# GEDLING PHOENIX INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

## COMPETITION RULES

The competitions are open to the members of the Gedling Phoenix Indoor Bowls Club. Members may only make one entry for each competition.

1. The competitions will be run on a knockout basis. There must be at least four entries to enable any competition to be played. (Except for the 4 Wood Singles competition).

   a) 4 Wood Singles to be played in accordance with E.I.B.A. rules (21 shots up) and three hours must be booked for this competition. Two Wood Singles 21 shots up.

   b) All other competitions, excluding 2 and 4 Wood Singles;

   a. (i) Up to and including the semi-finals the games shall be of two hours duration (see draw sheet for each competition for the maximum number of ends to be played). No trial ends. If the jack leaves the confines of the rink to the sides, the jack will be replaced on the re-spots according to which side the jack left the rink. There will be no dead ends.

   Drawn games to be decided on the number of ends won.

   **If both the scores and number of ends won are tied an extra end may be played with the following conditions**.

   - The winner of most ends rule still applies. If one team has won more ends than the other, they are the winners.
   - If there is another game immediately following you it is acceptable to move to another rink to play the extra end, providing there is a rink available.
   - You may **politely** ask the players coming onto the rink if they would mind waiting whilst you play the extra end or even moving rinks if there is another rink available. If the following players do not want to wait or move, they have no obligation to do so, or there is not rink space available, then the whole game must be replayed.

   (ii) Finals which will be arranged by the Competition Secretary, will be completed games i.e., Fours, Triples and Pairs 18 ends. Matches once commenced must be played to a conclusion. Trial ends may be played, the number of woods to be by mutual agreement. The finals will be played between the dates stated on the entry form.

   (iii) A new singles competition was introduced for the 2024/25 season. This is an Open 4 Woods Singles Sets competition. This will consist of two sets of seven ends up to the final and two sets of nine ends in the final. In all rounds three tie break ends will be played if needed.

(iv) A new Novices 4 Wood Singles competition has been introduced for the 2025/26 season for any member that has not previously won a club singles competition.

(v) Any competition allocated a date and time will be played at that time unless under special circumstances when they may play the competition **prior to that date,** with the permission of the Competition Secretary.

**IT IS HOPED THAT MATCHES WILL BE ARRANGED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.**

2. a) To read the first named team in the draw ( the challenger ) shall, not less than 14 days before the date by which the round must be completed, offer the second named team (the opponent) two dates, one of which must be a Saturday or Sunday and one a mid-week evening **should there be one available.**

Alternatively matches may be arranged by mutual consent and played at any time. Matches are to be played in normal bowling times starting not earlier than 8.30am and not later than 6.30pm. If no attempt has been made to contact the opponents to arrange the fixture the Competition Secretary has the right to disqualify the challengers.

b) If the opponents have not received dates from the challengers by 12 days before the date by which the round must be completed, they should contact the challenger offering two dates as above also inform the Competition Secretary.

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c) Any match not played by the due date will be declared void and the challengers passed through to the next round, except where action has been taken as in (b) above when the opponents shall be passed through to the next round. **No extensions over the competition date will be allowed except in <u>exceptional</u> circumstances.**

3. Dates being offered may/should be provisionally booked and must be confirmed or rejected within **FIVE DAYS** of making the initial provisional booking by the person concerned.

4. One substitute is allowed, who must be the same substitute if used in subsequent rounds. Such a substitute can play in any position other than skip (**with the exception of any pairs competition),** but must not have been registered or played in that competition for any other team. The opposing skip must be informed and the card clearly marked.

In mixed pairs and trips two substitutes are allowed, one lady and one man, but only one can play at any time and must be the same substitute if used in subsequent rounds. In mixed fours two substitutes are allowed to play in the same match one lady and one man who must be the same if used in any subsequent rounds.

5. In rounds prior to the finals number 3's may only follow their bowls to the head if it is the last delivery prior to the skips bowling. Skips may only follow their bowls to the head if it is the last delivery of the end.

6. The result of the match must be passed to Competition Secretary as soon as possible after the game has finished.

7. The draw for the competition will be sent to all participants. Names and telephone numbers of Team Captains will be included on the draw sheet. No further information will be sent to Team Captains. By entering the competitions, you are agreeing for your telephone number to be displayed on the notice board.

8. Any disputes or disagreements regarding these competitions must be referred to the Competition Secretary in writing. They will be considered by the appropriate committee whose decision will be final.

9. Dress code for all finals will be whites. Games prior to the finals will be in greys.

**Anything not covered by the above will be dealt with under E.I.B.A. rules.**

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