



OUTDOOR CLUB COMPETITION RULES 2026

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The following rules apply to all Outdoor Club Competitions in 2026.

All 2-Wood Singles

- 21 Ends

All 4-Wood Singles

- First to 21 Shots

Sheppard Trophy

- Reinstated as a Mixed Competition for Over 55's Played before 6:30 pm

Open Singles 7-7-3

- Based on the popular 7-7-3 outdoor league, but for singles
2 x sets of 7 Ends. If one set all, best of 3 ends decider

General Rules & Notes

- First Named Player to provide a marker in all singles matches
- Toss a coin for the Jack at the start of all games. Jack may be given away on the first and extra ends, if needed, only
- Two Trial Ends of Two Bowls in all competitions
- Dead Ends to be Replayed in all Games
- Bad Weather - A game can be declared completed after a minimum of 12 ends have been played. Singles games must be completed or rearranged.
- For the Mixed Pairs Competitions, substitutes can be selected by players
- For Drawn Competitions, substitutes will be provided by the competition secretaries
- A "Novice" Bowler is a person who has not won an Outdoor Club Competition OR not reached an Outdoor County Final

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Crystal Bowl Singles – Deadline for Portal entries = May 1st 2026
Deadline for Club Finalists names to Portal Manager = August 1st 2026

Rules and Process

1. The **eligibility rules** of this competition are as follows:
 - a. This competition is open to players of either gender and of any age.
 - b. Women players **MUST NOT** have played in any Regional/National play-offs for the Johns, Walker, Amy Rose, or any women's Championship Final in the last 10 years
 - c. Men players **MUST NOT** have played in any Regional/National play-offs for Men's Middleton Cup, Balcombe Cup, White Rose, and Championship Final in the last 10 years.
 - d. **Format** = 3 bowls per player, 16 ends played with 2 x Trial Ends. The player with the most shots after 16 ends is the winner.
2. Clubs wishing to enter this County competition on behalf of their members must submit two entries for their Club on the BN competition Portal before the deadline of 1st May. These two CLUB entries should be edited after payment and confirmed as "Someone Else" with the names of Club 'A' and Club 'B' to represent the Club Finalists from the first stage of the competition. The portal entry fee is £3.50 per entry, totalling £7 for two entries.
Clubs will need to decide what competition fee to charge their members for the Club competition stage and whether to complete the first stage with a Club Final.
3. Any individual player's entries made on the Portal will be deleted, and a refund will be issued, as only CLUB entries are allowed.
4. The Club competition will be run by the Club Competition Secretary from the start of the outdoor season for 2026 and aims to finish by the beginning of August 2026.
Once Club finalists are known, their names and contact phone numbers should be passed to the Men's County competition secretary so the portal draw can be amended to show the actual names of the qualifiers for the County play-offs (replacing the Club 'A' and Club 'B' names).
5. The first County play-off round is scheduled to be played by Sunday, 16th August – this timing allows approximately 16 days for the Challenger (first named) to contact their opponent and arrange the details of the play date and time.
6. All match results to be passed to the Men's Competition secretary who will update the Portal asap. The second round is played by Sunday, 27 August, and the final stages, including the Final within the first week of September