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Rules & Playing arrangements

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Bowls Yorkshire Top Club Championship shall consist of five disciplines:

- Four bowl singles (21 shots – male or female) *
- Two bowl singles (21 ends – male or female) *
- Four bowl mixed pairs (18 ends – one male/one female)
- Three bowl mixed triples (18 ends – one male/two female OR one female/two males)
- Mixed two bowl fours (18 ends – two male/two female)

*Team entries in the singles disciplines must be either a **man in the two bowl singles with a lady in the four bowl**, or a **lady in the two bowl singles with a man in the four bowl**. Each team must have one lady and one man in the each of two singles disciplines. This may mean that a lady and a man may compete against each other in either of the singles disciplines. Any team unable to field the correct number of players and mix of genders for all disciplines of this competition will result in a "walkover" for their opponents.

Results of each match will be forwarded to Helen Walker (helencs.yba@gmail.com) within 24hrs of the conclusion of the event, along with the names of **all** match competitors.

The draw for the Bowls Yorkshire Top Club Championship will be an open draw with matches up to and including the semi-finals being played on the green of the home club (the 'challenger') on Bowls Yorkshire stated fixed dates which will be published after the 1st April. Matches shall not start earlier than 10.30hrs.

If rink fees are payable these will be paid for by the challenger unless it is a neutral venue when the fees will be shared evenly between the teams. The challenger is responsible for providing either an umpire (or competent person to act as an umpire) and competent markers for the singles matches.

Rinks to be drawn by the captains before the match and a toss of the coin to establish the control of the jack on the first end.

One point will be awarded for each match won and in event of a draw in a discipline an extra end to be played to determine the winner and point. If in a discipline a team cannot win the losing team can concede.

Where the mileage exceeds 160 miles round trip, club post code to club post code, matches will be played on a neutral green midway between the clubs. Any disputes will be resolved by the Bowls Yorkshire Top Club organiser.

Dress code will be greys and club shirts until the final, where white will be worn below the waist. All matches will be played on fixed dates. The final will be played at a neutral venue as directed by the Bowls Yorkshire Top Club organiser.

All entries into the Bowls Yorkshire Top Club will be made direct to Helen Walker, as detailed on the entry form, by noon on 31st January 2027