

Conditions for Bournemouth Tournament 2025

- 1 These Conditions have been drawn up in such a manner as to cover most situations, but it is inevitable that an occurrence may arise which is outside their scope. In such an instance, the Tournament Committee hopes that common sense will prevail to achieve an equitable solution. Any point not covered in the current 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls' or in these Conditions will be decided by the Tournament Committee and its decision shall be final. Where the words 'player' and 'his' have been used, they shall not mean male exclusivity. Any player shall have the right of appeal. Such appeal must be conveyed verbally to the Green Secretary within 15 minutes of the end of the game giving rise to the appeal. This appeal will then be presented to the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final.
- 2 Neither the Tournament Committee nor any of the host Clubs on which the Tournament games are played shall be held responsible for any loss or injury suffered by any player.
- 3 It is hoped that an Umpire will be appointed for all sessions. Where this is not possible, a Nominated Official will cover the duties of the Umpire.
- 4 All players must report to the appropriate Green Secretary within 15 minutes of the appointed time for their game. Failure to do so could result in the game being awarded to their opponent. In the case of an approved delay from the player's previous game, the Tournament Director shall grant a reasonable extension to the scheduled time. The Green Secretary must obtain approval of the extended time from the Tournament Director.
- 5 **Dress Code** All players will wear white tops, approved Club or County shirts or recognised bowls manufacturers' clothing. All players in a pair/triple should preferably wear matching shirts. Grey/black below the waist up to Wednesday (club coloured trousers/shorts are allowed), then whites (or club coloured trousers/shorts are allowed) from Thursday 9am. (Smart tailored bowls shorts will be permitted). Regulation bowls shoes to be worn at all times.
- 6 **Stickers** A set of bowls must carry identical stickers, if this cannot be achieved then non-matching stickers must be removed. The tournament committee will provide stickers from the Semi-Finals onwards.
- 7 **The Game** All games to commence with two trial ends- 2 bowls each way per player up to but not including the Semi-Finals

Singles Games to be 21 shots or 2 ½ hour time limit (including trial ends)
4 bowls each player
1 visit by each player to the head per end up to but not including the Semi- Final
A player following their bowl to the head may stay whilst their opponent is bowling, this constitutes their one visit.

Pairs Games to be 18 ends or 2 ½ hour time limit (including trial ends)
4 bowls each player

Skips must leave the head together on change- over
Skips only to visit the head once per end up to and not including the Semi-Finals
A skip following their bowl to the head may stay whilst their opponent is bowling, this constitutes their one visit.

Triples Games to be 18 ends or 3 hour time limit (including trial ends)
3 bowls each player
If playing twos up, both number 2s must leave the head together on change over
Skips must leave the head together on change- over
Skips only to visit the head once per end up to and not including the Semi-Finals
A skip following their bowl to the head may stay whilst their opponent is bowling, this constitutes their one visit.

- 8 An end shall be deemed to have started when the jack, having been cast from a correctly placed mat, has been centered. Any games in the tournament may be started earlier than the time specified if all players in both teams agree.
- 9 If an end in progress after the time limit has expired is declared dead it shall not be replayed.
- 10 The scorecards to show start and finish times of games for all competitions shall be signed by both players, the marker and the umpire in singles games, and by both skips and the umpire in pairs and triples games. It is the responsibility of the winner of the singles and of the winning skip in both pairs and triples to ensure that the scorecards are returned to the Green Secretary immediately after the conclusion of their game. Failure to do so may mean elimination from the competition.
- 11 If, in the opinion of the Umpire, a game is unlikely to finish within the appointed time limit, they shall advise the players not less than ten minutes prior to the scheduled finish time.
- 12 **Time expires** If the scores are level after the time expires then there will be a toss for an extra end, caller to be the last player/team to win an end. If the extra end is killed or tied then a further toss will take place and, with the mat and jack both at the two metre positions, each player (to be nominated in pairs and triples) shall deliver one bowl to determine the winner(s). If both these bowls are equidistant from the jack then they shall be removed (jack to be replaced if necessary) and a further 2 bowls delivered.
- 13 **Semi-Finals** onwards all games shall be FULL games where none of the aforementioned restrictions shall apply.
- 14 **Time wasting** Should there be any clear evidence of time wasting or in any way seeking to gain an advantage over an opponent, the offending player or team will be warned once by the umpire or in their absence a person acting with the authority of the Tournament Secretary. Any further instances will lead to disqualification of the offending player(s)- such decision to be final.

- 15 **Substitutes/replacements** The Tournament Committee shall find replacement players in the singles prior to the first games. In pairs and triples one and the same player may be used as a substitute (In triples 2 substitutes may be used from the third round onwards providing the players being replaced are competitors still in other competitions of the tournament) Substitutes can play as skip. Substitutes must not have played in any rounds of the discipline for which they are required.
- 16 **Eligibility** Players in pairs and triples will be permitted to enter in another pair/triple if their named partner(s) withdraw prior to the first game. Those entered with ANO will only be allowed to enter in another pair/triple after agreement from the tournament committee.
- 17 **Tournament Entry** The Tournament Committee reserve the right to refuse entry and should more entries be received than can be accommodated they will be taken in order of receipt.
- 18 **Inclement Weather** In the event of inclement weather or other situation affecting play, the Tournament Committee in conjunction with the green keeper and /or umpire shall determine whether or not the green is playable and be empowered to postpone or regulate play- their decision being final. If a game is interrupted by inclement weather, there being no possibility of it being completed for any reason, the following rule shall apply:-
- A minimum game and resulting winner shall be determined, when at the time of final stoppage:-
- Singles One player scores 11 or more shots
Pairs 9 or more ends are completed
Triples 9 or more ends are completed
- If the scores are level then the following shall determine the winner(s)
Winning more ends
If still level then the last to score
- 19 If a game is interrupted and cannot be completed by the scheduled finish time and a minimum requirement has not been played, the Tournament Committee will endeavour to rearrange the following rounds. Such rearrangement could mean restricting the time or reducing the number of ends below those stated in the preceding paragraph for each competition.
- 20 If a semi final or final is interrupted by adverse weather, the Tournament Committee shall decide the outcome of the tournament. No trophies shall be awarded and the prize money shall be distributed equally between the competitors remaining in each uncompleted competition.
- 21 Presentation of all prizes shall take place at the conclusion of play on Finals Day.