

TARRING PRIORY BOWLS CLUB

Competition Rules



1. The Governing Committee shall appoint a COMPETITION & HANDICAP COMMITTEE, which shall consist of the Competition Secretary, Hon. Secretary and **Chairman**
2. The Committees shall at all times act under the general direction of the Governing Committee.
3. Members entering club competitions shall not be competitors in competitions of another outdoor club.
4. The Governing Committee shall fix the entry fees to all competitions prior to the commencement of each season.
5. On the day of a competition or tie, no player shall play on the rink allocated before such competition or tie except in trial heads. A competitor ignoring this rule shall forfeit the game.
6. All club competitions shall be completed by the dates specified by the Competition & Handicap Committee. In the event that any match is not played by the closing date, player(s) wishing to claim the match for any reason must submit a signed card with a full explanation of the said claim to any one member of the Competition Committee no later than 24 hours after the round closing date. **Failure to submit a card and written explanation by this time will result in the player(s) being scratched from the competition.**
7. If due to circumstances beyond the control of the competitors, and both competitors agreeing; an application for an extension to the round closing date may be made to the Competition & Handicap Committee. Each application will be considered on its merits and extensions are not guaranteed. Holidays are not considered to be a reason for extension. Illness or selection for a number of club fixtures may be taken into account. No extension will be for greater than a week and there is an expectation that competitors granted an extension will complete the fixture as soon as is expedient. In pairs competitions the substitution rule should be used rather than asking for an extension.
8. Challengers shall contact their opponents and arrange the date on which to play off the competition or tie. In the event of competitors being unable to agree amicably upon a date, the challenger (first named in the draw) shall supply three dates at least **12 days** before the closing date of the round (which must be after 18:00 hours on Mondays – Fridays if his opponent is a “worker”). If the challenger fails to make an offer by the due date, the opponent shall offer the challenger two dates no later than **7 days** before the closing date of the round. Failure to adhere to this rule **may** result in the competitor(s) being removed from the competition.
8. It shall be the responsibility of the challenger to arrange for a marker for any competition or tie where appropriate. In the event of the non-arrival of a marker, the challenger shall undertake **ALL THE DUTIES OF THE MARKER** (i.e. place the jack, keep the scorecard etc.)
9. A player may arrange for a substitute to play for him/her in any round of any pairs, triples or fours competition. In a handicapped competition the substitute must not have a greater handicap than the original player. A substitute must not have played in that particular competition.
10. In the event of a member reaching the final of three or more competitions, such member shall play at least two of the matches on the first day fixed for the finals, and the other final(s) on the second day or at the discretion of the Competition Committee and shall be played on a date as near thereto as can be arranged. In the event of a player being unable to attend on the appointed finals day (subject to the substitution rules and the decision of the Competition Committee) he shall forfeit the match to his opponent. Members are strongly recommended to ensure that any such forfeiture should occur before the quarter-final stage of a competition.
11. Finals Weekend shall be arranged on suitable dates to be agreed by the Governing Committee. The Competition Committee will advise the dress code and times of match play.
12. Any dispute regarding these competition rules/dates etc. to be referred to the Competition Secretary. If unable to contact the Competition Secretary then any dispute should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary or President, whose decision shall be final.