



# MILL BOWLING CLUB – RULES FOR CLUB COMPETITIONS

## Club Competition General Rules – Season 2023

1. All competitions shall be played under Bowls England laws of the game unless otherwise stated.
2. All rounds will have fixed closing dates and these must be adhered to. Failure to do so may lead to expulsion from that particular competition.
3. It is expected that finalists will make themselves available for play on both days of the finals weekend.
4. The challenger (the player listed on top in each match) is responsible for arranging the match and they should offer dates to the opponent. They have the advantage of choosing the rink and must book the date and time in the rink diary.
5. It is a condition of entry that members agree to undertake marking duties in the competitions that they enter. Members entering a competition will be assigned marking duties for one match in that competition. Assigned markers who are unable to mark their match should swap with another marker in the same competition to keep it fair.
6. Players toss for the mat. The scorecard should be signed by both players/skips and delivered to the Competition Secretary.
7. Any dispute should be recorded on the scorecard and a written statement of the issue delivered to the Competition Secretary within 24 hours of the match. A final decision will be made by the Competition Secretary or a Competition Sub-Committee.



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## Competition Formats and Rules – Season 2023

### Club Championship – The Guv'nors Cup

Singles, 4 woods, played to 21 shots.

### Club Handicap – Celebration Cup

Singles, 4 woods, played to 21 shots

The handicap differential is added to the lower handicap player at the start.

### Novices - Scott Tankard

Singles, 4 woods, played to 21 shots.

Open to members who have not previously won a singles competition either internally or externally.

### Stan Dale

Singles, 4 woods, play two sets of nine ends. If it is a tie at one set all then a best-of-three-ends tiebreak set will be played.

Toss for the mat. Winner of the toss has the mat for the first set and the opponent has the mat at start of the second set (regardless of who gets the shot on the last end of first set.)

If a player reaches a score that cannot be beaten by the opponent in the remaining ends of the set, then the set is completed and the remaining ends should not be played. Play is continuous between the first and second sets and between second set and tiebreak; there should be no changing of ends.

*Tiebreak rules:*

*toss a coin at the start of the tiebreak; the winner of the toss can choose to have the mat or they can give the mat to their opponent;*

*on the second end the loser of the toss has the choice of having the mat or giving it away;*

*if a deciding end is needed then the winner of the tiebreak toss has the choice of keeping the mat or giving it away;*

*only the shot wood counts and the winner of the tiebreak set is the first to win two ends, 2-0 or 2-1.*



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## Charles Rose Bowl – 75 Shots

Singles, 4 woods, played to 75 points.

Points are awarded for the nearest four bowls to the jack. 4 points for the shot, 3 points for the second, 2 points for the third and 1 point for the fourth nearest.

In the event of two bowls being measured as equidistant from the jack then both bowls score the same points.

*(If the shot bowls are equidistant then points would be 4,4,2,1; if the second bowls are equidistant then points would be 4,3,3,1; if the third bowls are equidistant then points would be 4,3,2,2; if the fourth bowls are equidistant then the points would be 4,3,2,1,1.)*

At the conclusion of the end the points are added up and the total for each player is added to their score. Winner is first to 75 points (or more).

If both players reach 75 points (or more) on the same end then the player with the highest score is the winner.

If there is a tie when both players reach the same total of 75 (or more) on the same end then a sudden-death extra end is played. Toss for the mat, there are no points on this end, the player holding shot wins.

## E. Wilson Trophy – Two Woods

Singles, 2 woods, played to 21 shots.

## John Puttock Trophy

Singles, 3 woods, played to 18 ends. If the score is tied then an extra end is played, toss for the mat.

## George W Gibson Trophy

Pairs, 4 woods each, played to 18 ends.

Seeded handicap, drawn pairs comprising a higher handicap player and a lower handicap player. Combined handicap differential is added to lower handicap pair at the start.

If the score is tied then an extra end is played, toss for the mat.

## Ron Burch Memorial Shield

Singles, 4 woods, 6 ends (straight off). League format with knock-out final stages. Precise format is dependent on number of entries.