



SCCBA Andrew Hamilton Trophy 2025

RULES & REGULATIONS

The Scottish Cities & Counties B.A. is again excited to deliver the Andrew Hamilton Trophy for 2025, following the resounding success of last year. This competition will be open to any SCCBA affiliated Gents Association in Scotland. The competition will be delivered over a number of weeks in 2025.

Entry Criteria:

- Players must only be selected from Clubs in Full Membership of their Association.
- Associations must have paid their £30 affiliation fee which can be paid through direct transfer
- Entry fee for the competition is £100.00 per team and can be paid through Direct Bank Transfer

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

The competition will consist of 3 areas around Scotland- North, East & the amalgamated South/West.

Competition Dates

- Week 1 - 10th May
 - Week 2 - 24th May
 - Week 3 - 31st May
 - Week 4 - 14th June
 - Week 5 - 21st June
 - Week 6 - 5th July
 - Week 7 - 12th July
 - ¼ Finals - 19th July
 - ½ Finals - 9th August
 - Final - 23rd August
- Matches will comprise 21 ends of play
 - Matches will commence at 2pm - unless otherwise mutually agreed by both Associations
 - All rinks must commence play simultaneously

Format of Play:

Stage 1

- The first stage of the competition will be played in a league format comprising of 5 sections, each team will consist of 6 rinks of 4 players
- Matches played in each section will follow a predetermined schedule over the 7 weeks of play: • The home team for Stage 1 matches are to arrange venues

Stage 2

- Quarter finalists will comprise Stage 1 section winners, East & North Runners up and the best placed 2nd team from the 3 South/West Sections
- This stage of the Competition will be straight knock out
- Quarter Final venues will be secured prior to the Competition commencing with the Stage 1 Section winners playing in their own Area but wherever possible lessening the travel for their prospective opponents. • Semi Final venues will be secured prior to the Competition commencing with consideration taken for travelling teams.
- The final of the Competition will take place at a predetermined Club within the President's Area on Saturday 23rd August 2024

Draw of rinks:

The following officials should be in attendance at the draw:

- Two representatives from each association
- Host club representative
- One umpire

All names must be written on the cards used for the draw, teams must play on the rinks as they are drawn.

Trial Ends:

- Two Trial ends will be permitted at the beginning of each match
- In the trial ends players can use any combination of bowls taken from different sets, as long as the bowls used are compliant with date stamp requirements

Scoring:

Scores will be awarded as follows:

Overall score 2 points for a win, 1 point each for a draw

Stage 1

The winning team at the end of the sectional play will be the team with the most points. If at this stage any teams are equal

on points:

- shot difference will be used to determine the winner of the section.
- If shot difference is equal, then overall shots scored in Stage 1 will be used to determine the winner of the section
- If overall shots scored are equal, then the number of winning rinks in Stage 1 will be used to determine the winner of the section
- If the number of winning rinks are equal, then the head-to-head match between teams in Stage 1 will be used to determine the winner of the section
- If the head-to-head result was tied, then ends won during the head-to-head will be used to determine the winner of the section

The above criteria will be used to determine all finishing positions in Stage 1 sections.

Stage 2

The winning team at the end of the match will be the team with the most shots. If shots are equal

- then all six rinks will play an extra end on the same rinks, with the aggregate score of the extra end deciding the winner
- Should there still be a tie then a further extra end(s) comprising all 6 rinks will be played to decide the winner

Official score sheets will be supplied to each Association to record the scores. Once signed by a representative of each association at the conclusion of the match, these scoresheets will be used as the official record of the match.

The home representative should immediately communicate the scores electronically to their respective Area Coordinator as per the instructions on the scoresheet. Contact information for all coordinators can be found at the bottom of that document.

In deciding the results of a match in which the player(s) may fail to appear, Law 39.2 of Laws of the Sport Crystal Mark Fourth Edition is applicable and will be used in calculating the aggregate score of a defaulting side.

ALTERATIONS TO THE FORMAT & LENGTH OF GAMES

- The Association reserves the right to alter the format, times of play and greens to suit local unforeseen circumstances, giving as much notice as practical
- Where a program is interrupted or cannot be completed due to inclement weather or local conditions, The Association may amend the format and length of games to achieve a result or postpone the event where an outcome cannot be achieved
- If, due to weather conditions, the start of a match is delayed then a review will take place after one hour by the umpire(s) in consultation with the Clubs Greenkeeper and/or Officials, and an Association official, if present, with the option to:
 - 1 agree a further delay to the start

2 agree to cancel the match

- In the event that a match is cancelled a new date should be agreed by one representative from each team alongside the official umpire(s) and an Association representative if present
- If a new date, by the team representatives, is unable to be reached then The Association will determine a date, time and venue

- The rearranged match must take place within the following 8 days
- If a match is stopped during play, in consultation with the clubs greenkeeper and/or officials and unable to resume within 1 hour, a review will take place with the option to:

1 agree a further delay to the restart

2 agree to resume the match

3 agree to cancel the match

- If 11 or more ends have been played by the competing sides, the results of the match will be decided on: 1 the scores as at the conclusion of the 11th or any subsequent end, providing all rinks have completed the same number of ends

Resumed Match on the Day

- A resumed match shall continue with the scores as they were when the match was stopped
- There will be no trial ends if the match is resumed on the same day
- A match will officially restart after the jack is delivered in the first end where all rinks have not played at least 11 ends
- Players must play in the same position in the same rinks

Rearranged Resumed Match

- If any number of players are not available any number of substitutes may be used • If only 3 players play in a rink, then the score will be quartered at the end of the resumed match • The lead and second will play 3 bowls and the skip 2 bowls
- If a Skip is unavailable the third must play skip and the remaining players, including substitutes can play in any order
- A substitute is not allowed to skip

Rescheduled Match

- A rescheduled match will be treated as a new fixture

GENERAL RULES

- Players must only be selected from clubs in full membership of their association. • Clubs who are members of more than one association must nominate which association they wish their players to represent in the event of selection
- Associations which have more than one team in the competition must not transfer players between teams
- Players of the same club may play for different teams within the same association • A player must commit to one team for the duration of the competition
- If any association fails to fulfil a fixture:
 - the opposing team shall be awarded 2 points
 - awarded the average net shots margin of all matches completed in that round of the competition in that section
- The defaulting association will therefore lose the shots arising from that calculation • If a player or a team fails to play at any time without satisfactory explanation then the case will be reviewed by The Association may issue further penalties by any of the following punishments:
 - No penalty if the failure to fulfil is deemed a no-fault situation
 - A financial penalty which will be used to offset any expenses incurred by their opponents
 - A further points penalty incurred as determined suitable by the Association
 - Removal from the competition and cancelling all results from matches already played by that association in the section that year
 - Failure to be allowed to compete in the competition in future years
- In deciding the results of a match in which the player(s) may fail to appear, Law 39.2 of Laws of the Sport Crystal Mark Fourth Edition is applicable and will be used in calculating the aggregate score of a defaulting

side

Alcohol:

- The presence of alcohol within the parameters of the greens is not permitted

Smoking and Vaping

Players wishing to smoke or vape during Stage 1, Quarter Final Semi Final and Final matches should follow the host club rules on smoking and vaping.

Abuse

Any player who subjects their opponent or any official to physical or verbal abuse will be warned by the umpire. Failure to adhere to the warning will be reported to the Association for consideration of what action to take, including disqualification of the player and any further action as determined by the Association .

OTHER LAWS, REGULATIONS & POLICIES

All other Laws, Regulations & Policies other than stated above shall conform to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Fourth Edition as approved by World Bowls in August 2022.

OTHER INFORMATION

Dress Code

- Dress code as per Stage 2 National Championships rules (See Note Below)

Stamp on Bowls

- For the Competition , bowls will only require to be re-tested and re-stamped if the date stamp or the serial number is not clearly legible on all bowls (IBB, WBB and WB stamps only). Bowls with ONLY the BIBC Stamp are ineligible

Marking Touchers

“Spray chalk” will be used to mark touchers as the preferred method in all matches

Disc Colour

Each section will decide on coloured discs for Stage 1 however the default will be Red for home and Blue for away which is what will be used from the quarter finals onwards.

N.B.

- a. All players – Any coordinated outfit is permitted with a mix of trousers, skirts, shorts, culottes or mid-calf trousers. Team should be dressed alike.
- b. Shorts may be worn; they must be of a reasonable length and must comply with rule a or c.
- c. In Team games all players must have coordinated dress, but any combination of shorts, skirt and trousers is permitted, but the colour must be alike.-
- d. Football tops or tops resembling football strips or football colours are not acceptable neither are tops bearing football badges or logos similarly slogans or political/religious statements are not acceptable.
- e. There is no restriction on advertising or sponsor logos provided they comply with d. above
- . f. Appropriate warm and waterproof clothing may be worn.
- g. All players must wear flat, heel-less footwear.