

# SHEPWAY & DISTRICT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

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## Men's Pairs K.O. Championship Rules

- 1 The competition shall be known as the Shepway Men's Pairs Championship, and each player will have four woods each, and played over 21 ends.
- 2 The competition is open to all bona fide (male) members of clubs affiliated to the Shepway & District Bowls Association, and both players must be full playing members of the same Club.
- 3 Substitution. The players taking part in the first game shall constitute the team, and shall normally play together throughout the Championship. One additional, and the same player, may be used as a substitute at any time, provided they have not already played in the Championship, and may play in any position.
- 4 The dress code of Kent County Bowls Association applies to this competition.
- 5 All games must be played under the laws of Bowls England. and bowls must bear the official stamp of the W.B.B. or B.I.B.C.
- 6 Where no umpire is present, the onus on checking the date stamp rests with the marker before play commences.
- 7 Green fees are to be paid by the losing entrant.
- 8 The competition is operated on a 'fixed date' principle, and it is emphasised that all games should be played on or before the 'fixed date' which is shown on the Men's Pairs Championship K.O. Chart, showing the order of the draw.
- 9 No extension of time beyond the 'fixed date' will be allowed, unless exceptional circumstances have rendered it impossible for play to take place. The alternative date fixed by the Honorary Competition Secretary must be accepted by all parties.
- 10 The players drawn to play at 'Home' must make the arrangements for the game to be played. They shall reserve a rink (no choice of rink need be given), and undertake the provision of a marker / umpire.

- 11 If no communication is received, to re-arrange the Date of Play, both pairs should attend the 'Home' player's green on the 'Fixed Date'.
- 12 It must be generally understood that all dates offered imply evening play, commencing at 18.00 hours, and not later than 18.30 hours, or as previously agreed by mutual consent. See Rule 17 for the Final.
- 13 Immediately after the game, the winning pair must text or telephone the Honorary Competition Secretary, to inform him of the result.  
The scorecard duly signed by the loser must be forwarded to the Honorary Competition Secretary within 24hrs after the completion of the game, either by post or email.  
Failure to comply with this rule could mean elimination from the competition, with the decision being made by the Executive Committee.
- 14 After each round, all Shepway League Representatives and winners who supplied an email address, will be emailed an up to date Men's Pairs Championship K.O. Chart, showing details of their next opponent. Others will be notified by post or telephone.
- 15 The Semi final will be played on a neutral green to be organised by the Honorary Competition Secretary.
- 16 Any players who progress to the semi-final and is unable to play in the final shall give his opponent a walkover, thus ensuring a final. The only exception to this rule, being that if a player becomes ill, or is involved in an accident thus rendering the player unable to participate. Proof of such a happening may be requested. If such an event should arise the Honorary Competition Secretary. will advise the Executive Committee, in order that the matter may be resolved. Players failing to comply with this rule may be barred from future entry in Shepway Competitions.
- 17 The Final will be played on the Shepway & District B.A. Finals Day. This will take place on the Saturday shown on the Fixture List and the individual Team Sheets.  
The Venue for the Finals Day, is arranged by the Executive Committee, irrespective of such green being the home green of any of the players. The commencement time will be as shown on the Finals Day Timetable. Press coverage will be arranged by the Association.
- 18 In the event of any dispute arising in the interpretation of these rules, the decision made by the Executive Committee of the Association must be accepted as final.
- 19 The winners and runner-up trophies will be presented on Finals Day. They shall retain possession for the ensuing year and be held responsible for the safe return, when and where the Executive Committee decide.
- 20 The supply of an approved Marker and Umpire for the final will be the responsibility of the Executive Committee.