

St Saviour's Bowls Club

2025 Open pairs - Tournament Regulations

INTRODUCTION

It should be noted that there has never been a code of law that has achieved such perfection that all possibilities are covered. The St Saviour's Bowls Club Open Pairs Tournament, hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee', hopes all competitors in this event do so on the understanding that where no specific regulation applies to the situation that common sense and good sportsmanship will prevail.

1. Tournament Play

This competition will, as far as possible, be conducted under the present **World Bowls** laws. Any deviation will be recognised as having been done to bring about a satisfactory conclusion to the tournament.

2. OPEN PAIRS COMPETITION

The tournament will be open to a maximum of 32 pairs.

All games will be played as THREE wood pairs.

Teams may be made up of men, women or mixed. Players may have partners from a club other than their own.

Two trial ends will be permitted with each bowler being allowed to bowl a maximum of 2 woods per end.

All group games will be 12 ends *OR* 75 minutes whichever comes first.

All knockout games will be 18 ends *OR* 2 hours whichever comes first. In the event of the score being tied after 18 ends or 2 hours then an extra end will be played. The winner of a coin toss to decide order of play in the extra end.

Should the jack leave the field of play it will be re-spotted on the 2m mark.

There will be no burnt ends.

A fresh draw will be made after each round.

A plate competition will be run for all first round losing pairs.

3. REDUCTION OF POINTS/ENDS

The committee reserves the right to reduce the number of ends or time limit per game as and when it is thought necessary: e.g. due to bad weather.

4. BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS

When the green steward and or green keeper decide that play cannot continue on a green/rink because of the weather and there is no likelihood of early resumption, the following rule shall apply: the team having scored the most shots at the cessation of play shall be the winner.

If the scores are tied then the team winning the most ends will be the winner. If both scores and winning ends are tied then the outcome will be determined on the toss of a coin.

5. SUBSTITUTES

No substitutes will be permitted.

6. SCHEDULED TIMES OF PLAY

Start times for play are on both days will be 9:30. Access to the rinks will be permitted 15 minutes before the start time to permit trial ends. Teams not in place by the start time will forfeit their trial ends and the skip will lose their chance to visit the head during the match. Any team not present within 10 minutes of their scheduled start time will forfeit the game. It may be due to bad weather etc that the scheduled start times have to be altered. The onus is upon the competitor(s) to regularly check with the green steward for any changes to the promulgated start times.

7. UNNECESSARY SLOW PLAY

If the tournament is to come to a satisfactory conclusion then every competitor must co-operate. Leads will not be permitted to visit the head. The Skip shall be allowed to visit the head a maximum of three times per match.

8. DRESS

Competitors are required to wear either all whites or suitable club or team coloured tailored shirts (or uniforms) providing that both team members wear the same club or team shirt. Jeans and non-tailored shorts are prohibited.

9. UMPIRE / GREEN STEWARDS

In the event of a dispute over the Laws of the Game which cannot be resolved by the players, the umpire, or in his / her absence a green steward shall be called. The decision made shall be final even if at a later stage, it is found to be incorrect. Green stewards will be nominated at the start of each round of play.

10. SCORECARDS

At the end of each game the scorecards shall be signed by both skips. It is the winning team's responsibility to ensure the scorecard is handed in to the green steward.

11. COMPLAINTS

If you have a complaint about the tournament please address it immediately to a committee member. For identification, they should be wearing a committee membership badge. If you are still dissatisfied then your complaint must be in writing and sent to the Tournament Secretary, within 14 days of the Tournament. Your complaint will be brought to the attention of the committee and you will receive our response as soon as possible after a decision has been reached.

12. PERSONAL INJURY, DAMAGE OR LOSS OF PROPERTY

Competitors entering the tournament do so on the understanding that any personal injury, damage or loss of property will not be subject to compensation by the tournament club.

13. PERSONAL CONDUCT

The Committee requires every competitor to maintain a courteous standard of personal conduct in keeping with the high traditions of playing the game of bowls. Any person seen by a green steward or umpire to be disturbing the opposition or adjoining rink(s) of players through conduct which could be described as unbecoming and should have been avoided, will be told to leave the green and disqualified from taking further part in this event. Their partner will also be disqualified from taking any further part in that particular competition. The committee reserves the right to refuse entry into future tournaments by the offending player(s).

14. CHANGE OF REGULATIONS

These regulations are merely a guide for competitors. The committee reserves the right to alter, amend or vary the regulations at any time.