

NOTES – for 2026 - Women's & Men's Competitions:

- a1) BE have changed the eligibility for Championship Junior competitions to:
Under 24 Singles and U24 Pairs - (eligible for entry if under 24 yrs on 1st April).
This age change also applies to the White Rose and Amy Rose Inter County competitions.
- a2) * Eligibility for County Domestic competitions **Senior Singles and Senior Pairs** has remained as 55 years and Over whereas BE eligibility for these two competitions changed in 2025 to 60 years and over. Players should be aware of the different eligibility criteria that now exist for these comps between County Domestics and BE.
- b1) **No extension** to a scheduled **Play-By date or Play-On date** will be given by either Comp. Sec. except for bad weather or green unfit to play - in which case the extension given will finish before the next round date. For any other reason players must agree another play date with the opposition **BEFORE** the scheduled Round date. If agreement cannot be reached then the defaulter must give a Walk-Over to their opponent, and the Competition Secretary notified asap. A match date/time/venue accepted by an opponent CANNOT BE CHANGED without agreement.
* Players can arrange with their opponent to play before any scheduled Play-On or Play-By date.
- b2) The County is obliged under BE rules to allow **an exception to this ruling (b1) above** that will apply to National/International players who have World Bowls/Commonwealth/BE scheduled duties, **PROVIDED** that the competition in conflict is a Championship competition or a Para competition. In the event of a clash the Competition Secretary may amend the play date of a Championship Competitions to allow the player to fulfil their scheduled duties.
If the competition in conflict is a County Domestic competition then the County is not obliged to allow this exception for a player with such commitments. The player must play the round on or before the round date OR give a walk-over to their opponent.
- c) **Competition entry:-** Club officials, players, and guardians of under-age players can enter & pay for County competitions using the Portal system via the BN website.
Each entry needs to be CONFIRMED (using EDIT) either as themselves as 'The Player' or confirm 'Someone Else' as the player – with phone and email contact details of that other person being input.
- d) Paper forms will continue to be made available to Clubs, and entries accepted provided that:- Team comps **must include phone no. and a personal email address** for the team contact-name.
A Singles player **must include a phone No. and preferably an email address as well** - if no email address is included then the singles player assumes full responsibility for contacting their opponents using the contact-name phone list on the BN website.
- e) **Competition results:-** every effort should be made to ensure that results are submitted on the Portal in a timely manner – same day as played or by 10am the following day at the latest.
Failure to comply may result in the disqualification of the winning team.
Men's scorecards are not required to be photo'd and sent in unless a SUB is used.
Either contact-name of a match can submit the match results on the Portal system. In case of difficulty the Portal Manager can be asked to submit them on their behalf.
Results entered on the Portal (see Guide to Results submission on Portal) should include the names of both team's players as recorded on the winners scorecard so they can be checked for affiliation – If a **SUB** has been used by either Team then the winners scorecard needs to be **photo'd** and sent to the Men's or Women's Competition Secretary for checking within 24 hours of the match being played.
* The winning scorecard should be retained in case of dispute.
Failure to comply may result in disqualification of the winning team.
- f) For 2026 - **County League** games RD1 – RD7 have been scheduled on a fixed date (as a Trial) with a reserve date on 30th Aug (Sunday following WK35 end)
- g) **Finals days** for Championship comps are scheduled for Sat/Sun 25 & 26th July, for both Women's and Men's comps. If a player is in more than one Final then they will be expected to play up to three times in any one day. Competitions with only one allowed qualifier will be given priority.
Finals days for Domestic competitions are scheduled for Sat 29th Aug, and Sat/Sun 5-6th Sept
- h) **Re-Draws for Final Stages** will be done at the same time as the main draws using North A>D and South A>D names, and the sections re-named with the qualifiers names once known.
On the Portal screen click on 'FINAL STAGES' and select the competition to display the Re-Draw.
All match results for Final Stage rounds are submitted by the Portal Manager/Competition Sec.
- i) **For any complaints received** about a competition incident then three members of the relevant management committee will decide on how to proceed. Their decision will be considered final.

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