

Morpeth Men's Bowls Competitions

Competition 1

Men's Championship – A singles match with 4 bowls each with first to 21 points winning.

Competition 2

3 Bowls Handicap – A singles match with first to 21 shots winning.

Experienced bowlers and previous winners are handicapped by giving the weaker bowler a head start. New members are assessed on previous experience and achievements at other clubs (if appropriate). Handicaps will be posted with the draw for this competition.

Competition 3

2 Bowls handicap – A singles match over 21 ends. This is different from previous years. Tie-break end if needed.

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Competition 4

Novice Rose Bowl – A singles match each using 4 bowls with first to 21 points

Open to all bowlers who have **NOT** previously won a singles competition at this club or any other club.

4 Bowls singles

First to 21 shots

Competition 5

Pairs – 2 players per team using 4 bowls each over 18 ends. Tie-break end if needed.

Players enter with a partner of their choosing. Individuals without a partner can put their name on the 'looking for competition partners' form in the locker room to try and find one.

Competition 6

Triples – 3 players per team using 3 bowls each over 18 ends. Tie-break end if needed.

Players enter with two players of their choosing. Individuals unable to make up a group Individuals without a group can put their name on the 'looking for competition partners' form in the locker room to try and find one. Like blind dates for bowls!

Competition 7

Captain's Prize – A singles match each using 4 bowls. Best of 3 sets. See below for more details.

First two sets are up to 7 ends with all shots counting.

If one player is so far in front that the opponent does not have sufficient bowls remaining to catch the leader then the set is considered over.

In the event of the sets being level after two sets then a deciding set is played over three ends with **one shot only** being awarded to the winner of the end.

There is another toss of the coin before the third set to decide the order of play. The winner of the toss can choose to start or go second.

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Entries should be added to the lists on the notice board in the locker rooms, or by clicking the link on the competitions page on the morpethbowlsclub.co.uk website, **before May 8th**.

Draws will be made known shortly after the entry closing date by posting on the notice board and on the website competitions page. Preliminary rounds (if required) should be played by **June 4th** otherwise there will be a risk of disqualification.

Finals week commences 28th August to September 2nd (with the Sundays before and after being used if the weather forecast is bad). If you know you will not be available for that week you should not enter. Substitutes for pairs and triples matches will be allowed up to and including semi-finals at which time a substitution should be made if one of the team knows he will not be available for the final. **A substitute cannot have already played for a different team in the same competition.** If a finalist team cannot field the players who have played for that team in previous rounds, they will forfeit the final.

The first named in the draw will be considered the challenger and will be required to offer the opponent(s) up to 3 alternative dates for the match to be played within the time allowed for each round. Disputes should be advised to Paul Charlton for adjudication and it may result in the match being awarded to the team that he considers has not entered into the spirit of the competition. The challenger also needs to arrange a competent marker to keep score, position the jack and measure when required to do so.

In order for people to contact you to arrange matches it would be helpful if you provided a telephone number alongside your name on the **separate sheet on the notice board**. Not everyone will know who everyone else in the club is, so some method of communication is needed to arrange matches and not everyone has an email address. If you do not provide a telephone number then please make every effort to get in touch with your opponent in person to arrange a match even if you are not deemed the challenger (first named is the challenger).

Paul Charlton – Men's competition secretary