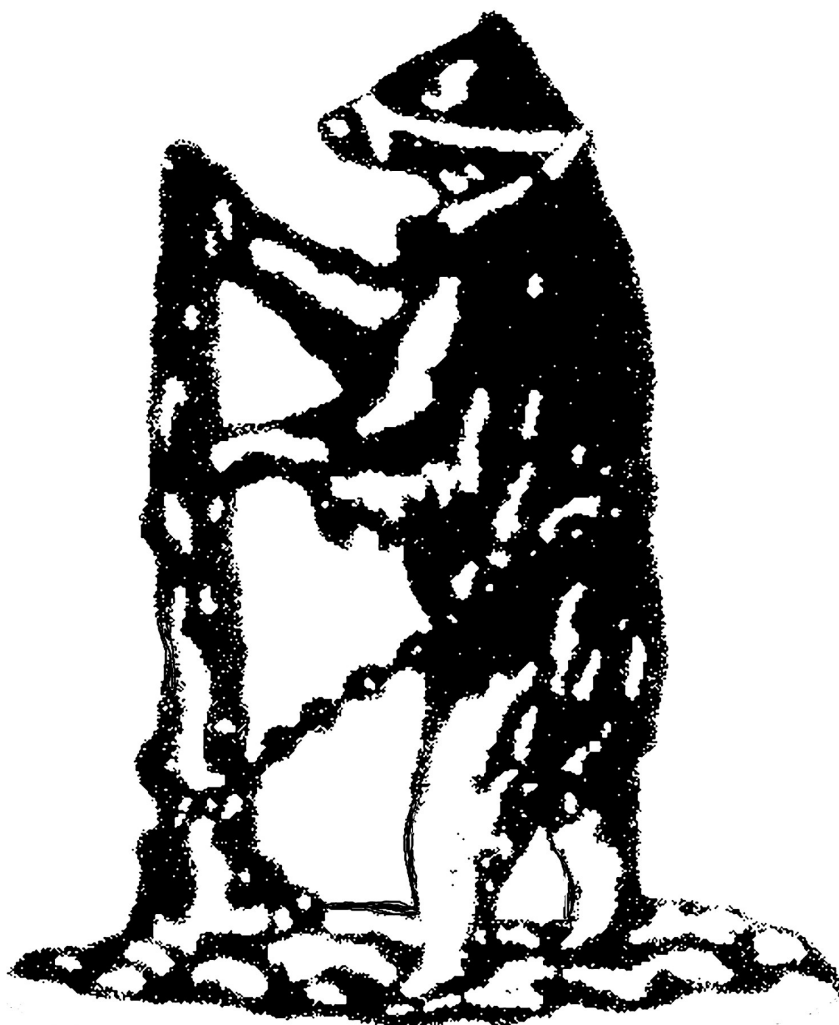


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### **Made under Rule 17(c)**

- 1) These Regulations shall apply to the following Competitions:
  - Four Wood Singles Championship
  - Two Wood Singles Championship
  - Pairs Championship
  - Triples Championship
  - Fours Championship
  - Wardrop Cup Competition
  - Unbadged Singles
  - Juniors Singles Championship
  - Ivens Cup Competition
  - Senior Fours Championship
  - Junior Pairs Championship

### **Qualification for Entry**

- 2)
  - Only bona fide members of clubs affiliated to the County Association shall be eligible to compete.
  - competitors shall be playing members of the same club.
  - In the Junior Pairs playing members maybe from different clubs. The definition of Junior for Junior Pairs is the same as for Junior Singles (see Rules & Constitution rule 18b).
- 3)
  - A Competitor shall not represent, or allow his name to be submitted for more than one club, or one County Association in any one year. Entries to the Junior Pairs are exempt from the one club rule.
  - The competitor can only play in competitions for the club he has entered from, unless regulation (4) applies.
  - In the event of a competitor, having entered from a club and subsequently leaving that club which remains affiliated to WCBA
    - His singles entries (four woods, two woods, junior and unbadged) must be forfeited
    - His entry in the Pairs, Triples, Fours or Senior Fours may be taken over by his original partner(s), provided he and the other members of the team have advised the names of ALL his intended partners to the Hon. Comp. Sec by 31st March.
    - His entry in the Junior Pairs can be retained providing he is a member of another club affiliated to WCBA.
- 4) Should a club cease to exist after the entry date, the members may be permitted, for one season only, to compete under the name of that club irrespective of which club or clubs they have joined.
- 5) An Unbadged player is one who, at the time of entry, has not been badged by Warwickshire or any other County nor any Association of equivalent standing in the domain of Outdoors Lawn Bowls.

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## **Administration**

- 6) The County shall be divided into the following areas:
  - o Birmingham
  - o Coventry
  - o Rugby
  - o South Warwickshire
- 7) The Executive Committee shall appoint an Area Secretary to control the Competitions in each Area up to and including the Area Finals. The Hon Competition Secretary of the Association shall control the County Draw stages of the Competitions.

## **Dress**

- 8) Greys, White or Club Tops and Brown, Grey or White shoes will be worn for all rounds of County Competitions up to the Quarter-Finals at which stage Regulation Dress will apply.

## **Draw**

- 9) The draw shall be made afresh for each Round, the first out being the Challenger and the second out being the Opponent.
- 10) The complete Draw for all Competitions shall be made by the Executive Committee and published only in the Official Yearbook of the Association. It is the responsibility of each individual competitor to acquaint himself with the Draw, and with these regulations, by purchasing a copy of the Official Year Book.

## **Play**

- 11) All Competitions shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as prescribed by the World Bowls Board.
- 12) The Challenger shall have choice of Green, either to play on his own Club Green, his Opponent's Club Green, or on a Green of regulation size in the same area approved by the Executive Committee (note the visiting Skip draws for rinks Laws of the Sport 3.2).
- 13) The Challenger must make available at least two rinks from which his opponent may draw. Should there be more than one match on the same green then the minimum rinks to be available is the number of matches to be played and rinks are drawn in order of arrival; the last to arrive having 'Hobson's Choice' or draw from the rinks remaining if more than the minimum were put into the draw at the beginning of the draw. Once the draw has been made no changes are permitted to the green.
- 14) Each round of each Competition shall be played on the fixed date and time published in the Draw. However a tie in any round, except from the last sixteen onwards to the Final, may be played before the fixed date by mutual agreement, between the competitors concerned. Alteration of the fixed dates for matches in the last sixteen and quarter finals shall be allowed only by the authority of the Hon Competition Secretary, or for the purpose of "County Business" as defined by the Executive Committee.

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- 15) Competitors who have made no agreement to play on an earlier date and fail to appear on the fixed date shall be automatically disqualified from that particular Competition.
- 16) Two trial ends may be played before the first end of a tie is played. If after the draw for rinks has been made, a player plays on the same rink before the start of the tie, the player will be disqualified.
- 17) If an umpire is not present when a tie commences it shall be the responsibility of competitors to examine their opponents bowls.

### **Game Stoppages**

- 18) If a game is stopped because of darkness, weather conditions or any other valid reason, the game should be continued either on the same day or on a different day with the Competition Secretary's approval. The scores will be as they were when the game was stopped. If an end has started but all the required bowls have not been played it should be declared dead. If both parties cannot agree on a mutual date and time, then both will forfeit the game  
In the event of no decision being reached in the replay match owing to weather conditions, the score in matches in which less than five ends have been played will be decided by the toss of a coin.

### **Tied Result**

- 19) If the scores are equal when all ends have been played in a Pairs, Triples or Fours tie, an extra end or ends shall immediately be played until a decision is reached.

### **Bowls**

- 20) Each bowl complying with the requirements of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls shall be stamped with the official stamp of the Board. The currency of the stamp shall be for a period of 10 (ten) years expiring on 31st December and the imprint on the bowl shall record the latest year in which such a bowl may be used. Composition bowls, bearing a legible stamp for 1985 or later, can continue to be used without re-stamping until such time as the stamp becomes illegible.  
**N.B. Those Bowlers playing in the National Championships must have a current valid World Bowls stamp (the oval shaped design) or they will not be allowed to participate.**

### **Disputes and Disagreements**

- 21) If any Competitors fail to appear within 30 minutes of the fixed or agreed time of starting, their opponents **may** claim the tie.
- 22) In the Area stages of the Competition any disputes or disagreement of any decision and in the County Draw stages shall be referred to the Hon Competition Secretary for decision.

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### **Appeals**

- 23) Competitors shall have the right of appeal from a decision of, either an Area Secretary or the Hon Competition Secretary, and all appeals shall be submitted in writing, to reach the Honorary Secretary of the Association within 48 hours of a decision being received by the competitors concerned.
- 24) The Competitions Sub-Committee shall adjudicate upon all appeals and their decisions shall be final.

### **Substitution**

- 25) In a Pairs, Triples or Fours Competition, one substitute, who has not previously played in that Competition may be played as a substitute. Should a substitute be necessary in subsequent Rounds, only the original substitute shall be eligible to play. When any substitute plays the Score Card must be clearly marked with the word "Substitute" against his name. This regulation shall not apply to the Wardrop Cup Competition in which there shall be no restriction on the number of substitutes played.
- 26) Should a competitor concede a match, he is assumed to have played the match and is not available as a substitute in the remaining rounds of the Competition.
- 27) A competitor having once played in a Pairs, Triples or Fours partnership shall not be eligible to play in any other Pairs, Triples or Fours partnership in the same playing season.
- 28) In the Pairs, Triples and Fours the Score Card showing the names and initials of all players taking part in the first tie will be accepted as the official Entry. In subsequent Rounds substitutes may be placed only in accordance with the provisions of Regulations 24, 25 and 26.
- 29) Score Cards must show the names and initials of each player in each Round of the Competition.
- 30) The first Score Cards used, by a player or team in any of the competitions, must be signed by the losers and must be sent to the Area Secretary, or the Hon. Competition Secretary, as the case may be, by the winner immediately after the completion of a tie, and, when posted, must be sent by first class post or scanned and sent via email.

### **Markers**

- 31) Markers in all Singles Competitions shall carry out their duties strictly in accordance with the provisions of Law 42 of the Sport of Bowls.

### **Umpires**

- 32) Each club on whose Green a tie is played shall appoint an Umpire who shall carry out his duties strictly in accordance with the provisions of Law 43 of the Laws of the Sports of Bowls.

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### **Appendices**

- Your Attention is drawn to Bowls England regulations No 50 pertaining to National Championships and No 53 pertaining to National Competitions.
- Regulations 1.4 in both documents refer to the case where a Club ceases to exist.
- Regulation 8.1 in Regulation 50 and Regulation 7.1 in Regulation 53 refer to the prohibition of smoking, including electronic cigarettes, on the green the breach of which results in disqualification.

### **Important Notes for Competitors**

- **No Extension of Dates** will be allowed in any competition, other than subject to County Competition Regulation 13.
- The players taking part in the first tie are the **OFFICIAL ENTRY** and any subsequent SUBSTITUTION MUST BE CLEARLY INDICATED
- **Please be aware that in all men's competitions to receive any monetary award for any competition the player in singles or a player from the team, in team events, must attend and collect the award at the Annual Presentation Luncheon. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THEN THE PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE**

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## Wardrop Cup Rules

The Wardrop Cup is played and referred to as 'Top Club' competition

- Entries close 31st October, in the year preceding the competition.
- Each Club entering the 'Top Club' competition shall field eleven bowlers to play; Two Wood Singles, Four Wood Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.
- Any eleven players from the club competing may be selected to comprise the team in all rounds of the competition.
- The Challenger shall be the first named in the draw.
- Each of the five games shall score one point for a win and played to a result by playing extra ends if necessary.
- The Hon. Competition Secretary must be informed of the results by telephone within twenty-four hours. The score cards, showing the names and initials of all players taking part and signed by the losers only must be sent by first class post within the same period.
- Early rounds to be played in areas as far as possible.
- The Semi Finals and Finals to be played on greens to be chosen by the Executive Committee
- In all other regards the Competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules governing County Competitions.
- If the Challenger is unable to host the match, he may arrange to play on an agreed green.
- Should a team arrive with one player short, the fours shall play three bowlers and twenty five percent of their score, rounded up, shall be deducted.
- The Challenger to provide markers for the Singles.
- Before the start of the Match the Captains shall draw to determine which rinks the games shall be played upon.
- It is recommended that the Two Wood and Four Wood Singles may be played consecutively on the same rink.  
**Note:** Two Wood Singles is played to 21 ends and Four Wood Singles is first to 21 shots.

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**Ivens Cup Rules**

- The format will be Fours, a game of **21 ENDS**.
- Normal competition rules apply, **EXCEPT THE PLAYERS MAY SWITCH POSITIONS IN THEIR RINK AT ANY TIME AFTER THE FIRST END.**
- To be played at any time during the dates of each round.
- The Home team to offer two dates, or by mutual consent on being informed of their opponents.
- Results to be phoned to the area secretary, who will then inform each club of their opponents.
- The home team must offer two rinks to be drawn for by the opposing team.
- Once entered in a team players cannot transfer to their other team.
- **Area final to be played on the green of the team drawn at home.**
- Members of the Senior Squad (i.e. those nominated for selection for the Middleton Cup or Francis Burton teams) as published by the Team Managers on or before 1st May of the current year, may not be selected for the Club team.



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**COUNTY MIXED PAIRS COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS**

- 1) These regulations will apply to **County Mixed Pairs Competition**

**Qualification for Entry**

- 2) Only bona fide members of clubs affiliated to both the Warwickshire County Bowls Association and the Warwickshire Womens Bowling Association shall be eligible to compete.
- 3) Both Competitors will only allow his or her name to be submitted from the club that is nominated as their first club of which both must be members. In the event of a competitor having entered from a club and subsequently leaving that club, the entry may be taken over by his original partner and a named replacement advised to the Hon Competition Secretary. This action must be undertaken prior to the commencement of the competition to allow for a subsequent substitution to be made.

**Administration**

- 4) The County shall be divided into the following areas:
- o Birmingham
  - o Coventry
  - o Rugby
  - o South Warwickshire

The Executive Committee shall appoint an Area Secretary to control the Competitions in each Area up to and including the 4th round.

- 5) The Hon Competition Secretaries of both Association shall control the County Draw stages of the Competition.

**Dress**

- 6) Greys, White Tops and Regulation shoes will be worn for all rounds of the Competition up to the Semi-Finals at which stage Regulation Dress as laid down by both associations will apply.

**Draw**

- 7) The draw shall be made afresh for each Round, the first out being the Challenger and the second out being the Opponent.
- 8) The complete Draw for all Competitions shall be made by representatives of both Associations and published in the Official Yearbook of the Warwickshire County Bowls Association and the Warwickshire Womens Bowling Association. It is the responsibility of each individual competitor to acquaint themselves with the Draw.

**Play**

- 9) The Competition shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as prescribed by the World Bowls Board.
- 10) The Challenger shall have choice of Green, either to play on his own Club Green, his Opponent's Club Green, or on a Green of regulation size in the same area approved by the Executive Committee's of both

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Associations (if the challengers green is unavailable it is their responsibility to find a neutral green for the match).

- 11) Each round will be played on or before the fixed date and time published in the draw.
- 12) It is the responsibility of the Opponent to contact the Challenger to arrange a suitable time and date for the round to be played. The Challenger must offer 2 alternative dates if the fixed time and date is not acceptable. Any extension to the fixed date shall be allowed only by the authority of the Area Secretary or the Hon Competition Secretaries or the purpose of "County Business" as defined by the Executive Committee's of both Associations.
- 13) All rounds from the Semi-Quarter Finals of the competition, up to and including the Final, will be played on the fixed time and date at the venue designated. Any variation in the time, date and venue of the County Draw stage will only be allowed by the Executive Committee who reserve the right to vary the aforementioned if necessary.
- 14) Competitors who have made no agreement to play on an earlier date and fail to appear on the fixed date shall be automatically disqualified from that particular Competition, subject to the provisions of Regulation 12.
- 15) Two trial ends may be played before the first end of a tie is played, but on the day of the tie no competitor shall play on the allocated rink before the tie commences, except in trial ends. Competitors failing to observe this regulation will be disqualified. If an umpire is not present when a tie commences it shall be the responsibility of competitors to examine their opponents bowls.
- 16) If the scores are equal when all ends have been played in a Pairs, Triples or Fours tie, an extra end or ends shall immediately be played until a decision is reached.

### **Bowls**

- 17) Each bowl complying with the requirements of Law 9 of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls shall be stamped with the official stamp of the Board. The currency of the stamp shall be for a period of 10 (ten) years expiring on 31st December and the imprint on the bowl shall record the latest year in which such a bowl may be used. Composition bowls, bearing a legible stamp for 1985 or later, can continue to be used without restamping until such time as the stamp becomes illegible.

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- 21) The Competitions Sub-Committee shall adjudicate upon all appeals and decisions shall be final.

### **Substitution**

- 22) A substitute for both the male and female (of the same sex), who has not previously played in the Competition may be played as a substitute. Should a substitute be necessary in subsequent Rounds, only the original substitute shall be eligible to play. It will not be permissible for both the substitutes to play together in any subsequent round, each round must have one of the original players participating. If a game is conceded then the named players may not play in further rounds. When any substitute plays, the Score Card must be clearly marked with the word "Substitute" against his or her name.
- 23) Score Cards must show the names and initials of each player in each Round of the Competition.
- 24) Score Cards must be signed by the losers and must be sent to the Area Secretary, or the Hon Competition Secretary of the WCBA, as the case may be, by the winner immediately after the completion of a tie, and, when posted, must be sent by first class post.