

INTERNAL COMPETITION RULES

1. Thorncliffe Bowling Club will annually hold eight internal competitions;
 - Men's Singles
 - Ladies Singles
 - Men's Doubles
 - Ladies Doubles
 - Mixed Doubles
 - Thorncliffe Cup
 - Thorncliffe Doubles
 - Thorncliffe Triples
 - Thorncliffe Open Singles Trophy (separate rules attached)
2. A Fee of **£2.00** per person payable on the morning of the competition.
3. The competitions will be organised by the Internal Competitions Secretary. This position will be voted on at the AGM and the holder of this position will be an Appointed Associate.
 - The current internal competitions secretaries are: Sue Pass and Judith Thompson
4. The dates of the competitions will be decided by the internal competitions secretary in the first week of the season and notices advertising the competitions will be up on the notice board, in the hut and in the diary on the website.
5. Only fully paid up members of Thorncliffe Bowling Club will be able to participate in the competitions.
6. The draw for each competition will be made on the morning of the competition at **10:30 a.m.** Any player intending to play in the competitions arriving after that time will be refused entry. If notification is given to the internal competitions secretary that a player may be late then they may be allowed entry into the draw.
7. Games will **start** as near as possible to **11:00 a.m.**
8. Apart from the Mixed Doubles in all rounds each of the competitions will be handicapped using the following rules:
 - "A" team players will play off scratch
 - "B" team players will play off scratch plus 2 points
 - "C" team players and any other player will play off scratch plus 4 points
9. Maximum jack length in mixed competition to be 36 metres
10. Ladies competitions to be played on the Upper Green, Men's competitions to be played on the Lower Green. Mixed competitions may be played on either Upper or Lower Green as the Competition Secretary decides.
11. The internal competitions secretary will decide the scoring of each of the rounds on the morning of the competition, as this is dependent on the number of entrants. The Final will be 21-up, the Semi-Final rounds will be 19-up, and the Quarter-Final rounds will be 17-up. (This applies to singles only)
12. If a single player remains in a doubles or triples competition they will play with 4 bowls and in the following round they will be partnered with one of the losing bowlers which will be pulled out of a hat at random.
13. Competitors will **not** be allowed a roll-up or practise on the morning of the competition.
14. Club competitions have precedent on the green.
15. The games will be played according to the laws of the game published by The British Crown Green Bowling Association.
16. The Internal Competitions Secretary takes the place of the referee for all games and so their decision on any dispute is final.

Thorncliffe Open Singles Trophy

Rules of the competition

- 1 All full club members on the 31st April automatically entered. Draw made 1st May
- 2 Straight knockout competition with no handicap
- 3 Each match to 21 up
- 4 Normal rules of bowls to apply but with jack length between 19 and 36 metres
- 5 Each player is responsible for arranging their match in a timely manner and ensure the result is entered on the draw sheet
- 6 If a match is not concluded by the closing date then both entrants are eliminated unless they agree on who is to progress to the next round
- 7 Disputes to be raised with the event manager and decided by consultation with the club chairman and / or the club secretary as necessary. Their decision will be final and binding
- 8 The winner of each match is responsible for posting the result on the draw sheet.
- 9 First round (preliminary round to bring the number of entrants to 64 or 32 whichever is appropriate) is to be completed and result recorded by end of April. The winners, either actual or by opponents withdrawal, will be entered into the second round.
- 10 Second round will be drawn with the remaining 32 or 64 players to be completed by the end of May
- 11 Second round to be completed and results recorded by the end of June
- 12 Third round to be completed and results recorded by 21st July
- 13 Fourth round to be completed and results recorded by 14th August
- 14 Fifth round (if needed) to be completed and recorded by end of August
- 15 The two Semi-finals and Final to be played on a Sunday in Mid-September. The semi-finals starting at 11:00 am and the final to be played at 2:00 pm