

Millennium Pairs Rules

- 1 The competition will be controlled by 'Bowls Herefordshire'
- 2 The competition will be played under 'World Bowls Laws of the Sport of Bowls' and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations laid down by Bowls England
- 3 Both players must be a member of the same Club (which is affiliated to Bowls Herefordshire) and will be the Club from which they entered County Competitions. Each game shall be 18 ends, 4 bowls per player.
- 4 **Substitution:** The 2 players taking part in the first game shall constitute the Original Team and they should normally play together throughout the competition. One and the same Male and/or Female may be used as a substitute at any time providing they have not already entered the competition and they are full members of the same club and that one member of the original pair plays in each match. They may play in either position.
- 5 Entry must be on the official entry form and forwarded with payment of the appropriate fee.
- 6 All games must be played outdoors and on All Greens as approved by Bowls Herefordshire
- 7 Greens for the Semi-Final and Final will be arranged by the Organiser.
- 8 **Rounds up to the Semi-Final: Shall be a PLAY-BY date.** First name out will be the Challenger and shall have choice of green and will be responsible for all match arrangements. The challenger must offer three dates one of which should be a Saturday or Sunday. Opponents must accept a date within 48 hours. **NO EXTENSION OF THE CLOSING DATE FOR EACH ROUND WILL BE GRANTED FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER**
- 9 No alteration of an accepted date shall be made unless mutually agreed. Failing such an agreement, the team desiring such alteration must play on the accepted date or give its opponent a 'walk over'
- 10 The time for commencing a game shall be mutually agreed but no team shall be compelled to accept a time earlier than 6pm on Monday to Friday or 3pm on Saturday/Sunday, nor later than 6.30pm on any day.
- 11 If a team fails to appear and be ready to play within 30 minutes after the agreed time, the Opposing team may claim a 'walk over'
- 12 Winners of games must inform the organiser of the result within 48 hours after the game and send the signed score cards to the organiser.
- 13 **Rounds up to the Semi-Final:** In the event of no decision being reached in a match owing to exceptional weather conditions, inability to arrange or re-arrange a fixture before the 'play by' date, the score in uncompleted matches in which 5 ends or more have been played will stand as a result. Matches in which less than 5 ends have been played will be decided by the toss of a coin, or by mutual agreement of the two skips or both teams may be eliminated from the competition.

- 14 On Finals Day players will be notified of matches start times when Finals Day Schedule is completed. Any team failing to report by the start time will be disqualified except in unforeseen circumstances
- 15 In the event of the Officer in charge or the Greenkeeper deciding the Semi-Final and Final that no play, or no further play is possible, the score and ends in uncompleted matches will stand until another date is arranged. Restarted matches will be allowed two trial ends and the scores and ends will continue. Any ends not completed will be void.
- 16 Dress for the Semi-Final and Final will be Whites. Club stickers will be used on all woods. If two teams from the same Club meet then one side will be required to use different stickers or remove them. This shall be the Challengers.
- 17 Any profits from the entries will go to 'Bowls Herefordshire'
- 18 Presentation of Trophies will take place at the 'BOWLS HEREFORDSHIRE ANNUAL LUNCHEON'

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