

WEST END BOWLS COMPETITION RULES 2023

1. ALL entrants to Club competitions MUST be available to play on Finals Day if successful. Any member not available to play on Finals Day should not enter these competitions.
2. No player shall be allowed to proceed further in any internal competitions after 31 July unless they have played in, or been available to play in, at least four Club Mixed Friendly matches on or before 31 July (**two of which must be away**).
3. In the Mixed Fours, Mixed Triples or Pairs competitions, a reserve(s) may be permitted if this is necessary to ensure smooth running of the competition. Any such reserve may be arranged only by the Competitions Committee.
4. The rink priorities for booking rinks are to be strictly observed. The order will continue to be as previously determined and displayed in the Rink Book.
5. Rink settings must be strictly adhered to. Rink settings for the day are to be found in the Rink Book. Colour of play for the day must not be changed.
6. The rink will be drawn just prior to the start of the match from all available rinks using the prescribed method (see below). Any rink already booked for external competitions and/or leagues matches will not be included in the rink draw.
Prescribed method – A numbered stick will be drawn from the bag just prior to the start of the game. The rink stick bag will be located and retained on a hook by the Internal Competition notice board.
7. All competitions are to be played on or before the closing dates determined for each round. This rule will be strictly applied.
Within 2 weeks of the start of the round the challenger(s) must offer 3 dates (one being a weekend or after 6pm Monday – Friday) for the tie to be played. The opponent shall respond to the challenger within 3 days.
If the opponent has not been contacted within the 2 weeks, they should then offer 3 dates (one being a weekend or after 6pm Monday – Friday). The challenger shall respond to the opponent within 3 days.
Any disputes should be referred to the Competition Secretary. If any player knows they are going on holiday, they must contact their opponent at the earliest opportunity; whether they are the challenger or not, in order that every effort to arrange the game is made.
8. Disputes or matters requiring clarification, arising from any competition will be advised to the Competitions Committee for consideration. Any such decision made will be final and binding.
9. If a competitor arrives more than 30 minutes late for the commencement of any tie his/her opponent may claim a walkover provided he/she was present, subject to confirmation from the Competitions Committee.
10. Use of the same rink by the same person on the same day, for any subsequent competition, for whatever reason, shall not be permitted, unless mutually agreed between all competitors.
11. Players are responsible for completing the result on the master draw sheet at the first available opportunity and leaving the signed scorecard in the Competitions Holder.
12. Details of internal competitions are appended. The individual competition rules so detailed are to be strictly observed.