

# **2021 – KENT COUNTY MATCHES**

## **IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL KCBA COMPETITORS** **PLEASE READ**

Unfortunately, it is inevitable that the forthcoming bowling season will continue to be affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, particularly during the early weeks & your club should have notified you of any playing restrictions that will, of necessity, have to be in place, at least up until 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please make sure that you are fully aware of them.

However, as things stand at the time of preparing this note (i.e. just entering Step 2 of the government agreed “Return to Play” plan) we are pleased to see that it seems all KCBA competitions can take place on the dates originally scheduled. Although clearly this may be subject to change if further guidance is issued by BE, KCBA & your clubs based on government advice.

Although it is great news the competitions will take place unfortunately Bowls England have recently decided that the format of most of them is to change ..... & not just for this season! These changes are significant & apply to all competitions leading up to the point of qualification for National Finals & the KCBA have no option but to go along with them.

So please note :-

Singles – unchanged & will continue to be the first to 21 shots.

Two Wood – unchanged & will continue to be played to 21 ends.

**Pairs** - will now be played as only **3 bowls** each player & last for just **18 ends.**

**Triples** - will now be played as only **2 bowls** each player but remain as **18 ends.**

**Fours** – will continue to be **2 bowls** each player but last for just **15 ends.**

**O/55 Fours** – will continue to be **2 bowls** each player but also only last for **15 ends.**

A decision will be taken in due course as to whether the KCBA will alter the playing format of the Cox Cup.

Looking forward & with regards to County Quarter Finals, Semi Finals & Finals all dates & venues originally scheduled should still be applicable unless there is an unexpected reversal to the current government plans.

It is important to note that these alterations are only being made to Bowls England Championships & Competitions & therefore the KCBA competitions that lead to that stage. NOTE - the organisers of all other associations, local leagues & your own clubs must decide whether or not these format changes should apply to domestic competitions / leagues.

Hopefully everyone will be able navigate their way through the changes but we would ask that you please make sure you acquaint yourself of the revised playing formats before playing & if in any doubt please check either on the BE or KCBA website or with either of us.

Wishing you all the best for the coming season.

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