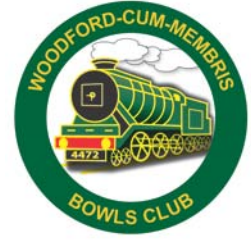


Club Competition Rules



The following rules must be observed at all times.

Pre-match Arrangements

- All competition matches are to be played under normal match conditions and by the date specified on the competition sheet.
- The first named player in each match are responsible for arranging the fixture and securing the services of a marker (singles only). All rinks should be booked in the clubhouse diary.
- The player named first should offer their opponent at least three dates on which to play the match, bearing in mind the play-by date on the sheet. If a convenient date cannot be reached before the play-by date, the competition secretary must be informed and they will decide which player proceeds to the next round. Their decision, in discussion with the competitors, shall be final.
- If it is necessary to have a substitute (due to injury, sickness, enforced absence etc), they must remain in the competition until completion. Any such substitution must not already be playing in the same competition and in the case of men's and ladies competitions, must be of the same sex. If a substitute is asked to play, they must be available to complete the competition, otherwise they must decline.
- The rink number shall be drawn on the day using the dice in the clubhouse.
- All singles matches must be played with a marker present, otherwise the match will be declared void and played again at a later date.
- To avoid any unfair advantage, competing players are not allowed to practice on the day of competition.

Playing Regulations

- Trial ends may be played before the match commences if agreed by both player(s) or skips.
- The front edge of the mat must always be positioned at least 2 metres from the ditch and may be placed from this position right up to the limit marker on the side of the green.
- If the jack is cast short of the mark or off the rink by the first player, then the jack must be returned to the mat for the other player to cast, moving the mat to a new position if they so wish. If this jack is also not correctly cast then it must be positioned at a full length (2 metres from the ditch) and the first player will take the first shot, again, repositioning the mat if they so wish.
- The marker should not offer any opinion unless asked by a player, in which case they may only answer the question posed.
- Singles matches are to be decided by the first player to reach 21 shots. Each player will use 4 woods. If you are playing a handicap match then the player with the lower handicap must reach 21 shots before the other (handicapped) player reaches 21 plus the handicap difference.
- Pairs matches are played over 21 ends with each player using 4 woods. No marker is required. Triples matches are played over 18 ends with each player having 3 woods. No marker is required. Fours matches are played over 21 ends with each player having 2 woods. No marker is required.
- At the head, only the second (for triples) or third (for fours) makes the decisions on which shots count. No-one else is allowed to participate in this procedure. These same players will also undertake any measuring. All players must remain behind the head and should be aware of casting shadows across the head.
- Scorecards must be signed by both players (singles), skips and the marker, and then placed in the box. The result should then be entered on to the competition sheet.

All matters relating to club competitions should be addressed to competitions secretary Tom Rigby. In the event of a dispute the competition secretary will adjudicate and their decision shall be final.