



BHBC

BATCHWOOD HALL BOWLS CLUB

CLUB COMPETITION GENERAL RULES 2025



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1. The competitions will be administered by the Competitions Committee, consisting of the Competition Secretary, Ladies Captain and Men's Captain.
2. Competition entry forms will be issued with the membership reminders and will also be available at the clubhouse. Completed forms must be submitted to the Competition Secretary by the cut-off date on the form.
3. All entrants must be available to play on Finals Day and the Reserve day.
4. The draw will be made by the Competition Secretary with the Competitions Committee. The completed draw sheets will be displayed in the club and be posted on the BHBC website.
5. The first named player(s) are Challenger(s) and responsible for contacting the opponent(s) in good time to agree the date and time for play. **Players with limited availability, for any reason, particularly holidays, should make their opponents aware of this.**
6. The Challenger is responsible for appointing a marker for each Singles match and failing to do so could result in their opponent claiming a 'walk over'.
7. The Challenger shall reserve a rink for the arranged day/time in the rink diary. On the day, the rink to be used shall be determined by a draw in the presence of both parties. A minimum of 2 rinks must be offered in the draw from the available rinks.
8. Matches are to be played no later than the 'play by' date for each round. Extensions will be at the discretion of the Competitions Committee and based on the merits of the case.
9. If one party fails to arrive within 30 minutes after the agreed time, the other party may claim a 'walk over.'
10. A coin is tossed for choice of mat, with the Challenger making the call.
11. In the event of inclement weather during play, the match may be continued or stopped by mutual consent. If a match is stopped, then it must be continued to completion at another time, starting from where it was left off, with the same match card. Matches must be completed before the end of the round. If not completed, the Competition Secretary will adjudicate.
12. In a Pairs match a substitute may play, subject to the approval of the Competition Secretary, if one member of a pair is unavailable for good reason and the match cannot otherwise take place by the play by date for that round. Substitutes must be Full Members of the club and cannot take part if they are a competitor in the same competition, even if previously eliminated. If a substitute is

required to play for more than one round, they become a member of the Pair and continue in the competition.

13. On completion of a match, the loser should sign the card which is to be placed in the result box. The winner should enter the result on the draw sheet in the club and phone, text or email the result to the Competition Secretary as soon as possible.
14. Dress for competition play is club colours for all rounds. Markers should be dressed the same as the players.
15. **One day competitions will be played in club colours. All competitors must be present for the draw in order to take part in the competition.**
16. **In any dispute, adjudications made by the Competitions Committee are final.**

COMPETITIONS – The General Rules apply to all competitions.

MENS CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES: All men. 4 Woods. Trial Ends. First to **21 shots**.

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES: All ladies. 4 Woods. Trial Ends. First to **21 shots**.

OPEN SINGLES: Any man or lady may enter. 4 Woods. Trial Ends. First to **21 shots**.

NON WINNERS OPEN SINGLES: Any man or lady who has not previously won a singles competition may enter.

4 Woods. Trial Ends. First to **21 shots**.

OPEN 2 WOOD SINGLES: Any man or lady may enter. 2 woods. Trial Ends. **21 ends**. An extra end is played if match is drawn after the 21st end. Match finishes if a player cannot catch up in remaining ends.

OPEN FIXED JACK SINGLES: Any man or lady may enter. 4 woods. trial ends. Alternate fixed length short and long jacks, starting with the short jack. Toss for choice of bowling first or second.

The front edge of the mat is always placed at 2 metres from the back ditch. The short jack spot is placed in line with the 25 metre marker. ie 23 metres from the front edge of the mat and the long jack spot is placed 4 metres from the back ditch. ie 2 metres shorter than a full length jack.

If the jack is moved off the spot, the marker returns it. If a wood is on the spot, the marker repositions the jack as near as possible to the spot. If the wood obscuring the spot is subsequently moved in play, the marker returns the jack to the spot.

Scoring: Shot wood – 4 points, 2nd wood – 3 points, 3rd wood – 2 points, 4th wood – 1 point. No other wood scores. If 2 woods are drawn in any of the scoring positions, the total points for those positions are equally divided between the players. On each end the added scores for the two players will total 10. The player who scores the shot bowl takes the mat on the next end. This may not be the player scoring the most points. In all rounds up to the final, the winner is the first player to reach 70 or more points. If both players reach exactly 70 on the same end, play continues until one player scores more points on a completed end, with extra ends being scored as usual. On extra ends toss for choice of bowling first or second. The final is played to 90 or more.

MIXED PAIRS: A pair is one man playing with one lady, of their own choosing.

3 woods. Trial Ends. 15 ends with an extra end played if the match is drawn after the 15th end. If a substitute is used they must be of the same gender as the player they replace. General rule 12 also applies.

OPEN DRAWN PAIRS: Any man or lady may enter. The pairs will be drawn by the COMPETITION COMMITTEE and may be 2 men, 2 ladies, or 1 man and 1 lady. 4 woods. Trial Ends. The match is played as 2 sets of 7 ends each, with 1 point for winning a set and 0.5 point for each pair if a set is drawn. If the match is drawn after 2 sets, there is another toss for choice of mat and a tie breaker set of 3 ends is played, in which only the shot wood counts in each end. 1 point for winning the tie break end.

OPEN AUSTRALIAN PAIRS: Any man or lady may enter. The pairs will be drawn by the COMPETITION COMMITTEE and may be 2 men, 2 ladies, or 1 man and 1 lady. 4 woods. Trial ends, No visits to the head. The format is 2-4-2. The first players in a pair deliver 2 woods each, players change ends, the second players in each pair deliver all their 4 woods, players change ends, the original players deliver their last 2 woods. The lead players in a pair will alternate with each end. Scoring is as for normal Pairs. The match is played as 2 sets, each of 7 ends, with 1 point for winning a set and 0.5 points each pair if drawn. The side that wins the toss has choice of mat for the first end in the first set. The other pair has choice of mat for the first end in the second set. If the match is drawn after 2 sets, there is another toss for choice of mat and a tie breaker set of 3 ends is played, in which only the shot wood counts in each end. 1 point per end won.