

BOWLS DORSET UNDER 16 OPEN PAIRS COMPETITION

Rules 2023

Applies to U16 Open Pairs (Joy Steele Trophy and Cathy Hunter Trophy)

General

1. Entrants must be under 16 on 1st April in the year of the competition.
2. Qualifying Rounds will normally be played on one day with the Final played during Bowls Dorset's County Competitions Finals Weekend.
3. Entrants shall enter as pairs and each pair may be two female, two male or one female and one male. Players shall play with 4 bowls each.

Qualifying Rounds

4. Pairs will be drawn into Groups with the number of groups depending upon the number of entries.
5. In each Group, play will be a round robin with each pair playing the others in the Group.
6. The number of ends for games in the qualifying rounds shall be determined depending upon the number of entries.
7. Prior to each game there will be a toss of a coin. The winner of the toss chooses whether to keep the mat and deliver the first jack or give it to their opponent.
8. In each game, 2 trial ends with 2 bowls for each player are allowed.
9. The head may only be visited by skips and only once per end.
10. Any measuring may be done or supervised by the umpire.
11. Dead ends shall be replayed.
12. All ends in a game must be completed, as shots and ends won may count if there is a tie for Group winner.
13. In each game, the winning pair shall receive 2 points. For games drawn, each pair shall receive 1 point.
14. The winner of the Group is the pair with the most points. In the event of pairs with equal number of points, the winner of the Group shall be decided by the total shot difference, then the total number of ends won, then the total shots for or if still equal, the playing of a further one end tie break game with 4 bowls each player (with no trials).
15. If there are two Groups, the winner of each Group shall play in the Final during Bowls Dorset's County Competitions Finals Weekend.
16. If there are three Groups, the winner of each Group together with the best overall runner-up shall be drawn to play in the semi-finals. The winner of each semi-final shall play in the Final during Bowls Dorset's County Competitions Finals Weekend. The best overall runner-up shall be determined using averaged over games played the total shot difference, then the total number of ends won, then the total shots for or if still equal, the playing of a further one end tie break game with 4 bowls each (with no trials).
17. If there are four Groups, the winner of each Group shall be drawn to play in the semi-finals. The winner of each semi-final shall play in the Final during Bowls Dorset's County Competitions Finals Weekend.
18. Semi-finals shall be played using the same format as Group games other than where a game cannot be won, the remaining ends shall not be played.

Final

19. The Final shall follow the same format as the Qualifying Rounds with the following changes:
 - a. The game shall be 15 ends but this may be adjusted beforehand in appropriate circumstances.
 - b. In the trial ends 4 bowls may be used by each player.
 - c. If the scores are equal when all ends have been played, an extra end must be played to determine the result.
 - d. The head may only be visited by skips and only after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowls.