



East Herts Bowling Association

(Affiliated to Bowls England & Hertfordshire Bowls)

Competition Rules

(Adopted at E.H.B.A Annual General Meeting on 28th January 2020)

1 Members 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 competitions. Entries to all competitions must be forwarded to the Hon. Competition Secretary by 11th January each year with the necessary fees.

- a) A team may be entered in one name at 11th January, the closing date for entries, with the following provisos:
- b) That players competing in the first match of the competition shall thereafter be known as the team.
- c) That the names of the players in the first round be notified to the Hon. Competition Secretary with the result within **48 hours** of completion of the match.

2 a) The entrance fee per player per competition shall be decided by the Council. The fee may be varied from time to time as the Council may decide.

b) Each male competitor shall purchase a current E.H.B.A handbook.

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 which means any male club member can play for his club in these matches

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 to be completed by the official closing date (or later with prior approval of the Hon Competition Secretary).
- c) The use of normal or mobile telephones or any 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 only have 2 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 rink plays the extra end and who has control of the mat if an extra end is needed.

b) Should one of the fours only have 3 players the offending team will be **disqualified**.

5 The competitions shall be confined to such clubs as have joined the Association and have paid their subscription 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 a) The dress code for all competitors on Competition Finals Day shall be:
Men: white or club shirts and white trousers or shorts.
Ladies: white or club tops with white skirt, trousers or shorts.
- b) For the rounds up to the Semi – Finals & Finals, the dress code should be checked with the appropriate club before the match.
- 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**.

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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