



SOUTHBOURNE BOWLS COMPETITIONS

RULES OF PLAY

1. Games must be played on or before the date fixed for the completion of the round. No extension of time will be allowed for the playing of any round unless extenuating circumstances arise. This must, in the first instance, be reported to the competition secretaries (Irene Jennings or Kathy Shelley) and then put in writing for the consideration of the committee.
2. THE FIRST NAMED IN THE DRAW (NAMES IN **RED**) WILL BE THE CHALLENGER(S).
3. The challenger(s) must contact their opponent(s) to arrange a suitable date and time for the match to be played. Two dates must be offered to the opponent at least 7 days prior to the end of the round. Failure by the challenger(s) to contact their opponent(s) within the time constraints will result in the game being given to the opponent(s).
4. If either of the player(s) involved are unable to reach an agreement regarding a match date within the designation timescale both should put the details in writing and pass this to one of the Competition Secretaries. This will then be given to the Committee who will make a decision on the outcome.
5. In Singles matches the challenger is responsible for providing a Marker (such matches must not be played without a Marker present).
6. Should a player be unable to compete in any round they must inform the competition secretaries as soon as possible. In the case of pairs matches, this may allow time for them to find a suitable replacement.
7. In the event of any dispute arising from the rules, or absence of any rule, which covers any particular situation, the elected committee shall meet and consider available evidence before making a decision. This decision will be final and must be accepted by members of the club.
8. Competition formats are as follows:

Men's Singles	4 woods	21 shots
Veterans/Longley/Consolation	4 woods	21 shots
Men's Pairs	4 woods	21 ends
Men's 2 Wood Singles	2 woods	21 ends
Mixed Pairs	3 woods	21 ends
Lewis Trophy	2 woods	21 ends
Yardstick	2 woods	15 ends
9. Competition entry qualifications:

Longley Cup – any member who has not previously won a club Singles competition.

Thompson Shield - Veterans Trophy – any member aged 65 or over on opening of the green day.
10. Minimum Jack length is 23 metres.
11. Match dates to be booked using the on-line system. Rink to be drawn at the club on the day of play.