

**Shepway & District Bowls Association**  
**Singles Championship Rules**

1. The competition shall be known as the Shepway Singles Championship.
2. The competition is open to all bona fide (male) members of clubs affiliated to the Shepway & District Bowls Association.
3. All games must be played under the laws of the W.B.B. and bowls must bear the official stamp of the W.B.B. or B.I.B.C.
4. Where no umpire is present, the onus on checking the date stamp rests with the marker before play commences.
5. 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' published with the draw for play.
6. Green fees are to be paid by the loser.
7. The challenger must make the arrangements for the game to be played. He shall reserve a rink (no choice of rink need be given), and make provision for a marker / umpire.
8. In the event of no communication being received by the opponent from the challenger, or by the challenger from the opponent, to arrange a date of play, both should attend the challengers green on the 'fixed date'.
9. It must be generally understood that all dates offered imply evening play, to commence at 6.00pm, and not later than 6.30pm or as previously agreed by mutual consent. The exception being on Finals Day when play shall be on a Sunday and will commence at 10.00am or at such time as the Shepway Committee may dictate.
10. No extension of time beyond the 'fixed date' will be allowed, unless exceptional circumstances have rendered it impossible for play to take place. In such circumstances, the alternative date fixed by the Hon.Comp.Sec. must be accepted by all parties.
11. Immediately after the game, the winner must telephone the Hon.Comp.Sec. to inform him of the result. The scorecard duly signed by the loser must be forwarded to the Hon.Comp.Sec. 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 Council.
12. After the first round, all Club Secretary's and winners who supplied an email address will be emailed an up to date Competition Draw Sheet showing details of their next opponent. Others will be notified by post or telephone.
13. The dress of Kent County Bowls Association applies to the competition.
14. The Semi final will be played on a neutral green to be organised by the Hon.Comp.Sec.
15. The Final will be played on the appointed day and time (15 minutes being the maximum time allowed after the appointed time for commencement) and on a green arranged by the Executive Council, or authorised sub-committee, irrespective of such green being the home green of any of the players. Press coverage will be arranged by the Association.
16. Any player who progresses 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 Hon.Comp.Sec. will advise the Executive Council 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. In the event of any dispute arising in the interpretation of these rules, the decision made by the Executive Council of the Association must be accepted as final.
18. 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 Council decide.
19. The supply of an approved Marker and Umpire for the final will be the responsibility of the Hon.Comp.Sec.

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