

Inter-Club Championships Rules & Format 2017/18

1. Entry is open to all bowlers registered with Bowls Algarve. Entry forms for all competitions MUST include the Full Names of ALL entrants. Forms listing "A.N.Other", or similar will not be accepted. Players not shown on the entry form are eligible to substitute provided that they have prior registration with Bowls Algarve of at least fourteen days.

2. The competitions will be: Men's singles & Ladies' singles
Men's pairs, Ladies' pairs & Mixed pairs
Triples (any combination)
Fours (any combination)
Mixed fours (2 men & 2 ladies)

3. All bowlers in each team must be bona fide members of the same club at the time of entry.

Players may only enter from one club in all competitions.

4. There is an entry fee of €5 per competitor, per competition, which should be paid to the club manager on entering the competitions. In turn, this will be passed to the Bowls Algarve treasurer when convenient. All fees to be paid before entries are accepted into the draw. Given the reciprocal nature of all these games, no green fees will be charged of visiting competitors.

5. Substitutes are not allowed in the singles competitions. If a substitute is used in the first round (whether preliminary, or first-round proper) of any other competition, he/she will be regarded as an original entrant of the team instead of the person replaced. In any subsequent round, one substitute, who may or may not be a person replaced in the first round, will be allowed in the team. Thereafter, no further substitutes are allowed. No Individual may play as a substitute in more than two competitions.

6. Unless circumstances do not permit it, the Draw for each competition will take place at a meeting of the Bowls Algarve Management Committee. For each game in the first round (whether preliminary, or first-round proper) of each competition, the first player/team drawn will be the Home player/team; for subsequent rounds, the Home player/team will also be drawn i.e. it will NOT just default to the player/team at the top of the draw. All match period dates will be shown on the draw tables and matches should be played as soon as convenient, even if part of a later round. In the event that a result is not available for any fixture by the due date, the Competition organiser, in consultation with the League director, may decide to disqualify either or both parties. **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO CLOSING DATES FOR ANY ROUND, UNLESS SPECIFIC AGREEMENT GIVEN BY EVENT ORGANISER.**

7. The home player/team, as indicated by the draw tables, - being the challenger - shall offer their opponent(s) three non-consecutive dates for the fixture. Such offer

must be made by the seventh day of the match period. Failure to do so results in loss of their status as challenger and, from the eighth day, their opponent(s) may offer three non-consecutive dates for the fixture to be played on their home green (i.e. the opponents green). In both instances, the dates offered may not all be in the same week and may not clash with a Bowls Algarve fixture.

8. Two x 2 bowl trial ends are allowed except that in singles the visiting player may decide whether two or four bowls are to be used. Toss for choice of who plays first. Dead ends to be replayed.

9. Singles competitions will be first to 21 shots. All other competitions to be played over 18 ends with an extra end to separate ties.

10. The winner shall be responsible for advising the result, either by email or phone to the competition organiser within 24 hours of completion of the game. This notification must include the names of the players on each side, as well as the score, so that any information on substitutes can be recorded. Scorecards must be completed with the FULL SURNAMES of all players. Substitutes, if used, must be clearly indicated. All cards to be agreed and signed.

11. Failure to arrive within 30 minutes of the agreed start time for an arranged match will result in disqualification, as could failure to play any tie within the stipulated match period (see rule 6).

12. All players will play in white or coloured club shirts above the waist until the finals when full whites, which may include coloured club shirts, will be required. Flat-soled (heel-less) footwear must be worn by all players. Non-compliance in either respect may result in an official warning.

Where such a warning has been issued, a subsequent contravention of the rule by the player will result in his/her disqualification. If the player was part of a rink, triple or pair, that rink, triple or pair should forfeit one third of their score; if the player was in the singles, that game will be declared null and void. The opponent will proceed to the next round (or is the winner if Final).

13. All competitions are governed by the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition) and such local rules as may, in due course, be published. It is, however, hoped that the spirit of fair play and common sense will prevail in the event that the rules and these Laws do not cover a specific circumstance. All queries and disputes should be referred to the competitions organiser. If a satisfactory outcome is not reached the matter is referred to the League Director whose decisions on these or any other matters not covered in the rules shall be binding on all competitors