

TOP CLUB RULES [2024]

These Rules should be read in conjunction with Appendix 1 of the County Rules and Regulations.

1. The competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to Warwickshire Women's Bowling Association. Clubs may enter more than one side. No player shall play in more than one of those sides entered. The competition will be held on a knockout basis to establish a champion Top Club. Clubs with 10 or fewer Lady Members may join forces and enter this competition. The Dress Code will be as per Home and Away in Appendix 1a) until the Finals when the Dress Code will be Whites/Club Colours.
2. Players are not required to play from the club in which they play their County Competitions, but may only play from one club and must be a bowling member of the Club for which they play.
3. A club side shall consist of 10 players. The disciplines are Four Wood Singles (21 shots), Four Wood Pairs (18 ends), Three Wood Triples (18 ends) and Two Wood Fours (18 ends).
4. Failure to field 10 players will result in a walk-over.
5. The challenging team shall have the choice of green and will be responsible for all match arrangements.
6. The time for commencing a match shall be mutually agreed but no team shall be compelled to accept a time earlier than 6.00pm.
7. Before the commencement of the match, the nominated managers will toss a coin to decide the choice of jack for the first end and make the draw for rinks for each discipline. The format for the competition will be as follows:
1pt for every discipline won, total of four points available. In the event of a drawn discipline the point will be shared, i.e. $\frac{1}{2}$ point each. After completion of the four disciplines the winning side will be decided by the highest number of points. In the case of a tie, the winner will be decided from the total number of shots scored from the four disciplines. Should these be equal as well as the match score, extra ends in the pairs, triples and fours will be played to determine the result. Shots do not count on the extra end – only the result of the three disciplines, i.e. 2-1, 3-0. All disciplines will be played simultaneously.
8. Between rounds, substitutes/changes are allowed in the side and between disciplines provided the players are members of the same club and have not played for another side during the current competition. For this competition only, substitution during play is allowed for the singles player in case of illness or injury. The score being resumed after interruption.
9. In the event of no decision being reached IN ANY ROUND owing to exceptional weather conditions, and where this makes it impossible to re-arrange the competition before the completion date, the aggregate score, in uncompleted games in which five ends or more have been played, will stand as the result unless otherwise specified. If the score is a tie the result will be decided by the toss of a coin. Competitions not started or where less than five ends have been completed will be decided by the toss of a coin, or by mutual agreement.
10. The Final will be played at 10.00am on the Sunday of Finals Weekend.