

LONG EATON BOWLS AND BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

BOB FORDHAM TROPHY RULES 2023

1. Only affiliated Clubs will be entitled to enter this competition and only registered league players will be permitted to play. Any team infringing this rule will suffer one quarter of their total shots to be deducted from their total score, fractions to be taken into account and the match result amended accordingly.
2. Unless otherwise stated all games to be played in accordance with the laws of the game as defined in the current edition of the World Bowls - Laws of the sport of Bowls.
3. All matches to be played on the basis of a knockout draw, the first named to be the home team. Both Clubs shall be equally responsible for making arrangements for match dates and times. The final to be played on a date agreed between the two teams on a green also agreed between the two clubs involved. If agreement is not reached, the competition secretary will decide when and where.
4. In all matches three rinks of four players will normally form a team of 12 to play 18 ends. If at the time a match is due to commence the 24 players are not available the match may be commenced with a minimum of 9 players on either side. Three may play against four or on any rink and then the following rules apply. The lead and 2nd of the defaulting team both play 3 woods singly and in turn but after the game has finished one quarter of their total score must be deducted.

Trial end to be played in all matches

5. Winners to be decided on the side with the highest number of shots scored and in the event of a tie after 18 ends an extra end for one rink shall be played. For the avoidance of doubt before the game commences Club Captains to decide which rink will play the extra end and which Club will have the jack on that end.
6. Dress for the Final to be Whites, otherwise, Greys shall be worn. Club shirts may be worn in any match as long as all players of that team are wearing them.
7. In the event of the match being cancelled due to inclement weather Club Captains to make alternative arrangements by mutual consent.
8. If a match has to be abandoned due to inclement weather by either the groundsman stating the green is unfit for play or the two captains agreeing no further play is possible, if at least 12 ends have been played on each and every rink, the score and result shall stand. If less than 12 ends have been played on any rink, then the match must be replayed.