

TCBC Rules and Regulations for Men's and Mixed, Internal Knockout Competitions.

GENERAL RULES (Revision April 2025)

- 1) If you are unable to be present on Finals Weekend, please **do not** enter the competitions. All entrants are strongly encouraged to attend the presentation lunch to accept their trophies.
- 2) Dress shall be as TCBC dress code, this being Club shirts or white tops with collar and sleeves; grey trousers or tailored grey shorts for all rounds other than the finals. For the finals, club shirts and white trousers are essential.
- 3) All games in these competitions shall be played as per E.B.A. Laws. A copy of the latest Laws may be accessed through the club website; click the button titled 'Laws of Bowls 2022' which will be found on the 'Members' page.
- 4) The 'Challenger' is the upper player(s) of each game on the competition list.
- 5) The 'Challenger' is responsible for contacting the 'opponent(s)' and giving at least three reasonable dates and times for playing the next round, taking into account all the match competitors circumstances.

These dates must include one 'weekend' date.

The challenger **must** make this contact within the **first 7 days** of each period for play (sometimes called a leg or round of the competition): do not leave it until the end of the period.

A period for play runs from one ***play-by*** date to the next ***play-by*** date; the first of these starting from the sheets going up at the beginning of the comp.

If no contact is made within the seven-day period then it is permissible (but not a duty) for the 'opponent' to sportingly assume the roll of 'challenger' and take on the challenger's duties of making contact, negotiating dates and getting markers.

- 6) All competition matches must be played by the 'play-by' date indicated. Both Management and Men's committees have agreed that NO EXTENSIONS will be permitted. If the challenger has **failed to establish** dates for play then the challenger will forfeit the match. The opponent must ensure that he can be contacted or arrangements made or **HE** will forfeit the match. If there is any doubt or dispute about this process then appeal may be made to the Competitions Secretary whose decision will be final.
- 7) It is the match 'challenger's' responsibility to arrange a 'Marker' if required. Such 'Markers' must be acceptable to both sides and be correctly attired in the same manner as the competitors; see rule 2) above
- 8) The Competitions' Secretary shall arrange 'Markers' for the finals.
- 9) All entrants of competitions shall be expected to act as 'Marker' for other entrants. A list of voluntary markers will be placed on the notice board. Players being asked to be a marker should make every endeavour to oblige.

- 10) The score card must be properly kept, signed by the loser and placed in the Competition Box at the end of play. **NO RESULTS should be written onto the competition sheets. Updating the sheets is to be done STRICTLY by a member of the competition committee.**
- 11) No Player in a competition or match shall PLAY ON OR ROLL-UP ON the same rink on the day of the intended Competition or Match under the penalty of automatic disqualification.

MEN'S COMPETITION FORMATS

Club Championship

Format: 4 Woods;
First player to 21 shots
Marker required
Any male full playing club member may enter.

Most Shots Against (part of Club Championship competition)

Format: The winner is the competitor, who scores the most shots while playing one-on-one against whoever ultimately becomes 'Champion'.
Entry is automatic for anyone entering the 'Club Championship' competition.

Handicap Singles

Format: 4 Woods;
First player to 21 shots plus handicap (handicap calculation rules appended at back)
Marker required
Any male full playing club member may enter.

4 Wood Pairs

Format: Drawn pairs, better players seeded (as judged by Comps Sec; based on A team, B team or previous competitions).
18 Ends
No marker required
All rounds will now be controlled by 'Play-by-days'
Any male full playing club member may enter

2 Wood Pairs

Format: Drawn pairs, better players seeded (as judged by Comps Sec; based on A team, B team or previous competitions).
18 Ends
No marker required
All rounds will now be controlled by 'Play-by-days'
Any male full playing club member may enter

Non-County Singles

Format: 4 Woods;
First player to 21 shots
Marker required
Any male full playing club member **not holding a county badge** may enter.

Minor Singles

Format: 4 Woods;
First player to 21 shots
Marker required
Male full playing club member who have **not won a singles competition** in TCBC in previous years may enter.

2 Wood Singles

Format: 2 Woods;
First player to 21 shots
Marker required
Any male full playing club member may enter.

Paxton Trophy

Format: 3 Woods;
First player to reach 91
Marker required
Scoring: Shot wood = 6 points; 2nd wood = 3 points; 3rd wood = 1 point.
Any male full playing club member may enter

MIXED COMPETITIONS

Mixed Pairs

Format: 4 Woods
Self-assembled 'Pairs Teams'; of one male and one female player.
18 Ends
No marker required
Any full playing club member may enter

Over 75's Singles (mixed)

Format: 2 Woods;
18 Ends (every round)
Marker required
Any full playing male or female club member **over the age of 75 at the time of the draw that season** may enter.
Previous winners of this competition may not enter this competition.

Barry Corp Memorial Trophy (3 WOOD OPEN SINGLES)

Format: Singles play using 3 woods
The 'mat' will be decided by coin toss for the **first** set. Whoever loses this toss will get the 'mat' for the **second** set. The **third** set if required, will once again be decided by a further coin toss.
Each set will commence from the end that the previous set finished.
Both men and women are encouraged to enter and no favour is given to either.
Played in two sets of 9 ends with a third set to decide a tie. The third, tie-break set is three ends only. One point for nearest bowl at each end to decide the winner.
("Potter's" Style)
Marker required.
Any full playing club member may enter.

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Open Singles Competition (mixed)

Format: 4 Woods;
First to reach 21 points (every round)
Marker required (to be found by 'challenger')
Any full playing male or female club member may enter

Appendix 1

MEN'S HANDICAP SYSTEM RULES 2022

The points system will be as follows;

County Badge holders will add 1 point

A team players will add 3 points

B team players will add 2 points

C team players will add 1 point

D team players will add 0 point

Winner of a club singles competition will add 2 points in the year immediately following and 1 point in the second year, then zero in succeeding years.

Runner-up in a singles competition will add 1 point in the first year immediately following then zero in succeeding years.

Winner of a non-county and/or a minor competition will add one point for each win for the year following only.

Winners of a club pair's competition will add one point to each person in the winning pair in the year immediately following.

The maximum amount of handicap points anyone can accumulate in one season is 7

All the rules above may be changed at the discretion of the competitions secretary.