



SUSSEX COUNTY BOWLS

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EXTRACT FROM SCB - MEN'S SECTION RULES

COMPETITIONS - DRAW FOR RINKS

1.	b) ix) Draw for Rinks
It is a requirement of World Bowls and Bowls England that players undertake a draw for rinks. Laws of the Sport of Bowls - para 3.	
(a)	HOME PLAYERS/TEAMS SHALL NOT SELECT THE RINK ON WHICH ANY COMPETITION IS TO BE PLAYED. For all Competitions, sufficient rinks must be made available for a draw for rinks to take place. Rinks CANNOT be allocated to individual games or disciplines in advance.
(b)	Rinks shall be notified to the opponent(s) and a draw shall take place to decide on which rink- the/each of the - Competition(s) is to be played.
(c)	Where more than one competition is due to be played at the same time then the draw shall take place when the majority of the opposing competitors are present. NB This allows for the draw to take place and matches to commence on time, if one opponent is late for any reason.
(d)	In a team or side game where more than one rink is to be used, the rinks should preferably be consecutive and not interspersed with other games being played.
(e)	Any competitor/s who is/are not offered a draw for rinks on which the game is to be played, should report the fact to the Assistant or County Competition Secretary and subject to investigation any home player who is found to have failed to offer a draw for rinks – may be disqualified. NB. Any complaint is to be submitted in writing to BOTH the Competition Secretary and the Divisional Competition Secretary by 12 noon of the day following the Competition. Any appeal against the decision of the Competition Secretary is to be submitted to the County Secretary within 24 hours of the decision being notified by the Competition Secretary.
(f)	In County One Day event Competitions, and for Quarter, Semi and Finals Day(s), the Competition Secretary (as Representative of the Controlling body) shall make the draw for rinks to be used.
(g)	A Set of cards or numbered discs, numbered from 1 to 6 shall be held by each club and the numbers for - all the rinks that are options to be used - shall then be used. Opponents should be notified of which rinks are available. For a team game randomly paired Scorecards shall be placed on a table. Only the opposing players may make selections for rinks - from cards or discs on which the rink number is not visible. Discs or cards may be in a bag or face down on a table. The rink(s) to be used shall then be drawn, by the opposing player(s) taking a disc or a card and that shall be the rink on which the game shall be played. In the case of a team game the relevant number of discs or cards shall be taken and placed on the randomly paired Scorecards and that shall be the rink on which each of those games is to be played. If more than one game is to take place and an opposing player is not present when the draw takes place, one of the other opposing players <u>must at the same time, draw a rink number for that match.</u>
NB.	For 1 or 2 games – a minimum of 2 rinks must be made available – for 3 games a minimum of 3 rinks, etc., - all rinks to be used must be available to all matches.
	If the number of rinks available to be used, is the same as the number of games to be played, then the last game in the draw, will be played on the rink left after the previous draws have taken place.
NB: Bowls England have clarified that a club may 'set aside' a number of rinks (3/4) that are required to enable an authorised external league match to taken place that may commence after National or County Competitions are due to start - but sufficient rinks must always remain to enable a draw for rinks to take place, for any competitions due to be played.	