

## **COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

### **4 WOOD/JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP**

The game shall consist of 21 shots, four bowls per player. An entrance fee of £4.00 shall be paid by each competitor entering the competition. In the Junior Singles, entrants must not have reached their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday by April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of the competition.

### **2 WOOD SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP**

The game shall consist of 21 ends. If scores are level after 21 ends, an extra end to determine the winner will be played. An entrance fee of £4.00 shall be paid by each competitor entering the competition.

### **PAIRS/JUNIOR PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP**

The game shall consist of 18 ends, four bowls per player. A club is allowed to enter any number of sets of pairs. An entry fee of £8.00 shall be paid by each pair entering the Pairs competition. In the Junior Pairs, 18 ends will be played and entrants must not have reached their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday by April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of the competition.

### **TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP**

The game shall consist of 18 ends, three bowls per player. Each club is allowed to enter any number of sets of triples. An entrance fee of £12.00 shall be paid by each set entering the Triples competition.

### **FOURS/SENIOR FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP**

The fours will be played over 18 ends, two bowls per player. A club may enter any number of sets of fours. In the senior fours competitors must have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday by April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of the competition. This competition to be played over 18 ends. An entrance fee of £16.00 shall be paid by each four entering the competition.

### **ENTRIES FOR ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

All entries shall be forwarded to the County Competition Secretary by the Club Secretaries on the forms provided by the closing date as stated. Monies must not be sent as an Invoice will be sent to all clubs once the entries have been checked and the draw made. All competitors must purchase a copy of the County handbook

### **UNIFORM**

Please refer to the Competition Rules section. Some clubs may not allow shorts and their decision must be respected. Coloured bowls shoes may be worn in any game played under Bowls England rules.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**In the event of player(s) or a club not attending the County Luncheon and Prize giving in its ENTIRETY, unless there are mitigating circumstances, the awards will be presented at the Annual General meeting of the Association. Failure to attend either of these events will result in the prizes being withheld by the Council**

**CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS**  
**A. B. BEDFORD CUP**

1. Entries for this championship will only be accepted from Club Champions who qualify if they have won the Singles Championship of their club the previous year
2. All games must have been played under BE Laws of the Game.
3. The competition will be played under the BE rules for singles play, the first to score 21 shots will be the winner.
4. Dress will be as laid down in the County Competition By- Laws
5. Please follow instructions on the website to submit your scores.
6. The challenger must offer 3 dates 21 days before the opening round thereafter 48 hours after the closing date of the previous round. One of these days must be a Saturday or Sunday. The opponent must accept one of these dates within 48 hours.

**NOVICE SINGLES - RULES OF PLAY**

1. All games to be played under the BE rules of the Laws of the Game.
2. The 4 woods first to score 21 shots to be the winner.
3. The competition is open to players with less than two years experience in any Format indoor or outdoor bowls.
4. The early rounds will be played in areas, (subject to entries). The first named player will be the challenger and must offer his opponent three dates within 21 days of the closing date of the first round,(one must be a Saturday or Sunday) thereafter 48 hours of the closing date of the previous round, one of these dates must be accepted within 48 hours of being challenged
5. The winner of the tie should follow instructions on the website to submit their score.

## **OVER 60 PAIRS- RULES OF PLAY**

1. All ties to be played in accordance with the rules as laid down for County Competitions.
2. All players must be members of the same club and affiliated to Bowls England
3. All players must have reached their sixtieth birthday by May 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of the competition.
4. Entry shall be by application through their Club Secretary to the County Competition Secretary. The entry fee will be £4.00 per pair.
5. The competition will be run on an area basis, where possible, in order to reduce travelling to a minimum.
6. The first pair drawn in a tie shall be the challengers and are responsible for all match arrangements. The challengers must offer 3 dates (one must be a Saturday or Sunday) within 21 days of the opening round, thereafter within 48 hours after the closing date of the previous round). The opponents shall within 48 hours of receipt of the challenge reply accepting one of the dates offered. The time for commencing the tie shall be mutually agreed, a draw for the rink to be used will be made by the opponents.
7. In the event of no decision being reached in a tie owing to exceptional circumstances or weather conditions, inability to arrange or re-arrange a tie before the completion date of the round, a decision must be made by the toss of a coin. No extensions will be given in any round.
8. Dress will be as laid down in the County Competition By-Laws.
9. The winner of the tie shall follow instructions on the website to record their score.

## MIXED PAIRS - RULES OF PLAY

1. All competitors must be affiliated to Suffolk Bowls (BE)
2. Each pair must consist of one lady and one gentleman. Any substitute used must come from the Club from which the original entrant entered and must not have played in any of the previous rounds.
3. All games must be played under the rules of the BE. Laws of the Game. Matches are only to be played on greens affiliated to the Suffolk County (BE) Bowling Association
4. All rounds will be on a knock out basis. The first named pair in the draw will be the challengers and shall within 21days of the opening round, thereafter within 48 hours after the closing date of the previous round, offer their opponents three dates one of which must be a Saturday or Sunday. The opponents shall on receipt of the challenge accept one of the dates offered within 48 hours.
5. Midweek games shall not commence before 6pm or after 7pm except by mutual agreement.
6. **All games must be completed by the final date of the round.**
7. **No extensions will be allowed.** Dress for all rounds up to the Semi-Final will be white tops or club shirts and grey, Semi- Final onwards will be played in whites.
8. The winner of the tie shall follow instructions on the website to record their score.

## **UNBADGED – RULES OF PLAY**

1. All games to be played under Bowls England rules of the game.
2. Four Woods, first to score 21 shots.
3. The competition is open to players who have never been badged.
4. The first name played shall contact their opponent 21 days before the first round offering 3 dates, one of which must be a weekend. One of these dates should be accepted within 48 hours.
5. Thereafter, 3 dates must be offered after the closing date of the previous round. One of these dates should be accepted within 48 hours.
6. The winner should immediately submit their score, following instructions on the website.

## **COLIN BUCK 240 TROPHY**

### **RULES OF PLAY**

Suffolk County Fours rules to apply with the following amendments:

1. Teams can be Men, Women or Mixed
2. Teams to have a combined age of at least 240 years
3. Competition format to be two woods, eighteen ends on a knock out basis
4. Threes up by mutual agreement
5. No substitutes unless approved by the Competition Secretary
6. Please follow instructions on the website to record scores
7. The Competition Secretary for this competition is:-
8. David Nightingale

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## **NORTON CUP – RULES OF PLAY**

1. Two fours from each club, one playing at home and one playing away, the aggregate score to count to decide. An extra end shall be played on the challengers green in case of a tie resulting at 18 ends, and the responsibility for seeing this is done will rest with both clubs.
2. County Fours rules to apply.
3. The competition will be played on an open draw basis and the Semi-Finals and Final will be played in whites.
4. The winning club will hold the Norton Challenge Cup for one year and a County award will be given to both the winner and runner-up for this competition at the Annual Luncheon and Prize giving.
5. Clubs shall have the option of substituting players and altering positions of players for the second or subsequent rounds of the competition, but players must play for the same club from which they entered their competitions for that season.
6. Games to start at 2.30 or by mutual agreement.
7. The entrance fee shall be £8.00 per club.
8. Please follow instructions on the website to record scores

## **QUINTON BOWL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – RULES OF PLAY**

1. The competition shall be regarded as the Club Championship of the County and each club shall be represented by four sets of four.
2. Competition rule for the FOURS Play shall apply to this competition. Players are only eligible to play for the club to which they are affiliated in Suffolk. County Fours rules to apply.
3. The entrance fee shall be £8.00 per club and the winners shall hold the QUINTON BOWL for a year. A County award will be given to both the winner and runner-up at the County Annual Luncheon and Prizegiving.
4. The competition will be run on an open draw basis. The Semi-Finals and Final will be played in whites on neutral greens selected by the Management Committee. Games to start at 2.30 or by mutual agreement.
5. The Hon. Secretary of the club appearing first in the draw shall contact their opposing Club Secretary to confirm the fixed date and time.
6. The results SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MATCH by the HOME team on the new website. Results sheet to be emailed to [night1653@aol.com](mailto:night1653@aol.com)

## **BERT EDWARDS CUP – RULES OF [PLAY**

1. The competition rules for the Club Fours Championship to apply to this event.
2. Teams shall consist of three fours and only players who have not been awarded flashes/badges in the Middleton Cup, Adams or Newton Trophy in Suffolk may play. However, players will be eligible to play 10 years after their last appearance in the Adams, Newton or Middleton.
3. Semi-Finals and Final will be played in whites on neutral greens selected by the Management Committee.
4. Games to start at 2.30 or by mutual agreement.
5. The result MUST BE TELEPHONED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MATCH by the HOME team following the instructions on the new website. Results sheet to be emailed to [night1653@aol.com](mailto:night1653@aol.com)
6. Competition format 18 ends two bowls per player.

**QUEEN ELIZABETH II TROPHY**  
**(FORMARLLY MILLENNIUM TROPHY)**

1. All Clubs in the County are eligible to enter one team only of eleven players.
2. Each team will play a Two Wood Singles, (21 ends) Four Wood Singles, (21 shots) Pairs, (4 woods 18 ends) Triples (3 woods 18 ends) and Fours (2 woods 18 ends).under the County Competition by-Laws. Two Wood Singles will be played before the 4 Wood Singles unless by mutual agreement. The Semi Finals and Final to be played in Whites. Trial ends may be played in all games.
3. Should a match be abandoned or postponed due to weather, it must be completed on or before the closing date of the round. Failing this both teams will be eliminated from the competition.
4. One point will be awarded for each rink won. When any of the above is drawn an extra end will be played.
5. Club coloured shirts may be worn and all players **MUST** wear the same.
6. Three dates must be offered by the challenger 21 days before the first round. Thereafter within 48 hours of the closing date of the previous round. Two of which must be a weekend. As Wednesday is a recognised league match day, this must not be offered as one of the dates.
7. Please follow instructions on the website to submit your score