

## EAST HERTFORDSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

### COMPETITION RULES

#### (Adopted at EHBA Annual General Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022)

- 1, Member should not enter competitions organised by the Association unless they are available to play on finals day.  
Players can only play for one club in Association competition. Entries to all competition must be forwarded to the Hon. Competition Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> January each year with the necessary fees.
  - a, A team may be entered in one name at 31<sup>st</sup> January, the closing date for entries, with the following proviso:
  - b, The players competing in the **first match** of the competition shall thereafter be known as the team.
  - c, That the names of the **players in first round be notified to the Hon. Competition Secretary with the result within 48 hours of the match.**
- 2, The entrance fee per player per competition shall be decided by the Council. The fee maybe varied from time to time as the Council may decide.
- 3, The entrance fee for the New Lyndhurst Trophy and the New Thurgood Cup shall be decided by the Council. The fee may be varied from time to time as the Council decides.

The New Lyndhurst Trophy – Two triples – one Home & one Away

The New Thurgood – Two Fours

The Lyndhurst and The Thurgood are club competitions that means any male club member can play for his club in these matches.

The Lyndhurst and Thurgood are one team per club in both Competitions

#### **The New Lyndhurst Trophy**

- a, The New Lyndhurst trophy is played as Two Triples (one home, one away) which are played simultaneously up to and including the semi-final. The team drawn out first is deemed to be the home team. The home captain will toss a coin before the start of the match to determine which team has control of the mat if an extra end is needed. In the final before the start of the match, the captains will toss a coin to determine which rink plays the extra end and who has control of the mat if an extra end is needed.

- b, If it is not possible to play one of the matches due to adverse weather conditions, the match must be rearranged and agreed with the approval of the Hon Competition Secretary, If the teams cannot agree a date the Hon Competition Secretary & The Executive will make a decision.
- c, The use of normal or mobile telephones or electronic device between home and away venues during play is strictly forbidden. Any infringement of this rule will result in the disqualification of the offending team. Mobile phones should be left in the changing room during match play.
- d, Should one of the triples turn up with two players the offending team will be disqualified.

### **The New Thurgood Cup**

- 4 a, The New Thurgood Cup is played as Two Fours. The home captain will toss a coin before the start of the match to determine which team has control of the mat if an extra end is needed.
  - b, Should one of the fours turn up with three players the offending team will be disqualified
- 5, The competition shall be confined to such clubs as he joined the Association and have paid their subscriptions for the current season.
- 6, No restriction shall be placed upon any member playing in more than one competition, but he shall not enter from or play for more than one club in the competitions.
- 7, The competitions shall be played under the laws of the W.B.B. (Bowls England version of the laws of the game) and E.H.B.A Competition rules, as administered by the Hon Competition Secretary representing the Executive Committee. Any dispute or default should be advised to the Hon Competition Secretary within 24 hours. The Competition Committee, consisting of: The President, Hon Secretary & Hon Competition Secretary, will deal with these matters, and their decision shall be binding and final.
- 8, The draw for the competitions shall be made by the Executive Committee.
- 9, All competitors must use bowls stamped in accordance with Bowls England laws of the game.
- 10, The player printed first on the draw sheet shall be the challenger and upon receipt of the information should, within **48 hours**, offer his opponent two dates (Saturday and Sunday excepted) one of which must be accepted. It is the responsibility of the challenger to ensure he has received the first round (and where applicable the second round) information at the start of the season for all competitions entered in his name. For subsequent rounds, it is his responsibility to ensure he has received the information not later than 48 hours after the closing date of the previous round. If it has not been received, then he must inform the

Competition Secretary immediately. No date prior to 7th May shall be offered. Thereafter, ties must be played before the closing date by mutual agreement. No dates shall be offered to E.H.B.A and Hertfordshire B.A Tourists during the week of the tours. An alternative date must be offered if the opponent is involved in another E.H.B.A or Hertfordshire Bowls Competition.

- 11, In the event of the challenger's green NOT being available or not conforming to Bowls England Requirements, the game shall be played on the opponent's green. Should both greens be NOT available or not conform to Bowls England requirements, the Challenger shall have the choice of neutral green in the same district.
- 12, All semi-finals shall be played on neutral greens, on or before the scheduled date. They shall be played on greens to be determined by the Hon. Competition Secretary / Executive.
- 13, In the neutral green stage of the competition it is understood that any green belonging to a club of which the competitor may be a member – other than the club he has entered from – shall be regarded as a neutral green and available for him to play.
- 14, If a party arrives more than 30 minutes after the time fixed for the game, and in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, the other party may claim the game.
- 15, The Winner shall be responsible for informing the Hon. Competition Secretary of the result of the game by e-mail or text within 24 hours.
- 16, All finals of competitions shall be played at the 'Finals Day' celebrations. However where a competitor is involved in more than two finals – the New Lyndhurst and New Thurgood Cup not included – permission may be obtained from the Hon. Competition Secretary / Executive to arrange the match on another date.
- 17, The dress code for all competitors on Competition Finals Day shall be:
  - a, All members of a side or team should all wear the same colour shirts and trousers  
But please check dress code of appropriate club before the match
  - b, The dress code for all competitors on Competition Finals Day shall be:  
Men: White or club shirts and white or club colour trousers or shorts  
Ladies: White or club tops and white or club colour skirts, trousers, or shorts
  - c, Sandals are not permitted in Association matches except in medical circumstances.
- 18, No extensions beyond the final day of the various rounds can be granted.
- 19, One substitute will be allowed in each Pairs, Triples and Fours competition. One lady substitute will be allowed in the Mixed Pairs. When a substitute plays for the third time in any one competition, he automatically replaces the member of the team who has played the least number of games. A player can only act as substitute if he has not played in the same competition for another team.
- 20, All correspondence in connection with competitions MUST be sent by e-mail or text
- 21, **Competition formats**, 4 Wood Pairs 21 ends, 2 Wood Pairs 21 ends, Triples 3 woods 18 ends, Mixed Pairs 4 woods 21 ends and 4's 2 woods 21 ends

## The John Simmons Challenge

This is a new annual competition in memory of the late John Simmons, who was the Secretary of the East Hertfordshire Bowling Association for **31** years. This is a singles competition and the final will be played on the Association's Finals Day.

### Starting in 2022 season

1. This is a four woods singles game.
2. Toss a coin at the start of the game to decide who starts the first set. The other bowler will start the second set. The start of the third set will be decided on a toss of a coin again. If there is a 'tie break' end, the start of that end is also decided by tossing a coin.
3. At the start of the game, both players have two practice ends, a choice of two, three or four woods. (if you cannot agree it will be four woods)
4. The game consists of three sets of seven ends.
5. The winner of each set receives 2 points.
6. If a set is tied, both bowlers receive 1 point.
7. The winner is the bowler who scores 4 points.
8. If a bowler wins the first two sets, the game is over.
9. Should both bowlers accumulate 3 points each after the three sets are bowled, a one end 'tie break' will be played.

The E.H.B.A Executive Committee wish it to be understood that the above rules should be interpreted and used with the best intentions towards your opponents at all times. Let there be no gamesmanship – only goodwill at all times.

**ALL RESULTS SHOULD BE SENT BY E-MAIL or TEXT to:**

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