

BILLERICAY BOWLING CLUB. LADIES COMPETITIONS RULES

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1. All competitions will be staged on an annual basis and shall be played under EWBA and/or ECWBA Rules as applicable
2. Control of the Ladies Club Competitions will be with the Ladies Committee, up to and including the Semi-Finals.
3. All Singles Competitions will be played on a straight knock-out basis and each round shall be completed by the date decided by the Ladies Secretary. The first named competitor in each round shall be the Challenger and be responsible for arranging the tie and providing the Marker, except in the case of the Final for which competent Lady Markers will be nominated by the Ladies Captain or Vice Captain. No singles game to be played without the presence of a Marker.
Names of Finalists and Markers to be submitted, by the Ladies Secretary to the Competition Secretary.
4. Subsequent to the first round the Challenger shall, within seven days of the start of each round, or within seven days of a match involving a player where an 'extension' had been granted in the previous round, offer her opponent two dates, one of which must be accepted with three days. Should the Challenger fail to comply, the right to challenge will pass to her opponent. The original Challenger will still be responsible for providing the marker.
In exceptional circumstances, and with the agreement of the Ladies Captain and/or Vice Captain, a tie may be postponed for no more than seven days. In the event of neither players making arrangements to play the tie and no application being made for an 'extension', both players will be eliminated.
5. Games postponed due to inclement weather/green being declared unfit for play, shall be played at a mutually agreed date, up to seven days after the round closing date. Games interrupted/abandoned due to inclement weather/green being declared unfit for play shall be resumed at a mutually agreed date, up to seven days after the round closing date at the same score as at the time of interruption/abandonment.
In the event of any dispute, the Ladies Captain shall be informed and the matter decided by the Ladies Committee.
6. If a match has started and a player leaves the green, for whatever reason, and is unable to continue after ten minutes, that player will retire and a walk-over will be awarded to her opponent.
7. The winning competitor in each round shall be responsible for entering her name on the competition sheet.
8. The final of each of the Ladies Competitions will be played on Club Finals Days. The winners will be presented with a trophy, which will be retained for one year and returned to the Competition Secretary, when requested, in a clean condition.

Rules Relating to Specific Competitions

9. **Ladies Championship.**

To be played to 21 shots with 2 trial ends. Four bowls per player

10. **Ladies 2 Wood (From 2011)**

To be played to 21 shots with 2 trial ends. Two bowls per player

11. **Ladies Pairs (From 2017)**

To be played to 21 ends with 2 trial ends. Four bowls per player. Each pairing to comprise 1 high handicap bowler and 1 low handicap bowler, as closely as possible.

12. **Marion Fry Trophy. 1 Day Pairs Competition (From 2012)**

Four bowls per player. Each of 3 games will consist of 8 ends or 1-1/2 hrs, whichever is shorter (except where 5 pairs are entered, see below)

Toss for Jack. No trial ends: 1 shot on the first end of every game.

Burnt end to be replayed (no penalty).

Skips to leave the head together: remaining at the head will constitute a visit.

Skips may visit the head after their third bowl.

The Ladies Captain will divide the entrants into two groups, one containing low handicap players and the other, high handicap players.

A low handicap bowler will partner a high handicap bowler and the draw will be done on the day.

With 8 or 10 pairs, the competition can be played in 2 sections.

With 6 pairs the competition can be run as 1 section.

With 5 pairs it can be run as a round-robin, with each team playing 4 games of 6 ends and 1(a different) team sitting out each session.

With 4 pairs it can be run as a round-robin with each pair playing 3 games of 8 ends.

Any other number of pairs will not work.

It will be the sole responsibility of the Ladies Captain to decide how to deal with this situation.

2 Points will be awarded for a win: 1 for a draw: 0 points for a loss.

Plus 1 point will be awarded for each end won.

The pair with the highest score, after the 3 (or4) games will be the winners.

The next highest will be the runners-up.

If there is a tie on points, the winners will be those with the highest shot difference.

If there is still a tie, for winner or runner-up position, a sudden-death 3 end final will be played. Ends won, not shots to count.

In the event of a pair withdrawing before the start of the competition, but after the draw has been made, the competition will be re-drawn.

If a pair withdraws during the competition, all played results will stand and in unplayed games the opponents will be awarded 2 points and 4 shots.