

# HERSTMONCEUX BOWLS CLUB

## Competition Rules

1. The competitions shall comprise:-

A	MENS SINGLES	21 Shots	4 Woods
B	LADIES SINGLES	21 Shots	4 Woods
C	MENS DRAWN PAIRS	15 Ends	4 Woods
D	LADIES DRAWN PAIRS	15 Ends	4 Woods
E	MIXED 100 UP DRAWN PAIRS	100 Shots	4 Woods
F	CHALLENGE SHIELD (Handicap singles)	21 Shots	4 Woods
G	BOMAR TROPHY	21 Shots	4 Woods
H	AMERICAN TOURNAMENT	16 Ends	3 Woods

2. **Men's & Ladies Singles competitions** are open to all members.
3. **Men's & Ladies Drawn Pairs competitions** are open to all members, but the pairings will be drawn prior to the competition by the Club Captain and Competitions Secretary. Their decision is final.
4. **Mixed 100 Up Drawn Pairs competition** is open to all members with 2 players constituting a team with four woods each. Each end scores 10 shots – depending on how near the jack is to each wood. The First Pair to reach 100 shots are the winners.  
For guidance - in the event of a tie, continue playing until one team have more points than the other. Points are scored as follows: Nearest the Jack = 4, Second nearest = 3, Third nearest = 2, Fourth nearest = 1. Total 10 shots at each end.
5. **The Challenge Shield** is open to all members and will be run as a handicap competition. Handicaps will be determined at the beginning of a season by the Club Captain and Competition Secretary and will be based on the players experience and ability. Their decision is final, but these handicaps will be reviewed on an annual basis.  
For Guidance - Players enter '*the combined difference*' of their Handicap on the card at the first End of the game.  
For guidance for example: Player 1 Handicap Received 2 shots. Player 2 Handicap is given 4 shots. The combined difference is 6 shots. Which Player 1 (weaker player) enters on their side of the score card on the first end. Should both Players have the same handicap, then neither received/give shots.
6. **The Bomar Trophy** is only open to players who have not won a previous Singles or Pairs competition.
7. **The American Tournament** - see separate rules.

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8. The first player named in any draw shall be responsible for arranging the date and time of the match and must offer his/her opponent at least 3 alternative dates.
9. Any problems causing the match not to be played by the date nominated for each round will cause the responsible competitor(s) to be eliminated from that particular competition. From the second round onwards, (in matches other than the singles competitions) should a player become unavailable for any particular reason then that player can be substituted by the competitor beaten in the corresponding match in the previous round. In the case of a player withdrawing before the first round is played then a replacement player can be substituted on a majority decision between the two club captains and the competition secretary. (If either club captain is unavailable then a vice captain can be called upon). Matters of dispute will be similarly decided upon.
10. Markers will officiate at all Singles matches and must be agreed by both players. If no agreement can be reached then a decision made by the competition secretary or a club captain will be final.
11. Substitutes will be allowed, but only in competitions other than singles or where rule and/or rule 9 apply.
12. A competitor in a singles competition winning the semi-final but unable for whatever reason to be present on Finals Day automatically forfeits his/her place in the finals to their semi-final's opponent.
13. The rink on which the match is to be played must be acceptable to both players. In the event of agreement not being reached, a draw is then to be made to decide the rink to be used.
14. Any team or player not ready to play within 30 minutes of the announced starting time will be subject to disqualification.
15. Dress code. Members competing in the various rounds must wear greys with white tops. Greys/whites for ladies can include trousers. Full whites must be worn by players and markers on Finals Day, whilst other members are expected to wear current Club uniform. Flat smooth soled bowls shoes must be worn by all players and markers.

All disputes will be resolved in accordance with the above Rules, Club Rules and Bylaws. Where rules do not cover disputes then the interests of the Club will be decisive.

Richard Thomas - Competition Secretary  
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