



PERTHSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP & COMPETITION RULES 2026

Competition Format and Scheduling

Up until the semi-final stage, all competitions will follow an open draw format. The Management Committee sets dates and locations for matches, and all teams and individual participants must play as scheduled. It is the responsibility of each club to ensure their nominated representatives are available and able to compete on the designated dates. All matches must commence no later than 7pm, with Senior competitions starting no later than 2pm. If severe weather causes a match to be cancelled, the Association Competition Secretary will reschedule it if necessary.

Semi-Finals and Senior Event Scheduling

Semi-final matches are set to take place on two selected greens, scheduled for a Friday evening and the following Saturday, both occurring exactly two weeks ahead of the third Saturday in July.

The Friday evening fixtures will begin at 6.45pm. Senior disciplines will begin at 11:00am on Saturday, and all other categories are set to start at 2pm. The draw shows that Senior Fours and Senior Singles matches are set for the afternoon, with play starting by 2pm at the latest.

Dress Code

Every participant must wear club colours paired with black or grey trousers or shorts for all championship rounds. Every team member must wear the same club colours.

Game Formats

- Senior Fours - 15 ends
- Fours - 17 ends
- Triples - 15 ends
- Pairs - 17 ends
- All Singles (including Semi-Finals and Finals) - 21 shots.

Entry Requirements and Eligibility

Clubs may enter more than one participant in the Under 25 Junior Singles competition. All players wishing to participate in this category must be under 25 years of age as of 1st April in the year of the competition.



In the same way, participants can submit more than one entry for the Under 18 Junior Singles event. To be eligible, entrants must be under 18 years old on 1st April of the competition year. Players who meet the age requirements may participate in both the Under 25 and Under 18 Junior Singles competitions.

Female players are eligible to compete in the Under 18 competitions by invitation, with fixtures being organised and coordinated by the Perthshire Bowling Association (PBA).

Senior entrants representing member clubs must be at least 55 years of age on 1st April of the relevant competition year. People who are over 55 or under 25 years old can enter multiple competitions.

Clubs are eligible to enter these competitions upon payment of the required entry fee. Only entries with fees paid by the deadline will be eligible for the competition draw.

A player may represent only one club during any individual season. The club's official team for the competition will consist of the players who take part in the opening match. A substitute may play if someone is absent due to a family bereavement, and the original player can re-join in later rounds. Except in exceptional cases any substitute entering the game must stay involved until the competition ends.

Substitution Rules

When substitutions are necessary, the substitute may play in any position except as Skip, with the remaining players adjusting their positions as needed.

No player who has already participated in any of the competitions listed above is eligible to function as a substitute at any later stage in that season's competitions.

- Both the Singles and Senior Singles competitions permit one substitute each.
- 2 substitutes are permitted in the Pairs competition.
- 3 substitutes are permitted in Triples competition.
- 4 substitutes are permitted in the Fours, and Senior Fours competitions, but these substitutes cannot take on the role of Skip.

Match Arrangements and Restrictions

In all rounds before the semi-finals, competing teams must play on the dates, and at the venues specified by the Management Committee. All matches are to commence no later than 7pm, with Senior matches starting no later than 2pm.

On the day of the tie, no competitor or team may play on the green designated for the match before commencement without the consent of their opponents; violation will result in disqualification.



Procedures for Inclement Weather or Unplayable Greens

If the umpire or appropriate authority determines that play cannot continue on the green due to severe weather or any other reason, the match will be postponed and must be rescheduled within seven days, ideally taking place on the same green. If singles players or skips cannot come to an agreement on a new date or location, the Association Competition Secretary will be contacted, and will make the final decision regarding the arrangements. If a match is abandoned and then replayed, following two trial ends, the scores from the earlier game will be carried over into the rescheduled match. When the game starts again on a different day, the team/player who won the last end before game was postponed will deliver the jack and play first bowl.

Scorecards and Match Reporting

Scorecards should be filled out following the latest World Bowls Laws of the Sport (Crystal Mark) guidelines. This includes providing the complete printed names of every player and obtaining signatures from both skips once the game concludes. Full names of all players are required and also note the time the game concluded. The club hosting the match shall appoint a marker and an umpire, who must ensure that all relevant details (names, dates, clubs, etc.) are accurately recorded on the scorecards and properly signed by both skips along with checking all bowls meet the current Bowls Scotland rules. The outcome, together with the scorecards or a photo of them, must be submitted to the Association Competition Secretary *no later* than 10pm on the same day of the game. This requirement also applies to Top 10 and Top 5.

Laws and By-Laws

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Stamping of Bowls

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Trophies and Custodianship

The winners and Presidents of winning clubs will serve as custodians of the trophies and are responsible for returning them to the Association Competition Secretary no later than 14 days before the following year's finals.

If competitions are not held, last year's winners must return trophies to the Association Competition Secretary for safekeeping.



PERTSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION CAMPBELL TROPHY RULES

Competition Date and Start Time

The Campbell Trophy will take place annually on the third Friday in June, with play commencing at no later than 18:45.

Team Composition and Fixtures

Each competing club must enter three rinks, each consisting of four players. The match will be contested over 17 ends, with one trial end permitted. If a club is unable to field a full team, they may fulfil their fixture by inviting up to one rink, comprising four players from one other club only.

Order of Play

The order in which teams play will be determined by ballot. However, two teams from the same club won't be matched against one another, and they also won't face two teams from any other club. Furthermore, two rinks from the same club will not play on the same green unless it is unavoidable and in the interests of other clubs. No club will play on its own green.

Determining the Result

Points will determine the results: a win earns two points while a draw receives one point. In the case of equal points, the club with the greatest shots advantage over its opponents will be declared the winner. If shots up are also equal, the club with the highest total number of shots will be the winner. Should this also be equal, the club with the greatest number of ends won will be declared the winner.

Should a club withdraw from the competition and no reserves can be found then opposing clubs will receive 2pts and 12 shots.

Scorecards and Match Reporting

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Association Rink and Substitute Teams

If there is an odd number of rinks entered, the even number will be made up by an Association Rink, which will be composed and selected by the Management Committee. Clubs must provide at least fourteen days' notice if they wish to withdraw from the competition. If the Association Competition Secretary receives notice of a default from a rink or rinks, they are authorised to raise a substitute rink or rinks at their discretion with members from different club members, within the time available, to ensure the competition is complete. The score of any match involving an Association or Substitute rink will only count for the opponent club rink involved.

Unplayable Greens and Weather Procedures

If any green is deemed unplayable on the day of the competition and before it begins, all rinks already present at the venue will be awarded two points and 12 shots. In the event of inclement weather, a club official must inspect the green no later than 3pm on the afternoon of the competition, and notify the Association Competition Secretary regarding the playability of the green.

Unforeseen Circumstances and Incomplete Games

If games are forced to stop due to unforeseen circumstances, the score at 11 or subsequent ends in all games will stand. Any games not commenced, will be disregarded in the determination of the competition result.

Trophy Custodianship and Presentation

The Campbell Trophy will be held by the Association Competition Secretary at all times, except during the presentation. The winning club is responsible for ensuring that a representative, or representatives, attend the Association Finals to be presented with the Trophy, Team Badges, and a Pennant or other commemorative award for the club.

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**PERTSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION
TOP TEN RULES
THE HENDRY TROPHY**

Eligibility

The competition is open exclusively to male members of clubs that are members of the Perthshire Bowling Association.

Competition Format

The competition is conducted on a knockout basis, following the Perthshire Bowling Association bye-laws and the current edition of the World Bowls Laws of the Sport.

Player Regulations

No player is permitted to represent a club in this competition if they are already playing for another club in any other Perthshire Bowling Association competition within the same season. All competitors must wear club colours, with black or grey trousers, and all players must be dressed identically.

Draw and Venue Selection

An open draw will determine the matches, all of which will be played on neutral greens chosen by the Association Competition Secretary. The semi-finals and final will also take place on greens arranged by the Association Competition Secretary.

Scorecard Procedures

Scorecards must be maintained in line with the World Bowls Laws of the Sport Crystal Mark current edition. They should display the full printed names of all players and be signed by both skips at the conclusion of the game. The club hosting the match is responsible for appointing a marker and an umpire. The umpire must ensure all relevant details, including full names, dates, and clubs, are accurately entered on the scorecards and that they are duly signed by both skips along with the time the game finished. The result of the match, along with the scorecards or a photograph of the scorecard, must be forwarded to the Association Competition Secretary *no later* than 10pm on the same day of the game.

Match Structure

The competition comprises Singles, Pairs, Triples, and Fours:

- Singles - 21 shots, 4 bowls per player
- Pairs - 17 ends, 4 bowls per player
- Triples - 15 ends, 3 bowls per player
- Fours - 17 ends, 2 bowls per player



Commencement of Play

To decide possession of the jack at the first end, a coin will be tossed by the Team Captains or Umpire. Two trial ends will be played in all games, with Singles matches starting 30 minutes after the other games.

Scoring

Two points are awarded for each game won. If points and shots are equal, the winner of the Singles will determine the outcome of the match.

Adverse Weather and Unforeseen Circumstances

If the umpire deems it necessary, due to inclement weather or any unforeseen circumstances, 11 ends will constitute a completed game. Scores will be counted from the fewest number of ends played, including Singles, up to and including the 10th end. If games are re-arranged, scores will continue from the point at which play was stopped, and two trial ends will be permitted with the team who won the last end before game was postponed delivering the jack and play the first bowl.

Representation

The winners of the competition will go on to represent the Perthshire Bowling Association in the following year's Scottish Inter County Top Ten Competition.

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PERTSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION TOP FIVE SINGLES COMPETITION RULES.

Eligibility

The competition is restricted solely to male members of clubs that are affiliated with the Perthshire Bowling Association.

Competition Format

The event is organised as a knockout tournament, conducted in strict accordance with the bye laws of the Perthshire Bowling Association and the current edition of the World Bowls Laws of the Sport. The draw for the competition is open, and all matches will be played on neutral greens. These venues are to be selected by the Association Competition Secretary for each fixture, including the semi-finals and final, which will also be held at a location arranged by the Competition Secretary.

Player Eligibility and Dress Code

No player is permitted to represent a club in this competition if they are already playing for another club in any other Perthshire Bowling Association event during a single season. All competitors are required to wear their club colours at all times, paired with black or grey trousers. Teams must ensure that all players are dressed uniformly.

Scorecards and Match Administration

Scorecards must comply with the latest edition of the World Bowls Laws of the Sport Crystal Mark. Each scorecard must clearly display the full printed names of all players and bear the signatures of both skips upon completion of the match. The club hosting the fixture is responsible for appointing both markers and an umpire. The umpire must confirm that all pertinent information—including full names, dates, and club details—has been accurately entered on the scorecards and that the cards have been duly signed by the opposing skips along with the time that the game finished. The completed scorecards, or a photograph of them, along with the result of the match, are to be forwarded to the Association Competition Secretary *no later* than 10pm on the same day as the fixture.

Match Structure

The competition comprises five singles games per match. Each tie is played to 21 shots, with each participant using four bowls. The team that secures victory in three or more ties will be declared the winner of the match.



Commencement of Play

To determine which side has initial possession of the jack at the first end, Team Captains or the Umpire shall conduct a coin toss. Every tie will begin with two trial ends, and all matches are to start simultaneously.

Adverse Weather and Unforeseen Circumstances

In the event of inclement weather, or any other unforeseen circumstances, and at the umpire's discretion, a completed game shall consist of 11 ends. Scores will be counted from the lowest number of ends played, up to and including the 10th end. If play is suspended and later resumed, the scores will continue from the point at which the games were halted, and two trial ends will be permitted in rearranged matches.

Representation

The winners of the competition will earn the right to represent the Perthshire Bowling Association in the following year's Scottish Inter County Top Five Competition.

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General Secretary

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