

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS RULES.

16th March 2020

To ensure our competitions run on time, play your games as soon as possible before each closing date. Don't leave it until the last minute

The CHALLENGER is the first named in a tie. You are obliged to contact your opponent within 48 hours of receiving their details. Even if you want to play towards the end of the round you must contact them straight away offering a MINIMUM of two dates, one Weekday and one Weekend. If the NON-CHALLENGER hasn't heard from his/her opponent in a reasonable time he/she should make contact. We would rather the match is played than a walkover is given. Failure to comply may result in the tie being awarded to your opponent. Any competitor claiming a game must submit a scorecard, with reasons for claiming the game. The scorecard must give the date, competition, round number, competitors name and club, and be sent to the Competition Secretary by the following day. See below for details.

All Players in the Pairs, Triples, Fours must be identified on the scorecard.

Competitors in the Men's Pairs/Triples/Fours, Ladies Pairs/Triples must belong to the same club.

Mixed Pairs & Mixed Fours games must be played on the green of the Named Affiliated player. The Mixed Pairs will consist of one man and one lady. The Mixed Fours will consist of 2 men and 2 ladies. In both Mixed events players can belong to different clubs.

The Secretary Singles and Veterans Singles are "open" to men and ladies.

Substitutes for Pairs, Triples, Fours Competitions.

One additional (and the same) player may be used as a substitute at any time, provided they have not already played in the competition under another entry. Any team using more than one substitute will be disqualified.

Scorecards must be signed, in the Singles by both players and the Marker and in all other games by both Skips.

Please, in the first instance, email your result to the Southend and District B. A. Competitions Secretary (email address is at the foot of each draw). If a competitor doesn't have access to email then a phone call (01702 430044) leaving a recorded message within 24 hours of the match ending will be accepted.

If a match isn't played by the "Play-By" date the Competition Secretary will make a judgement after hearing from the competitors and may disqualify one or both of the competitors.

When leaving results by phone or email, please give the following details.

1. Competition and round number; yours and your opponent's names.
2. Result.
3. Who is holding the scorecard (in the event of a dispute).

Your club will be updated with the competition results on a regular basis. You should review your club noticeboard for the details of your next opponents **or access the Association's website - <https://www.southendanddistrictba.co.uk/index.html>**

COMPETITION RULES.

1. The competition is limited to members of affiliated clubs. Both members of Mixed Pairs must play for an affiliated club but can be a different club. All members of Mixed Fours must play for affiliated clubs, be made up of 2 Men and 2 Women and can be from different clubs.
2. Any entrant who moves club between the date of entering the competition(s) and the start of the season will be representing his new club. Any players in his/her Pairs, Triples or Fours entries must belong to the new club. It is the entrants' responsibility to ensure his opponents are aware of the move to the new club. The competition draws and lists of entrants' details will not be amended.
3. The laws of the Bowls England shall apply.
4. The Competitions shall be:

Singles/Sec Singles/Veterans: four bowls each player, the winner, first to 21 shots.

Men's Pairs/Ladies Pairs/Mixed Pairs: four bowls each player, 21 ends – extra end if a tie.

Fours/Mixed Fours: two bowls each player: 21 ends – extra end if a tie.

5. The trophies will be competed for annually and held by the winners until the following August when the trophies must be returned to the Southend & District Competition Secretary.
6. Rules and Regulations similar to the ECBA will apply.
7. Competitors must have reached their 16th Birthday before the start of the bowling season.
8. Semi Finals to be played on a neutral green.
9. Dress: all rounds including Semi Finals to be played in Greys: Final Day in Whites with Club Shirts.

Finalists are expected to play their Final on the Designated Finals Day: SUNDAY 13th September 2020

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