

**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).
2. 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.
3. The draw will be published and issued to Club Secretaries, which shall be deemed sufficient notice to Competitors.
4. 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.
5. 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.

6. 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.
7. 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 E.B.A. Rules thereto. Their respective decisions shall be final in the absence of an Umpire.

8. 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.
9. The Winner of each tie shall forward the score card, initialed by the Loser, to the Competition Secretary immediately after each game. Failure to comply with this action, may result in forfeiture of the tie. In County Competition games each Competitor shall examine his Opponents bowls before commencement of the game.
10. In the County Fours, Triples, Pairs and Single-handed Championships, Semi-finals and Finals to be played on a Green appointed by the Association.
11. In the event of rain stopping play, the game must be continued on the same green on the following day, or on a date appointed by the Competition Secretary.

***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 addresses of all competitors have been inserted in the Year Books as an aid to Challengers in fixing matches with their opponents.***

***County Champions and Runners-Up are earnestly requested to make every endeavour to take part in the National Championships.***

***County Champions **or** Runners-Up are also earnestly requested to make every endeavour to take part in the Three Counties and Midland Counties Championships.***

12. Rounds in each Competition must be completed by the specified dates.
13. No alteration of the Finals date will be considered for any Competition.
14. Finals of the Reg Russell Triples, Vernon Turner Cup and Veterans Pairs to be played on a date in August or September, set by the Association.
15. **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).*

**N.B.**

## **DRESS**

It is required that for all rounds of the County Competitions up to and including quarter finals COMPETITORS SHALL BE SUITABLY DRESSED i.e., Club Blazer, white shirt & pullover (if worn) or County Approved Coloured Shirt, National, County or Club tie (tie not required with County Approved Coloured Shirt),

**Semi-Finals and Finals:** will be played in White Shoes or Boots, White or Cream Trousers, white socks, White or Cream Shirt, or County Approved Coloured Shirt, National, County or Club Tie, (tie not required with County Approved Coloured Shirt).

Regulation footwear to be worn at all games.

**{if Coloured shirts are to be worn, then the same coloured shirt must be worn by all members of a "team" or 'side' , or not worn by any members of the "team" or 'side'}**

## **BOWLS STAMPING**

**See separate page regarding up to date Rules on Stamping of Bowls**

## **LAW CHANGES**

**NOTE: There are changes to the laws of the sport from 2011.**

**18.4 The jack may only be given to the opponent on the first end or when play necessitates an extra end.**

**37.1.7. The skip is responsible for marking the scorecard.**