

Ossett, Horbury and District
Bowling Association

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1. Matches shall be played on neutral greens on dates nominated by the Committee.
Matches must be played on the nominated dates. Matches commence at 6.30 pm except semi-finals and finals which commence at 6.00 pm.
2. Matches shall be played on a handicap basis. Handicap to be determined by the Annual General Meeting.
3. The entrance fee shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.
4. Rule 12 of the Yorkshire County Green Bowling Association Competition Rules are amended to provide for situations that arise where a bowler is a registered player/member of more than one Club.

In the Beverley Cup and John Salmon Trophy, one player only can play in a match where his/her Ossett, Horbury team is drawn on a neutral green where he/she also happens to be a registered player/member. This would apply where the other Club has a team playing in another local League.

Where there is more than one player with dual membership, the Club where this applies must apply to the organiser of the competition for a change of venue if they cannot otherwise field a team from their normal playing strength.

5. No practice or play shall be permitted on the drawn green by **any** player in the 7 days prior to the Cup match (including immediately prior to the commencement of the match) except where he is required to play in a scheduled League match of this Association or another local League, or is drawn to play on that green in a bona fide competition run by this Association or other local League.
6. A representative of each team shall decide the order of play for his players and number their cards from 1 to 8. The draw for each game is made by exchanging names in that sequence. Where a team has 7 players, their cards will be numbered from 1 to 7 and the walk over (21-0) will appear at number 8.
7. Alternate jack rule to apply. As soon as a jack becomes available, the next game according to the draw shall commence. For the purposes of this rule, five minutes grace is allowed for the nominated player or a reserve to take his/her place on the green.

After five minutes has elapsed from when the jack is made available, the player not at the start forfeits his/her game.

8. Result of the match is decided on aggregate score.
9. If the match ends in a tie, Captains must nominate 4 players from each side who have already taken part to play again off half the handicap. The 4 games, on completion, shall stand as a definite result. If the match is still a tie, light permitting, the remaining four players who have taken place in the match to play receiving the other half of the handicap. If completion is not possible on that night, arrangements to be made by the Captains to revisit the green and complete the fixture.
10. The results of each match to be sent by the winner to the Results Secretary of the Association by first available post.
11. Any Club failing to make their green and facilities available for use when selected shall incur a £10 fine.
12. Squads for a Cup team should be based on the League team members for whom the handicap is given. A player must be a bowling member of the entered club and must not have played a League match for another club in a current League run by this Association.

When a player plays his/her first cup match he/she is tied to that team and this also applies when a reserve is brought in from a lower team. For the initial rounds, there is no requirement for a player to have played a League match **but** players playing for a team in the Semi-Finals or Final must have played **5 or more** matches for the team.

Should a team be unable to field a full side under the 5 or more match rule, they shall be allowed to promote any player from a **lower** team, providing the player has played 5 or more league matches for their club in current Leagues run by this Association **and is not cup tied with any other team.**
13. Any team found to have played an ineligible player shall be disqualified from the competition.
14. All qualifiers for a Final shall be smartly dressed in accordance with Rule 25 of the British Crown Green Bowling Association and Rule 32 of the Yorkshire County Crown Green Bowling Association.

15. Any competitor not attending on a Finals Day will forfeit any prize monies he/she may be entitled to for reaching the Final.
16. Any player not present on the Finals Day of a competition shall be automatically barred from taking part in that competition in the following year unless such absence has been accepted by the Committee.
17. Where these rules are silent Yorkshire County Crown Green Bowling Association Rules apply.