

# **TIPTREE JOBSERVE BOWLS CLUB**

## **Competition Regulations 2017**

*It is the responsibility of all competitors to familiarise themselves with the regulations below.  
Any player failing to conform to any clause is liable to disqualification.*

### **1. RULES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS**

- 1.1 All competitions shall be staged on an annual basis and played under World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
- 1.2 All competitors must be paid up members of Tiptree Jobserve Bowls Club and have paid the appropriate competition entry fee(s).
- 1.3 Control of all competitions shall be in the hands of the club Competition Secretary and the club Management Committee.
- 1.4 All disputes between competitors should be referred to the club competition secretary, who will consult with the management committee where appropriate.

### **2. ADDITIONAL RULES FOR KNOCKOUT CLUB COMPETITIONS**

#### **INCLUDING:**

**Men's and Ladies Championships  
Over 65's Championship  
2 Wood Championship  
Men's and Ladies Handicaps  
Men's and Ladies Drawn Pairs**

- 2.1 In addition to the **RULES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS** set out in 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 above, the following shall apply.
  - 2.1.1 Members must send their competition entries and fees to the Competition Secretary no later than 19th May 2017 using the official club forms provided for the purpose.
  - 2.1.2 Club competition finals will be played on the weekend of the 9th & 10th September 2017 and members should not enter any competition if they are not available to play on those dates. The spare finals day will only be used in the event of inclement weather, illness or members playing in several club finals, CMBL, NWE, county or national competition finals.
  - 2.1.3 All rounds up to the final shall be played no later than the dates set out in the competition draw. If a game is scheduled to be played on a "play by" date, and inclement weather prevents the game from being played then a 48 hour extension may be granted. If the game has not been played within the extension period, the outcome will be decided by the toss of a coin. This will be officiated by the club Competition Secretary, or designated person, and in the presence of both players. This rule will not apply to the semi-final; in this event a 72 hour extension will be granted.

- 2.1.4 If there is a dispute as to whether the green is playable or not and both players are unable to agree, the matter should be referred to one of the Green Rangers, or a main committee member in the absence of a Green Ranger.
- 2.1.5 The challenge must be given to the opponent by the "challenge by" date. The "challenge by" date shall be two weeks prior to the "play by" date. The competitor appearing first in each round of the draw shall be the challenger and shall, without delay, and no later than the "challenge by" date, offer the opposite competitor three dates, one of which must be a weekend. Club competitions must not be scheduled on Friday evening club nights.
- 2.1.6 When a competitor is likely to become a prospective opponent whilst away on holiday, whether as challenger or challenged, they should contact and inform all relevant parties of such, before they go away. If the challenger has failed to challenge his/her opponent, the match will be awarded to the opponent. If the member challenged has failed to accept the challenge, the match will be awarded to the challenger.
- 2.1.7 Games must not be arranged to be played after the "play by" date of the round.
- 2.1.8 The draw for competitions will be conducted by the competition secretary together with one of the following: Club captain, ladies captain, men's vice-captain or ladies vice-captain.
- 2.1.9 Competitors shall wear grey below the waist and white above the waist. Club shirts are permitted to be worn. Competition finals will be whites and club shirts.
- 2.1.10 A competitor failing to appear within 30 minutes of the agreed start time shall be disqualified.
- 2.1.11 The onus of providing a marker in single-handed competitions shall fall upon the challenger except when arranged by the competition secretary.
- 2.1.12 All result cards shall be signed by the losing competitor and passed by the winning competitor to the competition secretary, using the competition box provided. The match results, including scores, should be recorded on the competition bracket charts provided.
- 2.1.13 In the event of scores being equal when all ends have been played, an extra end shall be played. The opponents shall toss a coin and the winner will decide who shall play first.
- 2.1.14 In the event of adverse weather conditions stopping a competition match, the competitors shall arrange another date for the game to be continued. If the competitors are unable to agree if the green is playable then the competition secretary or green ranger shall make the decision.
- 2.1.15 The two skips shall be the judges of all disputes and where they agree their decision shall be final. If they cannot agree, the point shall be decided by an umpire. Umpires shall be appointed at the discretion of the competition secretary but where an umpire is not appointed players must mutually agree a person to act as umpire.
- 2.1.16 If a competitor is unable to play in the final of any competition for reasons other than those detailed in clause 1.4 then he/she will be replaced by the losing semi-finalist. Likewise if a

competitor is unable to play his/her semi-final match then he/she will be replaced by the losing quarter-finalist.

### **3. MENS CHAMPIONSHIP & LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP**

3.1 In addition to the **RULES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS** and **ADDITIONAL RULES FOR KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS**, the following shall apply:

3.1.1 Each game shall consist of 21 shots, four bowls each player.

### **3.2 OVER 65s CHAMPIONSHIP**

3.3 In addition to the **RULES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS** and **ADDITIONAL RULES FOR KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS**, the following shall apply:

3.3.1 This is a mixed competition open to men and women.

3.3.2 Each game shall consist of 21 shots, four bowls each player.

### **3.4 2-WOOD CHAMPIONSHIP**

3.5 In addition to the **RULES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS** and **ADDITIONAL RULES FOR KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS**, the following shall apply:

3.5.1 This is a mixed competition open to men and women.

3.5.2 The outcome of this match will be decided by 21 shots or 21 ends - whichever comes first.

### **3.6 MENS HANDICAP & LADIES HANDICAP**

3.7 In addition to the **RULES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS** and **ADDITIONAL RULES FOR KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS**, the following shall apply:

3.7.1 The difference between each player's handicap is added to the 21 shots required by the higher handicapper. For example, a 5-handicapper playing a 2-handicapper results in a difference of 3. Therefore the match will be won by the 2-handicapper achieving 21 shots or the 5-handicapper achieving 24 shots.

### **3.8 MENS PAIRS & LADIES PAIRS**

3.9 In addition to the **RULES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS** and **ADDITIONAL RULES FOR KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS**, the following shall apply:

3.9.1 A player who has entered this competition is not permitted to play, as a player or substitute, in another entry.

3.9.2 Each game shall consist of 21 ends, four bowls each player.

#### **4. ADDITIONAL RULES FOR THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIONS**

##### **Freshman's Cup**

##### **John Bohannon Trophy for drawn mixed pairs**

##### **Drawn Mixed Triples**

##### **Drawn Mixed Fours**

##### **Men's Drawn Triples**

##### **Ladies Drawn Triples**

##### **Peter Horlock Trophy**

4.1 In addition to the **RULES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS**, the following shall apply:

4.1.1 Entries must be made at least one week in advance of the relevant competition start or play date, on the entry sheet which will be displayed on the notice board at the clubhouse.

4.1.2 The draw and order of play will be made by the competition secretary or his delegate on the day of the competition or in advance as necessary.

4.1.3 The club competition secretary, or his delegate, will provide any specific rules prior to commencement of the competition.

#### **4.2 FRESHMAN'S CUP ADDITIONAL RULES**

4.2.1 In addition to the **RULES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS** and rules 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 above, the following shall apply:

4.2.2 The competition is open to men and women who have not previously won a single-handed club competition at the time of entry.

4.2.3 In the event of more than 24 entries, a preliminary knock-out round may apply.

#### **4.3 PETER HORLOCK TROPHY ADDITIONAL RULES**

4.3.1 In addition to the Competition Regulations and rules 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 above, the following shall apply:

4.3.2 This competition is open to teams of three players whose combined handicaps add up to no more than 16.

4.3.3 Each game shall consist of 14 ends, three bowls each player.

4.3.4 The final to be played on club finals weekend shall be of 18 ends.

#### **4.4 MIXED PAIRS LEAGUE ADDITIONAL RULES**

In addition to the Competition Regulations, the following shall apply.

Each game shall consist of 14 ends, with two trial ends, four bowls each player.

The 'Home' pair shall be responsible for arranging the match in accordance with the schedule, and for booking the rink of their choice.

Score cards are to be signed by both teams and returned to Graham Heard.

Teams will score two pints for a win and one point for a draw.

In the event of teams finishing the league on equal points, league positions shall be determined on the basis of shot difference.  
Each team shall be known by their designated letter as specified in the schedule.  
Substitutes are not permitted other than in exceptional circumstances and where approved by Graham Heard.

It should be appreciated that no set of rules governing a competition has yet achieved such perfection to be able to cope with every situation. This set of rules is no exception. Unusual incidents not provided for in these rules will occur. It is well, therefore, to remember that these rules have been framed in the belief that true sportsmanship will prevail, and that in the absence of any express rule, common sense will find a fair solution to any given problem.