May. Notices will be displayed on the board inside the club house.

The Challenger shall be responsible for appointing a marker, if it is a singles competition and the choice of rink and the entry in the Rink book of the date and time when the game is to be played. Both the challenger and the opponent must discuss and agree a date within the period of the two weeks shown on the noticeboard draws.

If the Challenger and the Opponent have not been in touch for whatever reason to discuss the date on which the game will be played, the Competition secretary will become involved. It will be his decision to give more time to both players to play the game or if necessary, scratch both because it could jeopardize the whole competition should the awaiting player be in a position that he or she have to give away the match because of time factor.

If any player knows they are going on holiday they must contact their opponent at the earliest opportunity, whether they are the challenger or not, in order that every effort to arrange the game is made.

All Competitions shall be played with a start time no earlier than 6pm on weekdays or 10am at weekends. A game may be started earlier by mutual agreement between players. Afternoon matches must be off by 6.00 pm if that rink has a prior evening booking. Matches must start within 30 minutes of the arranged time unless otherwise agreed.

It is the responsibility of the Treasury official to pass the details, names and contact numbers to the Competition Secretary and for the Competition Secretary to post a contact list of all playing members on the competition board.

#### **NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS**

The winner of each round must enter their result on the competition board, which is located inside the club house. For the Club website to be updated could you notify the competition secretary of your result

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#### **CONCEDING A GAME**

Singles of any kind: if a player becomes aware that they will be unable to play in any later round, they are **REQUIRED TO CONCEDE THE NEXT** game to their opponent. Failure to do so shall render the offender liable to exclusion from all Club Competitions in the following season at the discretion of Competition Secretaries.

#### **WITHDRAWING FROM COMPETITIONS**

Any player that needs to withdraw from any competition should immediately contact the competition secretary.

#### **EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES/ WEATHER CONDITONS**

If bad weather results in the green becoming unplayable, every effort must be made to play the match as soon as possible but shall be before the date of the next round. If this is not possible a Competition Secretary should be contacted, and their decision will be final.

The Competition Secretary shall be informed as soon as possible if such a stoppage prevents a match from being played or completed by or on the specified date.

For unfinished matches where five ends or more have been played, and where it is impossible to rearrange a match, the score will stand as the result. If the score is a tie or fewer than five ends have been completed, then the result shall be decided on the toss of a coin, or by mutual agreement (Only if it is impossible to re-arrange a match).

Where the match can be re-arranged the game shall be played from where it was stopped, although trial ends are permitted before the recommencement of the competition.

It is hoped that every game can be played but it is recognized there are some instances where a player is excessively late in arriving. The non-offending player may claim the game after waiting 30 minutes from the agreed start time.

#### **DRESS CODE**

Dress code for the final's day will be white with the Club colors.

#### **RINKS AVAILABILITY AND EXCEPTIONS**

The Club has six rinks available for all members to play on during the bowling season; the orientation of playing will be in normal circumstances, one week north-south orientation and the following week, east to west orientation. The setup could be modified if the Green Keeper advises the contrary.

There is a rink book in the clubhouse for players to register the date, time, and the competitions they are going to play.

Players who use the rink for roll ups will use any free rink available.

**If a game is played during the afternoon, this must start at a time so that it will be finished before the evening session starts.**

There are some circumstances where the use of rinks will be prioritized and tend to occur at the early part of the season, priorities are in this order.

1. Any member playing a National Competition will have priority to pick a rink.
2. Any member playing a County Competition will have priority to pick a rink.
3. Any member playing any District Competition will have priority to pick a rink.

All of these apply to members playing, there are also Inter Club Competitions in which those rinks that are going to be used for those competitions will take priority over all the above.

There could also be a case where one or more of our rinks could be required by another Club or Player who has to play at a neutral green and ask if we could volunteer a rink/rinks, in which case the rink/rinks assigned will be close for that period of time.

The same situation will arise if Surrey County asks our club to host county finals.

#### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MUST BE OBSERVED.**

NO PLAYER SHALL ENTER THE RINKS WITHOUT APPROVED FOOTWEAR, AND NO DRINKS SHALL BE CONSUMED WHILST ON THE GREENS PLAYING SURFACE.

RESPECT MUST BE SHOWN AT ALL TIMES FOR YOUR OPPONENTS AND THOSE WATCHING THE GAME.

**BOWLS IS A BEAUTIFUL GAME; YOU CAN WIN OR COME 2<sup>ND</sup>. IT DOES NOT MATTER, JUST HAVE A GOOD TIME  
ENJOY THE GAME!!!!!!**