

Marldon Bowls Club ----- Club Competition entry and rules.

THE FOLLOWING RULES MUST BE ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES

CLUB COMPETITIONS 2026

ENTRIES. Please obtain a competition entry form, fill it in and return it to the Competition Secretary (Mick Lee) with the entry money if relevant (please use BACs if at all possible to make the payment) **before 6pm on Sunday 3rd May**. Couples can both enter on the same form.

Mick's email address is – mickle140156123@gmail.com – and will be regularly monitored by him. Mick's Home Address is 48 Templer Road, Preston, Paignton, Devon, TQ3 1EN.

Late entries will not be accepted.

No entries can be accepted unless players are available for Finals Weekend (this being 05/09/26 and 06/09/26) and the specified dates for the Mens, Ladies and Mixed Triples (see below).

If, after having entered competition any person or persons know they are unable to be available on Finals Weekends, they must **immediately** withdraw from the competition. A substitute will then be brought in or in the case of a Singles Competition a walkover will apply.

The Novice (**Fred Pitman**) **Competition** is for people who have never won a bowls SINGLES event at this or any other club. (New members, please be honest)

The **Partnered Pairs Competition** is for Husband and Wife, partners who live together or partners who are in a recognised long term relationship.

The **Handicap** assigned to players entering the **handicap competition** will be set and placed on the Competition Notice board before the event starts. Players will use the handicap assigned to them throughout the event. Handicaps are based on results of players' results in previous club or county events. The Competition Secretary reserves the right to seek Committee approval to amend handicaps before the competition starts if he considers them to be giving any particular player an unfair advantage.

The Competition Secretary has set **specified dates**, which appear on the fixture card, for the **Mens, Ladies and Mixed Triples** on the entry form. These competitions will be played on the dates specified leading to the Finals being held on Finals Weekend (**05/09/26 and 06/09/26**). Please do not enter if you know you will not be available on the specified dates.

Mens & Ladies Triples Quarter Final and Semi Final will be held on **15/08/2026**.

Mixed Triples Quarter Final and Semi Final will be held on **18/07/26**.

Preliminary rounds for these events, if needed, may be necessary depending on number of entries. If any more dates are required then 'play by' dates will be displayed on the Competition Sheet. Make sure you look at the board.

PLAY BY DATES within the competitions will be **NOT** be changed unless the Competition Secretary deems it necessary and only in **very exceptional circumstances**. All 'Play By' dates must be strictly adhered to. No excuses will be accepted, unless the reason is very exceptional. In this case the Competition Secretary will make a decision.

FAILURE TO PLAY BY THE PLAY BY DATE MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF BOTH PLAYERS/TEAMS. PLEASE ENSURE THAT MATCHES ARE NOT PLAYED AT A "TACTICALLY" SLOW PACE. ANY MATCH INVOLVING SLOW PACE MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE COMPETITION. THE COMPETITION SEC'S DECISION REGARDING THIS WILL BE FINAL.

THE CHALLENGER is the first name or team drawn and must offer opponents three dates, one of which must be a weekend date (please be mindful with match times if your opponent is working and not retired). The challenger must enter the agreed date / time session in the Rink Diary to reserve a rink, checking that no match is due to be played at this time. Five rinks only for competitions allowed. On the day / time of the competition the challenger prepares equipment ready to play. Do not forget to put everything away after game.

If the challenger does not make contact, it would not hurt for the opponent to give him/her a timely reminder. The second named player should advise the Competition Secretary if he/she has not been contacted 8 days before the closing date for the round.

In the event of players being unable to agree a date to play they must advise the Competition Secretary who will decide if one or both players should be disqualified or if special dispensation can be given to play after the due date. This will only be done in **exceptional** circumstances where both players can give proof that they have made every effort to arrange the game before the closing date for the round. The Competition secretary may involve the Committee in this decision.

SINGLES - Once a singles competition has been booked the Challenger must then find a marker. The marker must have two years bowling experience and be fully conversant with the Rules of the Game and also the Markers Rules.

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SUBSTITUTES - If a person has to be replaced for any unexpected reason, a substitute will be drawn from a substitute list displayed on Competition Board or one found by the Competition Secretary. A substitute must not have played in any of the previous rounds of that particular competition. Unfortunately if no substitute can be found, the team will have to withdraw from the competition.

In the event of a player dropping out of pairs or triples event, the remaining members of the team must contact the Competition Secretary to find a replacement player.

Substitutes cannot, of course, be used in a Singles Competition and therefore a walkover is necessary.

SCORE CARDS will be available in the **Captains Office** and should be headed with the name of the competition being played. **At the end** of the game please agree the result and sign the cards. Place card in the box in Captains Office.

DO NOT ENTER MATCH RESULTS ON THE COMPETITION SHEETS. THE COMPETITION SECRETARY ONLY WILL DO THIS.

IF ALL RULES ARE FOLLOWED SENSIBLY HOPEFULLY THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEMS

THE COMPETITION SECRETARY'S DECISION IS FINAL

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE

Competition Length:

For those who are unsure:-

	Men	Ladies
4 Wood Singles Championship	21 shots	21 shots
2 Wood Singles Championship	21 ENDS	21 ENDS
4 Wood Handicap. * * Players start from 0 and have to score 21 PLUS their Handicap to win.	21 shots	21 shots
Fred Pitman (Novices) 4 Wood singles	21 shots	21 shots
Pairs (4 Wood)	18 ENDS	18 ENDS
Triples (3 Wood) Final will be over 18 ends all earlier rounds will be:	15 ENDS	15 ENDS

NOTE: The Pairs events have been reduced to 18 ends to match Bowls Devon and Bowls England Pairs Event length.

All enquiries re competitions to: Mick Lee 01803 391544 (Not before 9am please) or 07471896401 or speak to Mick when he is in the Clubhouse.