

Rules of Competitions, under which competitions in the Bowling Club are to be played, have been adopted by the Bowling Committee on ..... 2022 in accordance with Rule 19.1 of the Rules & Regulations of the Bowling Club and are consistent with Rule 15.2.22 of the Club Constitution. They shall replace any earlier versions in existence.

All Bowling matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition. and as amended by IBA for local play)

## **1/ COMMITTEES AUTHORITY**

The Committee is empowered under Rule 19.1 to establish the conditions under which Bowling competitions are to be played in accordance with the Code of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as laid down by the World Bowls Board and as amended by the IBA and the IWBA for use in domestic competitions. The Committee's decision on all matters relating to such competitions shall be final.

## **2/ COMPETITION FEES**

Competition fees for internal Club Competitions must be paid to the Bowling Competitions' Secretary as directed by the Committee. Fees for such competitions must be paid when submitting Entry Forms. In the case of the Clontarf Open Pairs Competition entry fees must be paid to Competitions Secretary with Entry form.

## **3/ HANDICAPS**

The Handicap Committee shall set handicaps at the start of each season and may review and amend handicaps during the season where it is deemed necessary.

## **4/ MATCH ARRANGEMENTS / Closing Dates**

The onus is on the Player on top of draw to arrange a date and time by mutual consent with his opponent **and** the marker. All matches should be played on or before the closing date. A date arranged by mutual consent shall be deemed a closing date, unless cancelled by mutual consent.

If arrangements have not been made by either team or players, to fix an alternative the posted match closing date will stand.

The player or Team present at the posted closing date can claim a walkover if the opposition had not turned up by 6.15pm after the first week in August or 6.45pm previous, on that Day. If both parties fail to turn up on the closing date both will be eliminated from the competition.

## **5/ EXTENSIONS**

Extensions to posted closing dates for matches may be granted in **exceptional** circumstances and shall be at the discretion of the Competitions committee. If the competitors are given an extension and cannot agree a date, the Competitions Committee shall fix a date for the match.

## **6/ WALKOVERS**

Walkover cards, signed by the attending competitor and a neutral member of the Club, must be placed in the Competitions Box within fifteen minutes after latest start time for the match to be played has passed. Failure to comply with this rule can result in elimination from that competition of **both** players

## **7/ MATCHES ( IBA, BLI rules)**

### **(a) SINGLES**

All Singles matches shall be played with four bowls and played to 21 shots.

In handicap competition both players play to 21 shots. Lower handicap players difference is added to the score card at the start of the game.

EG: Player A's handicap is 3, Player B's handicap is 6, The difference in handicaps is 3, therefore Player B would have 3 shots added to the score before the first end.

A marker is required for **all** singles matches

### **(b) PAIRS**

All Pairs competitions shall be played with 4 Bowls to highest score after 18 ends. 1 extra end if game is drawn after 18 ends.

In handicap competitions half the combined handicaps will apply, round up and add to score before the first end on card and on the Board. Play to 18 ends

### **(c) TRIPLES**

All Trips competitions shall be played with 3 Bowls each to highest score after 18 ends. 1 extra end if game is drawn after 18 ends.

In handicap competitions one third the combined handicap to apply. ( .5 and above round up else round down ). round up and add to score before the first end on card and on the Board. Play to 18 ends

### **(d) RINKS**

All Rinks competitions shall be played with 2 Bowls each to highest score after 18 ends. 1 extra end if game is drawn after 18 ends.

In handicap competitions one quarter the combined handicap to apply. ( .5 and above round up else round down ). round up and add to score before the first end on card and on the Board. Play to 18 ends

### **(e) SKIPS**

In the event of a dispute as to who will skip in Pairs, Triples and Rinks matches, it shall be deemed the highest handicap player shall skip.

## **8/ SUBSTITUTES**

In Club competitions other than Singles, only **ONE** substitute may be permitted. If one player in a Pairs, Triples or Rinks match withdraws due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances another member of the Club, who has not entered or played in that competition, may step in as a substitute once their handicap is the same or less than the person being substituted.

The original player may be re-instated for subsequent games if he/she so desires. The same player must be used in subsequent rounds of that competition if so required.

## **9/ PRIORITY IN USE OF GREEN**

1. Bowling League of Ireland or Ladies Bowling League of Ireland matches
2. Club competitions
3. Roll ups

## **10/ DRAW FOR RINKS**

When Club Competitions are being played a draw for rinks must be made.

The player drawn on the bottom (Away) makes the draw. If more than one match is to be played a draw is made for picking order.

## **11/ RESERVATION OF RINKS**

Club members **may not** place bowls on the green to reserve a rink for their own game.

## 12/ COMPETITION SHEETS

Under no circumstances may unauthorised members make alterations to or additions on Competition Sheets.

## 13/ COMPETITION CARDS

Cards will not be accepted unless **fully** completed with the following information:

Name of Competition

Players names

Date

Rink No.

Handicaps if applicable

Final Score

Duly Signed by player or Skip from the losing side and posted in Competition box.

## 14/ CLUB COMPETITIONS (See Competition sheets for rule changes)

*( amended each year "if run" for internal competitions only)*

**a/ Club open Championship** All Members "if run"

Singles played to 21 shots, **no handicaps apply.**

**b/ Men's Senior Championship**

Singles played to 21 shots, **no handicaps apply.**

**c/ Ladies Senior Championship**

Singles played to 21 shots, **no handicaps apply.**

**d/ Junior Open Championship (Hcap 4 or less)**

Singles played to 21 shots, no handicaps apply.

**\*\* NOTE : All competitions except the above Championship competitions are Handicapped \*\***

- **Presidents Prize**

(See Competition sheets for amendments) Handicaps apply.

- **Bowling Captains Prize**

(See Competition sheets for amendments) Handicaps apply.

- **Golf Captains Prize**

(See Competition sheets for amendments) Handicaps apply.

- **Lady Golf Captain's Prize**

(See Competition sheets for amendments) Handicaps apply.

- **Senior Citizens Prize**

(Singles open to Men and Ladies who have reached their 70th Birthday the previous year.)  
Handicaps apply.

- **Tuesdays and Fridays**

Mixed. Handicaps apply.

**Note:** Regarding (b), (c) and (d) above, please note that **a member may only play in one Club Championship each year.**

- **JUNIOR COMPETITIONS**

Shall be those whose handicaps are between 0-4 (Men's) 0-4(Ladies)

- **CLUB COMPETITIONS.** open to all full members

- **EVENING MATCHES**

Begin no later than 18.30 from the start of the season and from 1st August no later than 18.00

15min grace will be allowed for late arrivals.

On ILB closing dates involving Club players afternoon matches must finish by 17.30.

- **FINALS' DAY**

1. Finals Day will be set for an appropriate Sunday in September at the discretion of the Committee.
2. If the Finals' Day is postponed due to inclement weather or any other reason the Committee will reschedule another date.
3. No player shall be expected to play more than two matches on Finals' Day. In the event of a player/s reaching three or more Finals then the Committee will set an alternative date for the remaining Finals to be played.

Signed.....

Date.....