

SUTTON & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS

A) REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL COMPETITIONS

1. Competitions shall be played in accordance with the current edition of the 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls' laid down by World Bowls Ltd., Bowls England version. Additionally, all Affiliated Clubs and Competitors shall conform to the Association's Competition Regulations defined herein.
2. All clubs affiliated to the Association are eligible to enter all Competitions.
3. Competition entries for the Yonwin Cup, Arthur Hughes Triples, Carol Shannan Triples, June Hope Cup and Paston Cup shall be made by the Clubs on their annual Association subscription forms which shall be returned to the Association's Hon Secretary by 1st December. The Competition entry fees, as laid down at the AGM, shall be paid by the Clubs to the Association's Hon. Treasurer by 1st December.
4. Entries for the Blesma Ladies and Mens Pairs, the St Raphael's Mixed Pairs, the Ted Peirce Singles and the President's Trophy shall be made using the Association's appropriate official competition entry forms; entry fees and entry forms must be sent to and received by the S&DBA Treasurer by the date specified on the entry form.
5. Clubs that have been newly admitted to the Association at the most recent AGM may also enter the Yonwin Cup, Arthur Hughes Triples, Carol Shannan Triples, June Hope Cup and Paston Cup providing the applicable entry forms and fees are received by the Association no later than 28 days after that AGM. Newly admitted clubs may also enter the Blesma Ladies and Mens Pairs, St Raphael's Pairs, Ted Peirce Singles and President's Trophy in accordance with the Regulations defined below for these competitions.
6. A Competition Secretary for each Competition will be appointed annually by the Management and shall be responsible for the smooth running of the Competitions. The duties include compiling the competition draw sheets and competitor contact details, regularly updating the competition draw sheets for posting on the Association website, e-mailing the draw sheets to the Hon. Secretaries and Delegates of all affiliated clubs, and resolving promptly any relevant queries if these arise. The minimum frequency for updating and distributing the draw sheets, and posting them on the website shall be immediately following completion of each round.
7. The results of individual matches must be advised by the winners to the relevant Competition Secretary immediately following the match by telephone, and confirmed in writing by text, e-mail or letter
8. Competitors should contact the applicable Competition Secretary regarding any queries or problems relating to a specific Competition. The Competition Secretary should contact other C/Secretaries or the Hon. Secretary for advice / guidance as appropriate, and the Competition Secretary's ruling is final.
9. The dates by which the various rounds are to be played shall be set by the Management and must be strictly adhered to.
10. The Team or Player drawn first in any pairing is the Challenger
11. All rounds of the Competitions will be played upon the Green of the Challenger, excepting the Semi-Finals which will be played on a Neutral Green mutually agreed between Challenger and Opponent, and the Final which will be played on a green organised by the Management.
12. The draw for rink/s to be played on shall be made in accordance with the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Law 3.1). For a match requiring one rink, a minimum of two rinks shall be offered to the opponent. For a match requiring more than one rink, the minimum number of rinks offered shall be at least equal to the number of rinks required.
13. For the Preliminary Round matches, or First Round matches when there is no Preliminary Round, the Challenger shall offer the Opponent three (3) alternative match dates and start times in accordance with the following:

Yonwin Cup (rinks))	
Paston Cup (singles))	
June Hope Cup (singles))	by 8 th May
Arthur Hughes (triples))	
Carol Shannan (triples)....)	

Blesma Men's Pairs)	
Blesma Ladies Pairs)	Within 7 days of the initial draw sheet(s) being
St Raphael's Mixed Pairs)	distributed to the Hon. Sec's and Delegates of affiliated
Ted Peirce Singles)	clubs
President's Trophy)	

Of the match dates offered by the Challenger at least one (1) shall be a weekend or Bank Holiday and at least one (1) a weekday. The Opponent shall, within three (3) days, reply accepting one of the offered dates.

Should the Challenger fail to comply with the above timings, the Opponent will then take over the rights of the Challenger and offer three (3) choices of dates for the game to be played, but on the original Opponent's green.

The same procedure as above shall be adopted for all subsequent rounds except that the Challenger shall offer the three (3) dates within five (5) days of the closing date of the previous round.

14. Until the semi-final rounds, matches shall be played with a start time of 6pm (weekdays), or at 10.30am (weekends / bank holidays). Alternative start times may be mutually agreed between competitors but, in the absence of mutual agreement, the start times of 6pm and 10.30am shall be adhered to.

If a Competitor has not arrived at the Green, or a Pair or Team is incomplete more than half an hour after the agreed time, the non-offending side may claim a walkover.

15. The start time for the Semi-Final matches in the Yonwin Cup, Arthur Hughes Triples, Carol Shannan Triples, Blesma Ladies and Mens Pairs, St Raphael's Pairs and the President's Trophy must reflect the shortening daylight hours. These should start no later than 5pm to ensure the match is completed in daylight.
16. In the event of inclement weather such that the Green is unfit for play, the Competitors must arrange another date within the time limit for that particular round.
17. An abandoned match shall be resumed at the point and the score where it stopped. Any substitutes must comply with the Laws of the Sport.

If it is known that there will be no possible chance of continuing the game at another time to comply with the round closing date, then:

- a) the Competitor / Team with the highest score will be declared the winner,
or, if the scores are equal, then
- b) a count back of the highest number of winning ends will be used to declare the winner,
or, if scores are equal and winning ends are equal, then
- c) a toss of a coin shall be used to declare the winner.

18. All Competition Finals shall be played on the Association's Finals Day, the date for which will be published on the SDBA website and in the Association's Fixture List.

19. The Finals Day 'Order of Play' will be arranged and timed in a way which is considered to meet the best interests of the Association, but it will also endeavour to meet the needs of individual clubs and their players where they are represented in more than one Final.
20. Once the Finals Day 'Order of Play' has been published, changes will only be considered in exceptional circumstances, and only with the agreement of the Management.
21. If and when a Presentation Dinner is scheduled, each Competition's Champion and Finalist, or their representative, is encouraged to attend the Presentation Dinner to receive their trophies.

B) PASTON CUP SINGLES REGULATIONS

1. The Cup to be played for is an annual Men's Singles Competition, four bowls per person, open to the current Singles Champion or Runner-Up, or in the event that there is no Men's Champion, the (male) Open Champion or (male) Runner-Up of any Club Affiliated to the Association. The nominee, subject to Regulations 2 and 3 below, must be a current member of the Club.
2. Under no circumstances can the same person represent more than one Club in the same season. In the event of any person being nominated by two or more Clubs, precedence will be given to the first nomination received by the Hon. Secretary (or other designated Officer) of the Association. The other Club(s) shall be notified and be entitled to enter their Runner-Up.
3. Should the nominated Champion of a Club be unable to enter the Competition owing to illness, removal from the District, or other unforeseen circumstances, the Club's Runner-Up may be nominated to represent the Club subject to the provisions of Regulation 4 below.
4. In the case of a substitution as envisaged in Regulation 3 above, the Club concerned must forward written notification to the Hon. Secretary (or other designated Officer) of the Association at least seven days prior to the date upon which the person originally nominated was due to play his first tie. Any substitute must adhere to the date fixed with his opponent by the original nominee, unless such opponent shall agree an alternative date.
5. If a player becomes aware that he will be unable to play in any later round, he is required to concede the next game to their opponent.
6. The winner in each match will be the first player to reach the score of 21 shots.
7. The draw will take place at the Spring Council Meeting of the Association.

C) JUNE HOPE CUP SINGLES REGULATIONS

1. The Cup to be played for is an annual Ladies Singles Competition, four bowls per person, open to the current Singles Champion or Runner-Up, or in the event that there is no Ladies Champion, the (female) Open Champion or (female) Runner-Up of any Club Affiliated to the Association. The nominee, subject to Regulations 2 and 3 below, must be a current member of the Club.
2. Under no circumstances can the same person represent more than one Club in the same season. In the event of any person being nominated by two or more Clubs, precedence will be given to the first nomination received by the Hon. Secretary (or other designated Officer) of the Association. The other Club(s) shall be notified and be entitled to enter their Runner-Up.
3. Should the nominated Champion of a Club be unable to enter the Competition owing to illness, removal from the District, or other unforeseen circumstances, the Club's Runner-Up may be nominated to represent the Club subject to the provisions of Regulation 4 below.
4. In the case of a substitution as envisaged in Regulation 3 above, the Club concerned must forward written notification to the Hon. Secretary (or other designated Officer) of the Association at least seven days prior to the date upon which the person originally nominated was due to play her first tie. Any substitute must adhere to the date fixed with her opponent by the original nominee, unless such opponent shall agree an alternative date.
5. If a player becomes aware that she will be unable to play in any later round, she is required to concede the next game to their opponent.
6. The winner in each match will be the first player to reach the score of 21 shots.
7. The draw will take place at the Spring Council Meeting of the Association.

D) ARTHUR HUGHES TRIPLES CUP REGULATIONS

1. The Cup to be played for is an annual Men's Triple Club competition, whereby each Club Affiliated to the Association is permitted to enter one Men's Triple team.
2. There is no restriction on the number of players used. It is therefore permissible for different players to represent the Club in each round.
3. Each match shall be played over 18 ends, three bowls per person, and the winner will be the Club with the highest number of shots scored. However, should the scores be equal at the end of the 18th end, an extra end shall be played to determine the final result.
4. The draw will take place at the Spring Council Meeting of the Association.

E) CAROL SHANNAN TRIPLES CUP REGULATIONS

1. The Cup to be played for is an annual Ladies Triple Club competition, whereby each Club Affiliated to the Association is permitted to enter one Ladies Triple team.
2. There is no restriction on the number of players used. It is therefore permissible for different players to represent the Club in each round.
3. Each match shall be played over 18 ends, three bowls per person, and the winner will be the Club with the highest number of shots scored. However, should the scores be equal at the end of the 18th end, an extra end shall be played to determine the final result.
4. The draw will take place at the Spring Council Meeting of the Association

F) YONWIN CUP REGULATIONS

1. The Cup to be played for is an annual Club Competition whereby each Club Affiliated to the Association is permitted to enter one team of three Men's Rinks (i.e. 12 players).
2. There is no restriction on the number of players used. It is therefore permissible for different players to represent the Club in each round.
3. Each match shall be played over 18 ends and the winner will be the Club with the highest number of shots scored aggregated over the three rinks. However, should the aggregate scores be equal at the end of the 18th end then all three rinks will play an extra end, the first shot on each rink to determine the final result.
4. The draw will be made at the Spring Council Meeting of the Association.

G) BLESMA MENS PAIRS REGULATIONS

1. The Cup to be played for is an annual Men's Pairs Competition, four bowls per person. The draw will take place in conjunction with the St. Raphael's Mixed Pairs Competition. The Association's Hon. Secretary or other Officer will observe that the draw is made fairly.
2. All players must be current members of Clubs Affiliated to the Association. The number of Pairs entering is unlimited. A pair may consist of members from the same or different Affiliated Clubs.
3. Each match shall be played over 18 ends and the winner will be the Pair with the highest number of shots scored. However, should the scores be equal at the end of the 18th end an extra end shall be played to determine the winner.
4. All Competitors shall pay an entry fee as laid down at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The proceeds shall be donated to Blesma.
5. The dates by which all entries must be received and paid for, and the closing date of each round will be set by Management.
6. The two players named on the official entry form should normally play together throughout the Competition. One substitute may, however, be used provided he has not already played in or entered the Competition. The substitute may play in either position.
7. If it is known that the two players (including one substitute) cannot play in any future round to play they are required to concede the next game to their opponents.

H) BLESMA LADIES PAIRS REGULATIONS

1. The Cup to be played for is an annual Ladies Pairs Competition, four bowls per person. The draw will take place in conjunction with the Blesma Mens Pairs and St. Raphael's Mixed Pairs Competition. The Association's Hon. Secretary or other Officer will observe that the draw is made fairly.
2. All players must be current members of Clubs Affiliated to the Association. The number of Pairs entering is unlimited. A pair may consist of members from the same or different Affiliated Clubs.
3. Each match shall be played over 18 ends and the winner will be the Pair with the highest number of shots scored. However, should the scores be equal at the end of the 18th end an extra end shall be played to determine the winner.
4. All Competitors shall pay an entry fee as laid down at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The proceeds shall be donated to Blesma.
5. The dates by which all entries must be received and paid for, and the closing date of each round will be set by Management.
6. The two players named on the official entry form should normally play together throughout the Competition. One substitute may, however, be used provided she has not already played in or entered the Competition. The substitute may play in either position.
7. If it is known that the two players (including one substitute) cannot play in any future round to play they are required to concede the next game to their opponents.

J) ST. RAPHAEL'S TROPHY MIXED PAIRS REGULATIONS

1. The Trophy to be played for is an annual Mixed Pairs Competition, four bowls per person. The draw will take place in conjunction with the Blesma Pairs Competitions. The Association's Hon. Secretary or other Officer will observe that the draw is made fairly.
2. All players must be current members of Clubs Affiliated to the Association. The number of Pairs entering is unlimited. A pair may consist of members from the same or different Affiliated Clubs.
3. Each match shall be played over 18 ends and the winner will be the Pair with the highest number of shots scored. However, should the scores be equal at the end of the 18th end an extra end shall be played to determine the winner.
4. All Competitors shall pay an entry fee as laid down at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The proceeds shall be donated to the St Raphael's Hospice.
5. The dates by which all entries must be received and paid for and the closing date of each round by will be set by Management.
6. The two players of opposite gender named on the official entry form should normally play together throughout the Competition. One substitute of the same gender may, however, be used provided he / she has not already played in or entered the Competition. The substitute may play in either position.
7. If it is known that the two players (including one substitute) cannot play in any future round to they are required to concede the next game to their opponents.

K) TED PEIRCE SINGLES TROPHY REGULATIONS

1. The Trophy to be played for is an annual Singles Competition, four bowls per person, open to the Men and Women who are Officers, Delegates, Life Members and Hon. Vice Presidents of the Association, currently in office from the AGM of the current year.
2. Current members of S&DBA affiliated clubs may also enter providing they have played in two or more indoor or outdoor matches for S&DBA in the preceding year ending 31st December.
3. The winner in each match will be the first player to reach 21 shots.
4. All Competitors shall pay an entry fee as laid down at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
5. The dates by which all entries must be received and paid for, and the closing date of each round by will be set the Management.
6. If it is known that the player cannot play in any future round to play they are required to concede the next game to their opponents.

L) PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

1. The Competition is a Mixed Triples, each team consisting of at least one man and at least one lady, three bowls per person. It is targeted at less experienced bowlers and the "typical" club member; as such Badged players are excluded from entering.
2. All players must be current members of the same SDBA affiliated Club. The number of entries is unlimited.
3. The draw will take place in conjunction with the Blesma Pairs and St. Raphael's Mixed Pairs Competitions. The Association's Hon. Secretary or other Officer will observe that the draw is made fairly.
3. Each match shall be played over 18 ends and the winner will be the Triple with the highest number of shots scored. Should the scores be equal at the end of the 18th end, an extra end shall be played to determine the winner.
4. Each Triple shall pay an entry fee as laid down at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. This money will be donated to a charity decided by the Association's President
5. The dates by which all entries must be received and paid for, and the closing date of each round will be set by Management.
6. The three players named on the official entry form should play together throughout the Competition. One substitute may, however, be used provided he / she has not already played in the Competition. The substitute may play in any position and in any round.
7. If and when it is known that the three players (including one substitute) cannot play in any future round, they are required to concede the next game to their opponents.
8. At the Association's Finals, this competition will play on the one rink available after the scheduling for the other competitions has been finalised.