

JSW BOWLING LEAGUE – COMPETITION RULES

1. There will be no restriction on the number of entrants from any Club. (AGM 18.2.88) Save that each entrant to be eligible to play must play a minimum of 1 league game in the season for which they are entering (AGM 9.1.23)
2. A player who is a member of more than one JSW Club is only permitted to enter any JSW League Competition from ONE, and the same nominated Club and must play any home ties on the Green of that nominated Club. (AGM 15.1.97)
3. Entries for any of the JSW League Competitions must be made on the official entry form submitted from the member Club to reach the League Secretary by the closing date as notified each year on the entry form. The respective entry fees must be paid prior to the closing date. (AGM 18.2.88) **No player shall enter the JSW singles competition knowing that he or she will not be available for the Final (2026 Finals at Leyburn Bowls Club on Sunday 6th September).** Any player who has entered the singles competition and discovers during the rounds that he or she will not be available for the Final, must withdraw immediately; the person they had beaten in the previous round to get to that point will be installed as the winner of that section and go into the next round of the competition.
4. The draw for all Competitions will be made by the League Competition Secretary and circulated to all participant Clubs. (AGM 12.1.89)
5. Arranging Matches:
 - a) In all Competitions, it is the duty of the Challenger (home team) to contact their opponent within 24 hours of receipt of the draw and offer three dates on which the tie can be played. At least one of these dates must be a Saturday or Sunday, (AGM 11.1.90).
 - b) No offered dates should coincide with the date of any JSW League fixture (AGM. 9.1.2002).
 - c) It is the responsibility of the opponent to accept one of the dates offered within 48 hours. If no contact is received by either party after 14 days of the commencement of the round, then the aggrieved party should contact the League **Competition** Secretary. (AGM 17.1.96).
 - d) Participants are requested to be flexible and appreciate that some have other commitments than just the JSW league. They cannot just demand that the 3 dates they offer will be accepted (AGM 6.1.25). **Those three dates are the start of the communication and counter dates can be suggested to ensure games are played on time.**
 - e) **If every effort to arrange a suitable date is considered to have been met as deemed by the Competition Secretary,** if all dates are refused by the Opponent, the Challenger will go through to the next round. Should the Challenger not offer three dates, the Opponent will go through. (AGM 30/1/2012).

- f) Deadline dates will not be extended except in exceptional circumstances and agreed with the Competition Secretary, AND only by a few days, AND only if there is no perceived impact on the next round.
- g) Choice of Rinks – Bowls England rules state that if there are multiple rinks available at the scheduled match date/time, the home entrant should prepare two rinks and draw lots immediately prior to commencement for the rink to play on. It is understood that the home entrant will not practice on either match rink earlier in the same day.

6. Results of the ties must be notified by the winner to the League Secretary by telephone, text (preferred) or email within 24 hours of the match being played (contact details can be found at the end of these competition rules).

7. The semi-finals of all Competitions will be played on neutral Greens (AGM 12.1.89). It is the responsibility of the 'home' entry to suggest the neutral green and plan a suitable date with the club secretary of the green where the match is to be played. Finals will normally be played on the Green of the League Chairman. (AGM 18.1.95)

8. All woods used in JSW Competitions must bear a current stamp and be all of one set. (AGM 14.1.93)

9. In the Singles Competition, it is the responsibility of the home player to provide a marker who is familiar with the rules of the game and is acceptable to both players. (AGM 9.1.2002).

10. In all Competitions, rules concerning substitutes are as defined as the current Bowls of England Rules (AGM 9.1.23). For clarity, this means that a substitute is permitted in team events provided they have not previously played in the same competition as part of another team, only ONE substitute is permitted per team and at least one player must play in all rounds. All matches will be played strictly in accordance with Bowls England Rules and Regulations current at the time of play. (AGM 18.2.88).

11. The Pairs competition is to be played with FOUR woods per player. This is a change to the rules for the previous year (AGM 6.1.25).

12. In the event of a match being abandoned due to inclement weather or illness/injury, if at least 10 ends have completed then the result stands. If less than 10 ends have completed, a rearrangement fixture should be played with the score continuing from the point of abandonment.

13. If a pairing is known, it is acceptable to play the next round match before the previous deadline has passed. Every effort will be made to communicate pairings as early as possible and potentially before the drawsheets have been issued after the deadline has passed.

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