

Gildredge Park Bowls Club Club competition rules 2023¹

1. All games are played under Bowls England rules
2. Before entering any competition check your diary for your availability to play on specified dates.
3. The first name(s) drawn are the challenger(s) and the second name(s) are the opponent(s). The Challenger(s) must give the opponent(s) three dates, one must be a weekend. Please check whether your opponent(s) still work and be mindful of their requirements when arranging dates, (within the period allowed for completion of the round shown on the draw schedule). Challengers should be prompt in offering potential dates to the opponents as soon as the previous round has finished – dates should be offered within a week or so. If challenger does not offer dates by five days before the play-by date the opponent(s) will offer dates before the play-by date. The challenger will remain the same person and will still be required to supply a marker for a singles match.

Please remember we are a friendly club. Please be cooperative with your opponents when fixing a date for your match.

4. No Extensions will be allowed except for exceptional circumstances. Holidays, family events and similar predictable circumstances are not acceptable since each round had several weeks during which a match can be arranged. In exceptional circumstances such as sudden illness or major personal circumstances the competition secretaries must be notified immediately. The competitions secretaries will then decide on the outcome.
5. A substitute must not have a handicap higher than the substituted player. All substitutes must be agreed with the competition secretaries before the match is played. The substitute can only play for one team in any competition. Only one substitute will be allowed throughout any competition up to and including the final. Substitute cannot skip a game. The players in the first game will constitute a team.

¹ These rules apply to mixed, ladies' and men's matches and supersede all existing rules from the separate ladies' and men's sections

6. Singles. All matches must have a marker. The challenger will be responsible for arranging a marker (consult the volunteer marker list). The marker's name must be put on the score card. No spouse, partner or family member can mark a singles game.
7. Game duration
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| <u>21 shots</u> | <u>18 ends</u> | <u>16 ends or 81 shots</u> |
| Championships | Triples | Fixed Jack |
| Senior singles | Pairs | |
| Jack Butcher/Coronation Cup | | |
| Handicap singles
(+ difference) | | |
| Foundation Cup | | |
8. In the event of a tie where there are a specified number of ends, an extra end must be played, a coin to be tossed to decide the mat.
9. Rink availability will follow an order of precedence: National, County, Town, Club competitions, roll-ups/other events. Club competition matches can take place at the same time as inter-club fixtures if rinks are available. The club competition rink selection on such occasions will be restricted to allow the club match to have their rinks next to each other.
10. Rink selection is by drawing cards numbered according to the available rinks at the time of the match. The colour within the rink must adhere to the schedule issued by the green steward and must not be changed. Neither the challenger nor the opponent is allowed to choose a rink in advance.
11. Special circumstances. The competition secretaries have the discretion to vary or interpret the rules. Any member dissatisfied with the ruling should complain using the club's complaints procedure.

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