



LEATHERHEAD BOWLING CLUB

Short Mat Competitions – Rules

1. Each match will start with a toss to determine possession of the rink. The winner of the toss may elect to take the mat or give it away to their opponent.
2. Once the mat is placed by the player in possession of the rink, it is deemed that possession of the rink is decided and it may not then be given away.
3. In subsequent ends, the winner of the previous end has possession of the rink. It may not be given away at this point.
4. Two trial ends may be played at the start of the match, if the players wish it. Players to agree the number of bowls to be used.
5. In all cases of singles matches, players may only visit the head with the permission of the marker.
6. In the event of a tie, an extra end will be played. Toss for jack on extra end. As with the start of the match toss, possession of the rink may be given away.
7. The Challenger will be the first named bowler for each match on the sheet. At least two weeks before the due date, the Challenger should offer 3 dates of different days and times to the opponent. If a mutually satisfactory date cannot be agreed, before the play by date, the Challenger may claim a walk over. Failure by the challenger to offer dates will result in match forfeiture to the opponent.
8. Challenger arranges for someone to mark.
9. If the jack goes off the rink, 2 shots are awarded to the opponent.
10. It is the responsibility of the players to check the number of ends to be played in a competition. If the players shake hands at the end of a match, the result at that point shall stand, even if an incorrect number of ends has been played (either less than or more than the required number).
11. If a player finds that they are unable to take part on finals day, they MUST immediately withdraw from all competitions. The opponent they are due to play will progress to the next round. If the semi-final has been played before a player withdraws, the losing semi-finalist shall qualify for the final.
12. Entrants for the Novices competition may not have played Short Mat Bowls before September 2019.
13. Any complaint regarding the organisation or running of the competitions shall be made directly to the competition organiser, whose decision shall be final. They will not be accepted when made via 3rd parties.

Novices Championship

Each player shall have 3 bowls
First player to **15 points** wins

Lokkerbols Cup

Each player shall have 3 bowls

1. Best of **2 sets**, each of **9 ends**.
2. Winner of a set gets 1 point
3. If the set is drawn each player gets ½ point.
4. If after 2 sets there is a tie, the match shall be decided by the best of 3 ends. On these ends the score does not count. The winner of an extra end will be awarded 1 point.
5. There will be a toss at the start of the first extra end and, if necessary before the 3rd extra end. As at the start of the match possession of the rink may be given away.
6. For the 2nd extra end, possession of the rink shall be by the winner of the first extra end. It may NOT be given away.
7. If a player cannot win or tie a set the rest of the ends shall not be played.
8. The winner of the last played end in the first set shall have possession of the rink for the first end of the second set irrespective of who won the set. It may NOT be given away,