



CLUB COMPETITION RULES

All competitions to be played under EBF Laws of the Game ^(Rev7)

1. Players must be 'full playing members' of the club at the time of entering the competition. ^(Rev7)
2. The entry fee and green fees for each competition is detailed on the competition entry form.
3. All team players' names must be provided when a competition entry form is completed in order that the correct entry fee will be added to the individual's monthly invoice.
4. In the case of multi player teams only the 'Team Captain' should enter a form.
5. Sole entrants and 'Team Captains' must sign the entry form confirming they and their team members will comply with the competition rules and be available to play on either or both days of Finals Weekend if successful.
6. Club colours of club shirt or white above the waist and black or grey below the waist must ideally be adhered to by players and markers. ^(Rev7)
7. The winners of the 2 Bowl Singles competitions will be invited to represent the club in the following season's County Champion of Champions Competitions. ^(Rev7)

For all clarification, consult the EBF website <https://fedbowls.co.uk/> and in particular :- ^(Rev7)

- Laws are for the game ^(Rev7)
<https://fedbowls.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/English-Bowling-Federation-English-Womens-Bowling-Federation-Laws-of-the-Game-Outdoor-and-Indoor.pdf>
- Rules for the conduct, conditions of play and competition schedules ^(Rev7)
<https://fedbowls.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/English-Bowling-Federation-English-Womens-Bowling-Federation-Rules.pdf>

MENS AND LADIES 2 BOWLS ^(Rev5)

First to score 21, no limit on the number of ends played.

MENS AND LADIES 4 BOWLS ^(Rev7)

First to score 21, no limit on the number of ends played.

MIXED PAIRS, OPEN PAIRS AND OPEN TRIPLES ^(Rev5)

Two bowls, 21 ends, extra end if scores are level.

NOVICE SINGLES ^(Rev7)

- Open two bowl singles, winner first to score 21 with no limit on the number of ends played. ^(Rev6)
- The competition is for all members who fulfil the following conditions:
 - Have not won a National or County competition in any format of the game
 - Have not won a singles competition of any type at Langtoft or any other club.



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HANDICAP SINGLES ^(Rev7)

- Open 2 bowl singles winner first to score 21 with no limit on the number of ends played. ^{(Rev4) (Rev7)}
- Handicaps will be broadly based on the following criteria:
 - The league team you have played for in past seasons
 - Previous success in all past internal competitions
 - For new members past bowling experience and the level bowled at will be taken into account.

A committee of 3 consisting of the competition secretary plus 2 other members from the committee will decide the handicaps, based on the above criteria. These can be challenged and will be re-considered by the committee for a final decision.

Rules Specific to Competitions not concluding on finals weekend. ^(Rev7)

LANGTOFT 19 (Cannot be played to EBF rules as no provision to play from opposite ends of the rink) ^(Rev7)

- Club dress code please for players and markers.
- The 'Home player' is responsible for arranging a marker.
- Setup - The 'jack' is placed over a golf tee in the centre of the rink at the start of each end, mats remain on the 2-metre mark for the whole game.
- The winner of a coin toss shall choose EITHER to pick which direction to play OR to play first. If choosing to play first their opponent will choose direction to play or if choosing direction their opponent may choose to play first or second.
- 4 Bowls, 19 ends, 2 practice bowls for each player from the starting direction ONLY. One player at each end of the rink, bowling in turn toward the centre. Shots scored decide the winner.
- Players alternate playing direction AFTER EACH END.
- If the 'jack' is moved during the end it is NOT repositioned. If played off the rink or more than 2 metres in a radius away from the starting point, the end is to be replayed. (To deter firing, any player moving the jack by more than two metres from its starting position on the tee more than 3 times during the game will be disqualified and will forfeit the match) ^(Rev7)
- In a tie break, the player winning the toss can play first or choose their direction of play.

FIXED JACK (Cannot be played to EBF rules as no provision to place the jack) ^(Rev7)

- Setup - Three tees are required, the first one is positioned on the 2m mark from the odd number end. The second one is positioned at the 2m mark from the even number end. The third tee is placed at the minimum 23m mark from the odd number end in line with the yellow markers on the sides of the green. This is to ensure that if the 'jack' is moved and therefore repositioned, it is repositioned to its exact starting point and tees provide a reference point for the front of the mat at each end.
- Played with 4 bowls over 11 ends with 'jack' set at shortest length (23m) on odd ends and at full length on even number ends using the two tees set as above, therefore 6 'short ends' are played and 5 'long ends' are played. The mat is always set at 2m.



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- There are no practice ends, it is straight in. ^(Rev3)
- If the 'jack' is moved during play, it must be reset before the next player bowls, using the golf tees already positioned. If a bowl prevents reset on the golf tee, the 'jack' must be placed as near as possible on the rink centre line and towards the appropriate ditch.
- Scoring at each end is based on the nearest four bowls with 'shot' receiving 4 points, 2nd bowl 3 points, 3rd bowl 2 points & 4th bowl 1 point.
- Player with 'shot' plays first at the next end regardless of points scored.
- Winner is the player with the most points scored after 11 ends.
- If scores are level then extra end(s) played on alternating short / long until tie broken. As with the main game, all four bowls count towards the score (not just the closest bowl) in extra ends. ^(Rev3)

Appendix 1 - Help for new bowlers on arranging matches

Arranging matches can seem quite daunting to many players, but needn't be so and any of the more experienced bowlers will be available to help, if in doubt, ASK. In essence the process is as follows:-

- Once the next round of fixtures are available, be it the first round or subsequent round, take a look at the draw.
- If you are first named in the draw, often known as the 'Home Player/Team', the onus is on you to arrange the match.
- Have a quick check on the rink booking system to be aware of for example green closures for maintenance or league matches etc.
- So, speak to your team members, if you are playing singles, then this is easy 😊 Ideally you want to be in a position to 'offer' your opposition, three date / time combinations. So check with your teammates and agree when you could play. Of course you need to have a think about your opposition circumstances and whether they for example work, so you don't want to waste everyone's time, organising and offering them date / time combinations during the working day.
- Ok, so you know when your team could play, now check rink availability, the three date / time combinations you've agreed with your teammates, are rinks available to play?
- So, now you know your team is available and rinks are available, speak to your opposition, tell them the three date / time combinations and ask them to check with their team mates.
- The onus is now on the opposition to get back to you within 2 days.
- Once the opposition confirms their preferred date / time, then you can book the rink, confirm to your teammates and if you are playing singles, then you can ask someone to come and mark your match, again, don't feel shy to approach a more experienced member to mark for you.
- At this point, let your opposition know that everything is now booked and you'll see them on the date agreed.



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Internal Knockout Competitions 2026 schedule ^(Rev7)			
	Start	Complete By	Days to complete
Entries Close		Sunday 10/05/2026	
Draws announced		Wednesday 13/05/2026	
Round 1	Saturday 16/05/2026	Friday 05/06/2026	21
Round 2	Saturday 06/06/2026	Friday 26/06/2026	21
Quarter Final	Saturday 27/06/2026	Friday 17/07/2026	21
Semi Final	Saturday 18/07/2026	Friday 07/08/2026	21
Contingency	Saturday 08/08/2026	Saturday 15/08/2026	8
Finals Weekend Planning	Sunday 16/08/2026	Friday 21/08/2026	6
Finals Weekend	Saturday 22/08/2026	Sunday 23/08/2026	
Contingency finals weekend	Saturday 05/09/2026	Sunday 06/09/2026	

Note that this avoids the final being scheduled for the August Bank Holiday weekend (Saturday 29th - Monday 31st August) and with a contingency in case of bad weather or the like for the first weekend in September.

As requested for the triples competition, based on the number of entries, to get six players together for a match, I will look at options to extend the time to play matches, setting a 'play on date' for each round with bookings made in the diary which if not suitable can be changed by agreement of captains and other options.



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Revision Table			
Rev.	Change Date	Section	Details
1	23/05/2025	30	Change to allow players/markers to wear black below the waist for internal competitions.
2	30/06/2025	18 & 19	All team competitions i.e. Open pairs, mixed pairs, open triples, to be played to 21 ends as per information on website and per previous years. Rules erroneously stated 18 ends which conflicted with the website.
3	04/07/2025	Fixed Jack	Comment "EBF Laws apply for establishing 'counting' bowls." removed as not required as first comment in the rules states " <u>All competitions to be played under EBF Laws of the Game except where modified below.</u> " Point added - There are no practice ends, it is straight in.
4	04/07/2025	Handicap Singles	Comment "Open 3 bowl singles played under EBF Laws of the game. (18 ends)" amended for clarity to "Open 3 bowl singles played over 18 ends" as first comment in the rules states " <u>All competitions to be played under EBF Laws of the Game except where modified below.</u> "
5	04/07/2025	Rules Specific to Competitions	For completeness, added sections for Mens and Ladies 2 bowls Mixed Pairs, Open Pairs and Open Triples
6	04/07/2025	Novice Singles	Comment "4 bowl singles played to E.B.F. Laws of the game (21 shots)." amended to "Open 4 bowl singles, winner first to score 21 with no limit on the number of ends played."
7	29/03/2026	All	At the 2026 AGM, the members voted to apply pure EBF rules to all club competitions culminating on finals weekend, therefore in order to avoid any conflict, the following sections originally created for clarification have been removed from the rules:- - Arranging matches, - Substitutes, - Unavailability - Entries Clarification of general rules as marked by revision. Format for the mens and ladies 4 bowl competitions changed from 2 sets of 9 ends to 4 bowls and first to 21 Format of handicap singles changed from 3 bowls, 18 ends to 2 bowls and first to 21 as EBF singles matches played this way apart from the 4 bowl competition. The format of novice singles changed from 4 bowls to 2 bowls as EBF singles matches are played with 2 bowls apart from the 4 bowl competition. Clarification of which competitions (Langtoft19 and Fixed Jack) fall outside of the application of pure EBF rules. Update of links to EBF laws and rules for 2026 Playing schedule updated to current year.