Association Regulation No 130: Burnham Plate Rules

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1. General

1.1 The Burnham Plate is a Single Rink Competition for all Clubs in Buckinghamshire.
1.2 The competition shall be open to all affiliated Clubs in the County and one entry per Club.
1.3 The competition is open to full playing female members.
1.4 No player may represent more than one Club in the competition in any one-year.
1.5 Refer to Regulation 125 for eligibility to play in this competition.
1.6 The Fee for entry to be fixed annually by the Executive Committee.

2. The Competition

2.1 The Competition will be divided into two stages:
   a. The League – up to the Q/Fs.
   b. The Knockout – for the Q/Fs, S/Fs and Finals.
2.2 In the League Stage, the Clubs will be organised geographically. Clubs will play on a Home and Away basis. A maximum of 6 league games may be played. Where there are more than 4 entries from an area sub-groups shall be drawn and the winners and runners-up shall play off as per the Q/F's to decide the area winners and runner-up.
2.3 A draw will take place for the Q/Fs. The Winners of each Area will play at home against the Runner-up of another Area.
2.4 The Q/Fs will be played on a weekend date as set in the county diary and the S/Fs & Finals will be played on a weekend date in September.
2.5 Players shall not be interchangeable between the Burnham Plate competition and the Trundell Trophy

3. All games shall be played in accordance with the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

4. Time

4.1 In all league games up to the Q/Fs, trial ends should be started by 6.00pm, although a delayed start, in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, may be allowed.
4.2 An earlier start can be arranged by mutual agreement.

5. Format

5.1 Games shall be of **18** ends and a game cannot be conceded.
5.2 The Home Team shall have the choice of Rink.

6. Weather

6.1 Should any game be abandoned through inclement weather it should be re-arranged or resumed as soon as possible. All games must be completed at least one week before the Q/Fs.
6.2 With regard to abandonment because of the weather, player's safety is paramount, and if only one team wishes to leave the green then both teams must do so.
6.3 In the event of the original players not being available at the re-arranged time, other players should be played as substitutes.

7. **Scoring** – League Section.

7.1 2 points awarded for a win, 1 point each for a draw and no points for a loss.
7.2 The two Clubs gaining the most points in each Area will go forward to the Q/Fs.
7.3 Should two or more Clubs be equal on points the Club having the greatest shot difference will be the winner.
7.4 Should they be equal on both points and shot difference, the winner shall be decided by the combined results of the matches played between the Clubs

8. Knockout Section – the Q/Fs onwards.

8.1 In the event of a tie after 18 ends, an extra end(s) shall be played until a winner is established.

9. Failure to Complete

9.1 Failure to complete the League Section of the competition may result in the defaulting clubs being barred from the competition the following year.

9.2 In the event of illness or accident during the game, a reserve may be used in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

9.3 If no reserve is available then the game shall be forfeited.

10. Dress

10.1 Greys with white or club tops up to and including the Q/Fs.

10.2 Whites with club tops (where worn) for S/Fs and final.

11. Dates

11.1 All dates for play to be arranged by the Burnham Plate Secretary.

11.2 Set dates shall be adhered to unless an alternative date can be agreed by both parties. In the event no alternative date can be agreed the original date must be used.

12. Score Cards

12.1 Both teams shall notify the result to the Burnham Plate Secretary by electronic means within 24 hours of the match being completed.

12.2 Each Club shall retain their cards from **all** games. These shall be passed to the Burnham Plate Secretary at the Q/Fs should the Club reach that stage.

14. Semi-finals and Finals

14.1 The S/Fs and Finals to be arranged by the Burnham Plate Secretary at an available venue.

15 Lapel Badges

15.1 The winning Club may request a maximum of 2 extra badges for players who have played in earlier rounds of the competition.

15.2 The Club shall identify the names of these players to the Association.

15.3 The extra badges will only be made available to the Club when the Association has received payment.

End

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Issue 1.2 – 8th February 2014 – change from 8 groups to 4 divisions.
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