

**WORCESTERSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION**  
**ALL COUNTY COMPETITIONS**  
**GENERAL REGULATION**

1. The Competitions shall be confined to playing members of Clubs affiliated to the Worcestershire Bowls Association whose subscriptions have been paid for the current year. They shall be played under the Rules of Bowls England and under the management and control of the Executive Council or appropriate Officer who shall determine all questions or disputes that may arise and that do not come within the scope of the Umpires duties, as hereinafter defined. The decision of the Council shall be final and binding. (all bowls must bear the current World Bowls stamp).
  - Eligibility to enter WBA competitions as follows: - Entrants **and/or team players** must **all** be affiliated to Worcestershire Bowling association.
  - Entrants **and/or team players** who are also affiliated to other counties and intend to play in that county's competitions, will not be allowed to play in any Worcestershire Bowling Association competitions
2. Men's Veteran Pairs be reduced from 21 Ends to 18 Ends
3. A player shall not represent more than one Club in any one year in County Comps.
4. All entries accompanied by entrance fees, should be returned as directed on the entry forms on or before The Annual General Meeting. Where required the names of all competitors must be entered on the entry form. If receipts are required a stamped addressed envelope must accompany entry forms.
5. The draw will be published and issued to Club Secretaries, which shall be deemed sufficient notice to Competitors.
6. The Rounds in all Competitions must be completed on the date mentioned in respective draws. By mutual arrangements ties may be played before the final date. Failure to play a tie on or before the date fixed will involve the scratching of one or both competitors as the appropriate Committee may determine.
7. The first named in all competitions in each tie up to and including the Quarter Final shall be deemed to be the Challenger. The Semi-Finals and Finals of ALL County Competitions shall be played on a neutral green appointed by the Association. The Challenger may play his game on a neutral green, if, (a) his green has been declared unfit, or, (b) if there is an over capacity of ties on the green, or (c) if he so wishes. All changes of venue must be by mutual consent and the Challenger must cover the costs of his opponent. The County Competition Secretary must be informed of any changes of venue. The Rinks to be used, under any circumstances, will be drawn from those available at the time of arrival of ALL the Players at the Club where the ties are to be played. It would be appreciated if Clubs could consider giving preference to National and County Competitions.
8. The two Skips shall be the judges of all disputed points. In case of disagreement, the point shall be decided by the Umpire previously appointed or by a neutral person agreed.
9. In Single-handed Competitions, Umpires to be mutually agreed upon, shall determine such points as may arise in the course of play, and the application of the Bowls England Rules thereto. Their respective decisions shall be final in the absence of an Umpire.
10. An Umpire shall have the power to decide if the Green is fit for play in consultation with the Green keeper, and if unfit to postpone the game.

11. The Winner of each tie shall forward the score card, initialled by the Loser, to the Competition Secretary immediately after each game. Failure to comply with this action, may result in forfeiture of the tie.
12. In County Competition games each Competitor shall examine his Opponents bowls before commencement of the game.

In the County Fours, Senior Fours, Triples, Pairs and Junior Pairs and all Single-handed Championships, Semi-finals and Finals to be played on a Green appointed by the Association.

***N.B. - Club Secretaries will be furnished with lists of Winners of Ties in each round, whenever possible. All trophies must be returned to the County Competition Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Finals Day. The names and telephone numbers and email addresses of all competitors have been inserted in the Year Book as an aid to Challengers in fixing matches with their opponents. County Champions and Runners-Up are expected to take part in the National Championships and the men in the MCBA Championships.***

13. Rounds in each Competition must be completed by the specified dates.
14. No alteration of the Finals date will be considered for any Competition.
15. Finals of the Ladies Benevolent Triples and Club Double Rink competitions and Men's Reg Russell Triples, Vernon Turner Cup, Mixed Fours, Veteran Pairs and Champion of Champions to be played on a date set by the Association. Every endeavour will be made to publish these dates one year in advance.
16. **Weather Affected Games:** Should play be suspended due to inclement weather, the game should re-commence, at the point at which it was suspended, the next possible day available to all participants, on the same rink, where possible (**please inform the Competition Secretary accordingly**) An end not completed shall be null and void. (This Rule differs from that of the National Competitions, which are run on a different basis).
17. All County Competitions shall be played within the Worcestershire boundaries, except where an affiliated entrant from outside of the County is drawn at "Home" they are allowed to play at a Green of their choice (if that Green is available) within the Worcestershire Boundaries, or outside of the county if both parties agree. Matches MUST be played on a Green and on rinks approved by the County Association and chosen by the Challenger who will make all match arrangements. If green fees are payable at that neutral venue they will be shared by both participants/teams/sides.

**N.B.**

***DRESS - It is required that when PLAYING all rounds of the County Competitions up to and including quarter finals***

***COMPETITORS SHALL BE SUITABLY DRESSED i.e.***

**MEN:** ***Early Rounds:*** Grey trousers, BE approved shorts, white shirt with County or Club tie or County Approved Coloured Shirt, ***Regulation footwear:*** Shoes or Boots – White or Coloured (Except Black)

***Semi- Finals & Finals:*** White or Cream Trousers or BE approved shorts, white socks, White or Cream Shirt with County or Club Tie, or County Approved Coloured Shirt, and White regulation footwear.

**LADIES:** ***Early Rounds:*** White or County approved Club Tops, Grey skirt, BE approved shorts, trousers or cut offs, White or Coloured (Except Black) Regulation footwear (No Sandals).

***Semi- Finals & Finals:*** White or Cream skirt, BE approved shorts, trousers or cut-offs, County approved Club Shirt and White Regulation footwear (No Sandals)

**NOTE:** If approved Coloured shirts are to be worn, then the same Coloured shirt must be worn by all players in any of the disciplines played. Otherwise all players must wear White tops. Not a mix of both.

**All players must obey the latest version of Laws of the Sport of Bowls.**