



East Hertfordshire Bowling Association

Affiliated To Bowls England

Competition Rules 2024

- 1 Members should not enter competitions organized by the Association unless they are available to play on finals day. Players can only play for one club in Association competitions.
Entries to all competitions must be forwarded to the hon Competition Secretary by 11th January each year with the necessary fees.
 - a) The Competitions shall be confined to such clubs as joined the Association and have paid their subscription for the current season.
 - b) No restriction shall be placed upon any member playing in more than one competition, but he shall not enter from or play for more than one club in the competition.
 - c) A team may be entered using one name by 11th January, the closing date for entries, With the following provisos:
 - d) That players competing in the first match of the competition shall thereafter be known as the team.
 - e) The competitions shall be played under the laws of the W.B.B (Bowls England version of the laws of the game.) and E.H.B.A competition rules, as administered by the Hon Competition Secretary representing the Executive Committee.
 - f) Any dispute or default should be addressed to the Competition Secretary within **24 HOURS** The Competition Committee, Consisting of: The President, Hon Secretary & Hon Competition Secretary will deal with these matters and their decision shall be binding and final.
 - g) All Competitors must use bowls stamped in accordance with Bowls England Laws of the game.
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 - a) The entrance fee per player per competition shall be decided by the Council.
The fee may vary from time to time as the Council may decide.
The entrance fee for all competitions shall be decided by the Council.
 - b) The draw for the competitions and play by fixed dates shall be made by the Executive Committee.
 - c) The player printed first on the draw sheet shall be the challenger and upon receipt of the information, should within **72 HOURS**, offer his opponent three dates, and the dates offered must **NOT** be in the same week and **MUST** exclude Saturday & Sundays (unless such a day is mutually agreed upon) of which one date must be accepted. No date prior to the 7th MAY shall be offered. Thereafter ties must be played before the closing date by mutual agreement. No dates shall be offered to E.H.B.A and Hertfordshire B.A Tourist during the week of the tours. An alternative date must be offered if the opponent is involved in another E.H.B.A or Hertfordshire Bowls Competition
(THE COMPETITION DRAW IS ON THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE myehba.co.uk)
It is the responsibility of the challenger to ensure he has received the first round (and where applicable The second round) information at the start of the season for all competitions entered in his name, For Subsequent rounds. It is his responsibility to ensure he has the information not later than **48 HOURS** After the closing date of the previous round. If it has not been received, then he must inform the Competition Secretary or Handler of the relevant competition immediately.
- 3 In the event of the challenger's green **NOT** being available or not conforming to Bowls England requirements, The game shall be played on the opponent's green. Should both greens **NOT** be available or not conforming to Bowls England requirements, the challenger shall have the choice of a neutral green in the same district.
- 4 All Semi-finals shall be played on neutral greens, on or before the scheduled date. They shall be played on

Greens to be determined by the Hon Competition Secretary / Executive.

- 5 In the neutral green stage of the competition, it is understood that any green belonging to a club of which the competitor may be a member – Other than the club he has entered from – shall be regarded as a neutral green and available for him to play.
- 6 If a party arrives more than 30 minutes after the time fixed for the game, and in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, the other party may claim the game.
- 7 a) In case of any disputes, appeals must be made within **24 HOURS** of the games completion, Accompanied by a clear statement in writing or E-Mail to the Hon Secretary together with Evidence if such exists.
b) That any player who has been banned by their Club or Association should not be allowed to play in any E.H.B.A Competitions or Friendly matches until the ban has been served.
- 8 All Finals of competitions shall be played at the Finals Day celebrations. However, where a competitor is involved in more than two Finals -- The New Lyndhurst and New Thurgood NOT included – permission may be obtained from the Hon secretary / Executive to arrange the match on another date.
- 9 a) The dress code for all competition Finals Day shall be:
Men: White or club shirts and white or club trousers or shorts.
Ladies: White or club tops with white or club skirt, trousers or shorts.
All members of the same side or team must wear the same design and colours.
b) For the rounds up to the semi-finals and Finals. The dress code should be checked with the appropriate club before the match.
c) Sandals are not permitted in Association matches or Competitions except in medical circumstances.
- 10 All correspondence in connection with competitions **MUST** be send by E-Mail to the Hon Secretary or Competition Secretary.
- 11 (SUBSTITUTES)
Players may be used as a substitute at any time provided that they have not already played in the competition. One substitute will be allowed in each Pairs, Triples, and fours up to the Finals Day.
One Lady substitute will be allowed but **NO** male will be allowed to substitute in the Mixed Pairs
When a substitute plays for the third time in any competition, he automatically replaces the member of the team who has played the least number of games.
Substitutes may play in any position except on Finals Day: Substitutes will be allowed on Finals Day but will **NOT** be allowed to Skip.

The E.H.B.A Executive wish it to be understood that the above rules should be interpreted and used with the best Intentions towards your opponents at all times. Let there be no gamesmanship - only goodwill at all times.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The John Simmons trophy adopted for season 2022 Agreed at Executive Meeting on 5th October 2021

Ends changed from 21 Ends to 18 Ends on the following Competitions.
The new Thurgood Cup, Pairs, Mixed Pairs & Fours, Agreed by the Executive Committee 10st January 2024

The New Lyndhurst Trophy

- 1 a) The New Lyndhurst Trophy is played as two triples 3 WOODS – 18 ENDS (one home, one away) which are played simultaneously. Up to and including the semi- finals. The team drawn out first is deemed. To be the home team.
The home team captain will toss a coin before the start of the match to determine which team has control of the mat if an extra end is needed.
IN THE FINAL before the start of the match the captains will toss a coin to determine which rink plays the extra end and who has control of the mat if an extra end is needed.
- b) If it is not possible to play one of the matches due to adverse weather conditions the match must be rearranged to be completed by the official closing date if not an extension must be agreed by the Hon Competition Secretary within 7 days of the original date. The Competition Secretary decision is final.
- c) The use of normal or mobile telephones or any electronic device between home and away venues during play is strictly forbidden. Any infringement of this rule will result in the disqualification of the offending team. Mobile phones should be left in the changing room during play.
- d) Should one of the triples only have two players the offending team will be **disqualified**.

The New Thurgood Cup

- 2 a) The New Thurgood cup is played as two Fours 2 WOODS – 18 ENDS
The home captain will toss a coin before the start of the match to determine which rink plays the extra end. and who has control of the mat if an extra end is needed.
- b) Should one of the fours only have three players the offending team will be **disqualified**.
- 3 a) The Lyndhurst and Thurgood are one team per club in both competitions which means any male club member. Can play at any time throughout the competition.
- b) These two competitions are **FIXED DATES AND MUST BE ADHERED TO**, For an extension See Rule 1-b)

The John Simmons Trophy

- a) This is a 4 woods singles Competition, consisting of 3 sets of 7 ends per set toss a coin at the start of the match, loser has control of the mat in the second set. The third set toss a coin for control of the mat if required.
- b) At the start of the match 2 trial ends a choice of 2,3 or 4 woods (If you cannot agree it will be 4 woods)
The winner of each set receives 2 points -- a tied set is 1 point each. The winner is the first pleyer to get 4 points. If a bowler wins the first two sets the game is over. If the score is still tied after 3 sets a tie break end will come in to play, Toss a coin for control of the mat. (Name of the Winners to be E-Mailed with the result after each match.)

- 5 **Two Wood Pairs:** 18 ENDS The names of both pairs are to be sent by E-Mail with the result after each match.
- Four Wood Pairs:** 18 ENDS The names of both pairs are to be sent by E-Mail with the result after each match.
- Mixed Pairs:** 18 ENDS 4 woods the names of both pairs are to be sent by E-Mail with the result after each match.
- Triples:** 18 ENDS 3 woods the names of both triples are to be sent by E-Mail with the result after each match.
- Fours:** 18 ENDS 2 woods the names of both teams are to be sent by E-Mail with the result after each match.
- Singles:** 21 SHOTS 4 woods the name of the winner to be sent by E-Mail with the result after each match.
- Officers Singles:** 21 SHOTS 4 woods the name of the winner to be sent by E-Mail with the result after each match.
(Only 4 Club Officers from one club my enter this competition)
- Champion of Champions:** 21 SHOTS 4 Woods The name of the winner to be sent by E-Mail with the result after each Match.
(The Champion of Champions is for club winners ONLY)

The winners shall be responsible for informing the Hon Competition Secretary of the result of the match.
By E-Mail **ONLY** within 48 HOURS of the match finishing

SUBSTITUTES: See Rule 11 of the Competition Rules