

## **Thrapston Bowls Club Competition Rules**

1. Entry into all club competitions commits all entrants to accepting and abiding by these rules
2. The draws will be made by the competition secretary (Richard Horrell, Season 23/24) and displayed on notice board. Entry fees will be set by the General Management Committee.
3. Each round will have fixed dates by which that round must be played.
4. Both players in singles and skips in other competitions will have joint responsibility for contacting their opponent and agreeing a mutually acceptable date for play before the fixed date shown. If a mutually agreeable date cannot be found then the player/team drawn first will offer their opponents at least two dates for play. (These dates should not include fixed dates for nationals/county/club selected competitions or club matches). Starting times should be 6.30pm during the week unless otherwise agreed.
5. In the event that no date can be agreed both competitors /skips shall contact the competition secretary before the end date of the round to explain why a date could not be agreed. In only the most exceptional of circumstances the competition secretary, who will be the sole arbiter in such matters, will in discussion with both competitors/skips, before the end date of that round, seek to find an agreeable date that may be no more than 72 hours after the fixed date. If that round is not played by the fixed date or the alternative date exceptionally agreed by the competitions secretary then BOTH competitors/teams will be scratched from the competition with no further recourse.
6. The fixed dates will be set having regard for known national/county/club selected competitions or club games in that period.
7. Substitutes must be used to ensure fixed dates are adhered to. Skips may be substituted but if other positions require substitutes those substitutes may not skip. When available the drawn skip must always skip. A player drawn in a team but who has not played in that team may be a substitute for another team. No player shall play for more than one team in a competition. Substitutes shall be replaced by the originally drawn player in the next round of that competition if they are available to play by the fixed date. More than one substitute may be used in a team during all rounds of that competition.
8. Exceptional matters will be by definition 'exceptional' and will be determined by the competition secretary having regard for the circumstances brought to his attention. The competition secretary's decision in all matters is final.
9. In entering a competition all members agree to abide fully by the rules and to show respect and consideration for your fellow club members and all decisions made by the competition secretary.

Approved by General Management Committee on 7 December 2022