

# Bowls Devon

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## Minutes of Competitions Committee meeting at Topsham B.C. on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, commencing approximately 13.30

Present: David Butterworth, Edgar Melluish, Sue Trott, Charlotte Sliney, David Counter, Harry Riley, Kay Page.

1. **Apologies:** Margaret Jones .
2. **Minutes of last meeting.**  
The minutes of the Competitions Committee meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February previously distributed.
3. **Matters Arising from above minutes.**  
There were no matters arising.
4. **Championship Competitions:(see item 2 Section Comps Secs meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October)**  
When played at Section level must take priority over County Competitions. Competition Secretaries to be advised not to commence Minors play until Majors completed.
5. **Dates for Championship Competitions 2019 last 16/8.**  
Rounds to be completed at least a week earlier than the date set by Bowls England in week 30/31 for notification of qualifiers.
6. **Venues for Championship/Competitions later stages:**  
Rounds 16/8 to be centralised.Greens to be shared whenever possible when playing final stages of ladies and men's competitions . This will eliminate the call for Umpires and will reduce green fees. Greens agreed for centralisation of play: Exonia, Topsham, Culm Vale & Madeira (daytime).
7. **Coronation Cup/Jubilee Trophy:**  
Confirmed that players pay £1 per head to the host club for use of the greens.This item has been referred to Treasurer David Tucker for further comment.
8. **County Trophy/Foxlands/Men's Top Club:(see item 3 Section Comps Secs meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October)**  
Round 16/8 to be allocated play-on dates. Can be played before date but if no agreement the play-of date will be the date of play.

**9. County Trophy:(see item 4 Section Comps Secs meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October)**

Is the present criteria of two qualifiers from each section fair to all sections? A previously prepared paper will be presented to the Section Competitions meeting in October.

**10. Schedule 5 rule 9.1 County Trophy recommended amendment:**

In the event of a match not being completed owing to exceptional weather conditions, if the number of ends played equals or exceeds 48, the match will be deemed to have been completed and the scores will stand. Ends commenced but not completed shall not count.

*In Addition: On a resumed match the scores of each rink will be carried forward unless the number of ends played total less than 20. In this instance the match will be declared null and void and replayed at a later date. Ends commenced but not completed shall not count.*

**Schedule 5 rule 9.2 Foxlands recommended amendment:**

In the event of a match not being completed owing to exceptional weather conditions, if the number of ends played equals or exceeds 24, the match will be deemed to have been completed and the scores will stand. Ends commenced but not completed shall not count.

*In Addition: On a resumed match the scores of each rink will be carried forward unless the number of ends played total less than 10. In this instance the match will be declared null and void and replayed at a later date. Ends commenced but not completed shall not count.*

**Schedule 5 rule 9.3 Coronation Cup recommended amendment:**

In the event of a match not being completed owing to exceptional weather conditions, if the number of ends played equals or exceeds 48, the match will be deemed to have been completed and the scores will stand. Ends commenced but not completed shall not count.

*In Addition: On a resumed match the scores of each rink will be carried forward unless the number of ends played total less than 20. In this instance the match will be declared null and void and replayed at a later date. Ends commenced but not completed shall not count.*

**Schedule 5 rule 9.6 Interclub recommended amendment:**

In the event of a match not being completed owing to exceptional weather conditions, if the number of ends played equals or exceeds 24, the match will be deemed to have been completed and the scores will stand. Ends commenced but not completed shall not count.

*In Addition: On a resumed match the scores of each rink will be carried forward unless the number of ends played total less than 10. In this instance the match will be declared null and void and replayed at a later date. Ends commenced but not completed shall not count.*

**Schedule 5 rule 9.7 Jubilee Trophy recommended amendment:**

In the event of a match not being completed owing to exceptional weather conditions, if the number of ends played equals or exceeds 48, the match will be deemed to have been completed and the scores will stand. Ends commenced but not completed shall not count.

*In Addition: On a resumed match the scores of each rink will be carried forward unless the number of ends played total less than 20. In this instance the match will be declared null and void and replayed at a later date. Ends commenced but not completed shall not count.*

**11. Unfinished competitions:(see item 5 Section Comps Secs meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October)**

Every effort will be made to re-schedule any unfinished competition within the same season. However if this is not possible the competition will be declared void. The Men's Administrator was not in favour of this ruling but did respect the views of his Committee colleagues.

**12. Competitions entries:(see item 6 Section Comps Secs meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October)**

It will be emphasised to the Section Competitions Secretaries/Treasurers that competition entry forms should be scrutinised to ensure that the entrants are affiliated to the club from which they are intending to play their competitions. See Bowls England Regulation Appendix

*A clause c) Bowlers need to be affiliated to Bowls England (via their Clubs/Counties) during the closed season to be eligible to enter National Championships/Competitions. As the entries are required before 31<sup>st</sup> January annually by Bowls England, they need to be members of a Club – who have paid County & Bowls England Affiliation Fees on their behalf for that Bowls England Members Year.*

**13. Interclub:(see item 7 Section Comps Secs meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October)**

A request that the Interclub be amended to be played as a 1 rink home and 1 rink away competition. It was agreed that this be put to the Section Competitions Secretaries when we meet as a group in October.

**14. Jubilee Trophy:(see item 12 Section Comps Secs meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October)**

It was recorded that only one match at the Q/F stage was played this season. It will be emphasised at the Section Competitions Secretaries meeting in October that the competition only required 4 rinks from each section and that one rink from each club (to total four) in each section be asked to provide a rink in future seasons.

**15. Draw for Rinks:(see item 8 Section Comps Secs meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October)**

**Schedule 5 Rule 6. General – The following Bowls England recommendation to be added.**  
*In a match requiring one rink then a minimum of two rinks shall be offered to the opponent, for a match requiring more than one rink the minimum of rinks offered should be at least equal to the number of rinks required.*

**16. Withdrawal from Major/Minor Competitions at last 16/8:(see item 9 Section Comps Secs meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October)**

Incidents of competitions being conceded after winning at Section level to rounds of 16/8 were reported. After discussion it was agreed that entrants who had failed to complete the competition entered under Schedule 5 Rules 1.5 and 6.2 be contacted by the Ladies and Men's Administrators accordingly.

**17. County Finals play:**

The Ladies Administrator reported that the ladies finals weekend programme had been circulated and she was fully supported in the decision regarding the playing and timing of events for the weekend.

**18. County Points:(see item 10 Section Comps Secs meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October)**

The suggestion of an amendment to the County points system will be addressed at the forthcoming Sections Competitions Secretaries meeting in October.

**19. Awarding of County Badge:**

If unable to receive the County Badge in the year of being awarded the Badge will be held until the position is more favourable. It was emphasised that the awarding of the County Badge must be made at a County match. See Schedule 7 rule 1.1

**20. Trophies:(see item 2 Section Comps Secs meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October)**

A long discussion took place regarding the existing County Trophies. It was often the case that the winners/runners-up did not want to take the Trophies away with them and the subject of storage is an ongoing problem. It was suggested that the existing "metal" Trophies should be replaced over a period of 3 years with glass Trophies.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 16.25

